



# THE BRIER BULLETIN

June 10, 2008

Greetings Brier Families,

It is the last full week of school, and I can hardly even believe it! In only eight short days we will be saying goodbye to our sixth graders as they head off to middle school, handing out report cards for a year of learning, and saying our goodbyes to everyone as we all head off for summer fun! Thank you all for an incredible year!

Thank you to all of our families who were able to join us for an incredible carnival/auction event last Friday night. Thank you so much to our Carnival Committee who worked incredibly hard to make the evening a success! As I walked around, I saw smiles, excitement, and tons of people having fun! Our auction to support our fifth graders attend Outdoor School was a huge success also. Here are some totals from our event: We raised a total of \$3,147 at the auction! Of this amount, \$350 was raised specifically for the Outdoor Education School Scholarship Fund and \$2,797 was raised for the Outdoor Education School General Fund to be divided across all the students attending camp. Thank you Brier Families for supporting education and being a part of our family event. Cathy Jackson, Kathy Saneto, and Jill Brocksmith, thank you so much for all of your leadership with the carnival and the auction, as well as a huge thank you to the numerous amount of parents and volunteers who were a part of our event! What an incredible community we have! We are incredibly fortunate and very lucky!

As we approach the end of the year, I want to share with you some Brier Goodbyes that are in order. It is always so hard for all of us to say our goodbyes to staff with whom we have grown so close to throughout time and experiences. This year, we send off two very dear ladies to the land of retirement and seven other incredible women to new adventures! We are sad, yet at the same time, we wish all of these ladies the very best as they venture into new experiences and opportunities.

Marilyn McAleer and Mary Lyn Pettie are heading trading out grade books, schedules, and recess duty for relaxation, free time, and a life of leisure!

Marilyn McAleer: WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU! For the past twenty one years, Marilyn has been a part of our Brier Family. I asked Marilyn to share with all of us, one of her most favorite memories of her time at Brier. Marilyn responded by letting me know that in 21 years of time, it was way too difficult to just think of one memory, so below she shares a few...

- One day, I was demonstrating "kick" to an English as a Second Language student and my shoe flew off down the hall just as the principal walked in.
- Making puppets and writing a play that was presented to the school.
- Origami classes (one over the school channel)
- "aha" moments for children
- Playing educational games with our Brier Students

□ 1,000 cranes made by Rita Lyon and the Brier family when I had cancer

Marilyn will be missed by our Brier Family and our students. You don't find strong, educational professionals like Mrs. McAleer everyday! Thank you so much for your twenty-one years of dedication to Brier Elementary!

Mary Lyn Pettie: WE ARE GOING TO MISS YOU! For the past ten years Mary Lyn has been a part of our Brier Family. Here are words from Mrs. Pettie...

*My fondest memories come from working with the PEOPLE at Brier—both Brier families and staff. To parents of young readers I've worked with, I'd like to say thank you so much for all your support and kind words over the years! And thanks to PTA for your support as well! And finally...to Brier staff...from the heart: I love and appreciate each of you so much! I can't begin to say how much I will miss all of you! I do wish all of you the best for your future years at Brier and hope to keep in touch!*

Another incredible staff member who could never be replaced! We wish you the best Mary Lyn.

Also leaving us this year will be paraeducators, Jan Brotherton, Mindy Elliot, and Sarah Connolly, Volunteer Coordinator, Jenny Pinkerton, Psychologist, Diana Hoffer, Third Grade Teacher, Erin Walsh, and Kindergarten Teacher, Megan Murphy. Jan, Jenny, Erin, and Megan are each amazing educators and professionals who have touched all of our lives in one way or another. It is extremely hard to say goodbye to each of them, but we do it with pride for having known each of them and becoming better people because of the opportunity! We wish each of you the very, very best in the new adventures, experiences, and opportunities that await you! Thank you all for your passion for students, your incredible dedication, and for being the terrific individuals you each are! Please always remember, once a part of our Brier Family, always a part of our Brier Family! We love you all! Good Luck!

Brier-Families, let's pull together and bring out the sunshine this week! Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the end of the year with Field Day. It will be a full day event with our Intermediate students participating in the morning and our Primary students participating in the PM. If you'd like more information regarding our Field Day, please feel free to contact Mr. Hooper for more information. Come on out and join us for a day of fun, exercise, and team work! Have a fantastic week everyone!

Spring Smiles,

Tori Thomas, Principal

The on-line Brier Bulletin has changed!!! It is now available on our school maintained website, both past and present issues! Paste this link into your favorites:

<http://staff.edmonds.wednet.edu/brier/default.html> and you are ready to go!

Please notify the school office if you no longer need a paper copy. *Thank you for saving us time and cost by opting out of receiving a paper copy.*

## Calendar of Events

6/10 PTA Board Meeting 5:15-7:00pm

6/11 Site Council Mtg. @ 8:00-8:50am Library

6/11 5<sup>th</sup> grade Bite of USA 9:20am

6/11 5<sup>th</sup> grade Parade of States 3:15pm

6/11 5<sup>th</sup> grade Parade of State Presentation @ 6:30pm Gym  
6/12 FT - Gray, Hemphill, VeCera Brier Park 10:00am-2:00pm  
6/13 FIELD DAY (intermediate classes(4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) in a.m. and Mrs.Hartle's class 9:45-11:45/primary classes (K-3) in p.m. 1:30-3:30pm)  
6/16 FT - Parker, Kubinski, Lafferty Brier Park 11:00-2:30pm  
6/16 FT - 5<sup>th</sup> grade Bowling and Skating 9:30-3:30pm  
6/16 6<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation 7:00pm Gym  
6/17 FT- 6<sup>th</sup> grade @ Brier Park 9:30-3:30pm

6/17 Last day for Mrs. Murphy's PM Kindergarten class

6/18 Celebration Assembly 9:30am All parents are welcome to attend

6/18 No school only for Mrs.Murphy's PM Kindergarten class

6/18 Early Dismissal at 12:10pm

6/18 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

## Information for Families

### REMINDERS:

- If your student is going to be absent, remember to call the attendance line at (425) 431-7854. If your student will not be here on the last day of school, please send a self-addressed envelope to school if you want your student's report card to be mailed home.
- **Yearbooks** will be going home on June 13. Extra copies will be for sale at the end of the day on June 13 for \$11.25 each. Please make your check payable to Edmonds School District or send exact change.
- Please check the **lost and found** in the staff lounge for any missing coats and sweatshirts. Any unclaimed items will be sent to Clothes for Kids at the end of June.
- If you accidentally took a volunteer or visitor badge home, please return it to school with your child. Thank you!
- **Field Day** - Field day is June 13<sup>th</sup>. Intermediate classes and Mrs. Hartle's class will be having Field Day in the morning from 9:45-11:45. Primary classes will be having Field Day in the afternoon at 1:30-3:30pm. Please have your student(s) wear tennis shoes and appropriate dress attire.

### 2008-09 School Year Calendar

- **First Day of School:** September 2, 2008
- **Veterans' Day:** November 11, 2008
- **Thanksgiving Break:** November 27-28, 2008
- **Winter Break:** December 22, 2008 – January 2, 2009
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** January 19, 2009
- **Presidents' Day Break:** February 16-17, 2009
- **Spring Break:** March 30 – April 3, 2009
- **Memorial Day:** May 25, 2009
- **Last Day of School:** June 16, 2009