



THE BRIER BULLETIN

November 27, 2007

Greetings Brier Families,

One of our building goals at Brier Elementary embraces our ongoing efforts with creating a Supportive Learning Environment. One way we are providing consistency is by using a common problem solving vocabulary. Members of our staff are currently being trained in Love and Logic, a form of problem solving and communicating that focuses on developing positive relationships with students and setting firm limits in loving ways without anger, lectures, or repeated warnings. Love and Logic has an excellent website; www.loveandlogic.com with resources for parents and teachers.

Our Brier Bobcat Fitness Club has really taken off here at school. Kindergarteners through sixth grade students have been invited to join the Fitness Club for fun and exercise. Membership is completely free and the students have an opportunity to walk, jog, or run the path during recess time! This club has been such a treat for all of our students. During their walking, jogging, or running, they have the chance to earn Mileage Medals as they rack up the miles! Each time around the path is a quarter of a mile and the more miles they go, the more medals that can be earned! This addition to our games and big toy out at recess has been phenomenal! Can you all believe that in one week our students in the Fitness club walked, jogged, or ran a total of 221 miles!!! Wow! That is sure impressive!

Lastly, our Student Council will begin meeting this week. We are so excited to get our student council up and running! Our Supportive Learning Environment will surely be enhanced by their efforts towards providing opportunities for school spirit days, character education and community projects. Many thanks to our Student Council Officers who have taken on the challenge of leading this council and a big thanks to all of our Student Council Representatives who are taking on the challenge of sharing their leadership with our school! I am looking forward to seeing the effects of their leadership at Brier Elementary this year! Go Brier Bobcats!

Fall Smiles,

Tori Thomas, Principal

The on-line Brier Bulletin has changed!!! It is now available on our school website, both past and present issues! Just go to our home page, scroll down and click on BRIER BULLETIN! Please see the attached sheet. Families who are already receiving the bulletin online do not need to do anything.

**Brier Elementary School Site Advisory Council
November 14, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Ken Bogle, Stephanie Bollen, Amy Collins, Bob Cuplin, Cathy Fiorillo, Michelle Hayes, Rita Lyon, Kathy Saneto, Tori Thomas, Julie Wyman and Gail Yampol. Members Absent: Bill Allemann

Meeting started at 8:00 a.m.

1. Welcome by Tori Thomas
2. CPC Report
Ken Bogle, Brier Elementary's Representative on the Citizens Planning Committee (CPC), reported on several items: 1) the Edmonds School District (ESD) annual calendar expenses are being reviewed by the District to identify ways to reduce costs, including possible discontinuation of the calendar; 2) reported on the status of the election results related to the EHJR 4204 "Majority Vote for Levies" Constitutional Amendment - votes are still being counted and it's too close to finalize the results; 3) briefly discussed some future potential elementary school building changes/closures directly related to District enrollment data by quadrant.
3. Math Night
Tori Thomas reported that the ESD will organize the Family Math Nights at the District level and Brier Elementary may host the first year's event.
4. Parent Coordinator Update
Tori Thomas and other staff members gave an update on the status of the proposed Parent Coordinators initiative to assist teachers in the classrooms. They distributed a handout outlining the most recent vision and job description for these Parent Coordinators as well as additional questions/comments to consider. More conversation on this subject will continue at future Council meetings.
5. Next Site Council Meeting - December 12, 2007

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by - Kathy Saneto (Secretary)

Calendar of Events

- 11/29 Reading Strategies Workshop Rm 21 (or library if needed)
12/01 Cantare group performance at the Brier Tree Lighting Ceremony @ 5:30
12/01 6th Grade Orchestra performance at Mountlake Terrace Elementary Holiday Bazaar, 11:00 am
12/05 End of the 1st Trimester
12/05 Field Trip to Center House Theatre; Bollen, Hemphill, Overleese
12/07 NO SCHOOL - District In-service Day
12/08 Cantare performance @ the Winterfest Breakfast, MTHS, 9:30

Information for Families

Clothes for Kids received a very generous donation of teen and children's clothing from Seattle Pacific Industries, a parent company of Union Bay. Many of the items are "samples" and have a hole cut where the tag should be. Clothes for Kids would like to repair these and is seeking donations of appliqué and iron-on patches to make the clothing more wearable. Anyone wishing to donate may send or deliver their supplies to Clothes for Kids at 16725 52nd Ave. West in Lynnwood or drop them off in the office. As of November 19th, this organization had served more than 1,650 people this school year. Clothes for Kids provides, at no cost for growing children, both fall and spring wardrobes.

MTHS Music Boosters are holding a Winterfest Breakfast Dec. 8, 2007 at the MTHS Hub from 8 AM to 12PM. This "fun for the whole family" event includes an all you can pancake breakfast, entertainment by our local school music groups and opportunities to take holiday pictures. **Brier Elementary's very own Cantare group will perform at 9:30.** Prices are \$3 for students/children and \$5 for adults. Tickets are sold at the door. We will have a raffle for a tress worth of beautiful musical ornaments as well. Don't miss the fun! Contact Michelle Walters at 425-776-7599 for questions and more info, or mthsmusicboosters@earthlink.net.

The Hazelwood, Evergreen, Mountlake Terrace and Brier Elementary 6th grade orchestra's will perform at 11:00 AM on Saturday, Dec.1st during Mountlake Terrace Elementary's annual Holiday Bazaar. Join them for some holiday music and fun!

Brier Elementary's own Cantare group will perform at the Brier Tree Lighting ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 1st at 5:30. Enjoy coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes along with the carols! Rumor has it that a very special guest will arrive around 6:30 PM. There is also a food drive for the Concern for Neighbors Food Band!