



THE BRIER BULLETIN

April 8, 2008

Greetings Brier Families,

Welcome back to school Brier Families! I hope this bulletin finds you well rested, in great spring spirits, and ready for more and more learning! April greets us not only with showers but also with a window of opportunity also known as the WASL. Below you will find our WASL testing window.

Brier Elementary 2008 WASL TESTING SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 14 3- Reading 1 4- Reading 1 5- Math 1 6- Math 1	April 15 3- Math 1 4- Math 1 5- Reading 1 6- Reading 1	April 16 3- Reading 2 4- Reading 2 5- Math 2 6- Math 2	April 17 3- NONE 4- Writing 1 5- Science 1 6- Reading 2 3 rd Gr. Make-ups as needed	April 18 3- NONE 4- NONE 5- NONE 6- NONE make-ups as needed
April 21 3- Math 2 4- Math 2 5- Science 2 6- NONE	April 22 3- Math 3 4- Math 3 5- Reading 2 6- NONE	April 23 3- NONE 4- Writing 2 5- Science 3 6- NONE 3 rd /6 th Gr. Make-ups as needed	April 24 Take Our Sons & Daughters to Work Day make-ups as needed	April 25 3- NONE 4- NONE 5- Math 3 6- NONE 3/4/6 Gr. Make-ups as needed
April 28 Make-ups	April 29 Make-ups	April 30 Make-ups	May 1 Make-ups	May 2 Make-ups

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) will be administered to students in grades 3-6 starting Monday, April 14th. Our testing window for the WASL will be April 14 through May 2, 2008. The WASL is a standardized test that is criterion-referenced, meaning that it measures whether a student reaches pre-established standards of performance.

The WASL is one part of a much more complex assessment system that includes classroom based assessments, standardized tests, and district-developed assessments. The purposes of the elementary WASL tests are to inform students and parents about a child's progress toward passing the high-school level WASL required for high school graduation, as well as informing teacher instruction and school/district program evaluation.

During the testing window, students will have some days when they are testing, other days without testing. The WASL is an un-timed test, meaning students have as much time within an entire school day to take the required test for that particular day. This allows for students who work at different paces to have equal opportunities to show what they know.

Because some days of testing can be very long and every day of testing can call for a lot of endurance and energy, we suggest that parents help students perform their best on the test by supporting their child in the following ways:

- Stick to a regular schedule, that includes sufficient sleep and time to get to school in the morning without rushing
- Snacks to bring to school so students can refuel as necessary
- A quality breakfast every morning (the most important meal of the day). Protein in the morning helps the brain to get off to a fresh start
- A big hug and encouragement, since testing can be demanding. Nothing starts the day off better than knowing someone is thinking of you and wishing you a super day! Students should know that the test is a measure of what they have been taught in school. They should know that we expect them to do their personal best and that is all we would ever ask of each of them!

Thank you for working with us to have your child's WASL experience to be a positive one that is challenging and engaging.

I'm looking forward to a terrific week! Enjoy Brier Families!

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

4/8 PTA Board Meeting @ 6:00 Library

4/10 FT 5th grade Padilla Bay

4/10 Student Council Mtg. 8:00am Library

4/10 Bus Evacuation Drill 8:50am

4/11 Lunch Recess - PTA Free Popcorn Friday - Welcome to Spring!

4/14 - 5/2 WASL Testing *see schedule on page 1

4/15 FT 10:30am-1:45pm Wilkening-Joly @ Everett Performing Arts Center

4/16 Site Council Mtg. 8:00am Library

4/17 FT 9:20-1:00pm O'Neil, Van Etten, Parker @ UW Botanical Garden

4/18 PTA Family Bingo Night @ 6:00-8:00pm

4/21-25 Administrative Professionals Week (Danielle Croston & Julie Whittles)

4/25 Lunch Recess PTA Popcorn Friday - 25 cents

Information for Families

➤ WASL Testing will be April 14-May 2nd (3rd-6th grade)