



# THE BRIER BULLETIN

March 25, 2008

Greetings Brier Families,

I t's already the last week of March! WOW! Spring break is next week, and April will be here before we know it! I t's been an eventful month, and the time has flown by! I hope this bulletin finds you all enjoying the sights and sounds of spring time! What a beautiful time of year it is! Enjoy the freshness of new growth, the rays of sunshine and our longer days!

I want to wish you all a fun and exciting spring break! A week away from school to play with friends, go out with the family, and enjoy some rest and relaxation is well deserved at this time of the year. Enjoy your time together. We will miss you all and will be back here at school Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> for more and more learning!

When we get back to school in April, we will be finishing up all of our last minute preparations for the WASL (Washington State Assessment of Student Learning). I want to let you all know that our testing window for administration of the WASL will be April 14<sup>th</sup> - May 2<sup>nd</sup>. During this time, our third through sixth graders will be involved in testing on a variety of days. Classroom testing schedules should be coming home from your individual classroom teachers sometime soon. Be on the lookout for those. When we get back in April, I will share with all of you our school calendar for testing! Please do all you can to refrain from having your child miss school during these testing days. It is important that our students are here each and every day of testing.

If you are interested in knowing more about the WASL, a visit to the OSPI website is a wonderful experience to really gain some helpful insight regarding this assessment. You can find this information at the following website:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WASL/overview.aspx>

Enjoy your week Brier Families and have a safe and restful spring break! I am looking forward to a wonderful spring here at Brier!

Take care of yourselves Brier Families. We'll miss you next week! See you all again April 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

3/17-3-28 "One Warm coat Drive" for Girl Scouts  
3/25 PTA General Membership Mtg. 6:30pm Library (doors open @ 6:15)  
3/26 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation meeting 6:30pm in Library  
3/27 Concert dress rehearsal 1:45pm in gym (Gray, VeCera, Hemphill)  
3/27 Grade Level Concert 6:30pm (Gray, VeCera, Hemphill)  
3/28 PTA BOOK PLATE FUND DRIVE FOR THE LIBRARY ENDS  
3/28 STARS Unicycles Practice 8:15am gym  
3/28 Lunch/recess - Writer's Club @ Library  
3/28 PTA Family Movie Night @ 6:00-8:30pm gym (movie starts at 6:30pm)

3/31-4/4 NO SCHOOL - S P R I N G B R E A K !!

## Information for Families

- PTA Bookplate Drive ends on March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- WASL Testing will be April 14-May 2<sup>nd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Congratulations to all our Brier students who performed last Tuesday evening at the Elementary Honor Music Festival! With so much enthusiasm and talent, it was a concert to be proud of! Thanks, musicians, for sharing your music with the community: Stephen Koch, Hayley Tengs (flute); Natalya Iese, Emily Hutchins (clarinet); Sarah Smith, Chris Ryder, TK Johnson (alto sax); Jordan Delaney (snare drum); Sam Galus, Stone Morgan (trumpet); Marina Johnson (bass), Shannon Beaumont (cello); Megan Plante (violin); Sarah Barisic, Evan Roberts, Anna Collins, Joy Gardner; Courtney Manimtim, Gabby Joudi,

Sean Jesinowski, Taya Jesinowski, Sage Hunter, Kelly Herbig, Rachel Orr, Nikki Bouche, Brett Ralston, Hannah Bellacy, Nicole Hairell (choir).

What a dynamite performance by Ms. Julius, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Lafferty, Ms. Kubinski and Mr. Parker's classes! The Elephant's Child was a sizzling success. Thank you for all of your hard work and joyous music making! The students enjoyed watching themselves this week and critiquing their own performance!

There will be an Informance this Thursday evening at 6:30 by Ms. Hemphill, Ms. VeCera and Ms. Gray's class. Come join us in the gym at 6:30 p.m. as they share with you their learning this year. Students will be presenting skills they are developing on the recorder, orff instruments, singing and music reading. Please have your students wear black or dark pants/skirts, and white or light colored shirts/blouses. The students are looking forward to performing and informing you of their musical progress!

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General Music  
Brier Elementary  
Lynnwood Elementary



**\*\*\* DON'T FORGET \*\*\***

There's still time to donate to the

## **Girl Scout's COAT DRIVE**

The last day is this Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

Any clean reusable coats can be donated

Boys/Girls - Mens/Womens - Heavy/Light - Gloves/Scarves/Warm Hats too!

**BRING AN EXTRA COAT to the PTA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!**

Donation box is in the entrance to the Brier Elementary Gym