



# THE BRIER BULLETIN

May 13, 2008

Greetings Brier Families,

Last week was a terrific week here at Brier as we celebrated teacher appreciation week and kept our learning moving forward in all classrooms! Thank you to our staff, our families, and our students who did all they could to support our teachers and appreciate their never ending efforts to teach our students and learn with them each and every day. It was a fun week and our teachers deserved every minute of it!

Our Brier Arts Festival/Open House is this Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>! We are so excited! I just want to remind everyone that the Art Festival/Open House will be from 5:45-7:45. There will be a family draw in the library from 5:45-6:30, Open House in Classrooms from 6:30-7:00, and another family draw in the library from 7:00-7:45! We look forward to seeing all of our families this Thursday evening! All of our little artists have been busy and we're ready to share all of our incredible work!

Our PTA sponsored book fair will also be taking place the evening of May 15<sup>th</sup>. The book fair will be open prior to our event and will remain open until 8:00 p.m. What a great opportunity to get our students hands onto some new, fun books for this spring and even thinking ahead for those summer days!

**It's REQUEST time!** Soon, we will be inviting in an artist in residency. Kim Newall will be our artist at both our Brier Arts Festival as well as for our Artist in Residency Program. In order for our artist in residency program to be a hit, we are hoping that our Brier families would donate to our school **baby food jars**. These jars will be used for water to use during watercolors. If you have any extra baby food jars that you could donate to our school, we would all greatly appreciate it! Thank you so much in advance for sending in your baby food jars! Please send in these baby food jars as soon as you can. They can come straight into the office or to classrooms.

We are so excited to be able to provide to our students our Brier Artist in Residency Program. This opportunity allows for an artist to spend 90 minutes in each of our classrooms here at Brier. During her visit, she will work on instructing our students on the techniques and strategies of an artist using watercolors! It will be a fantastic opportunity and one that happens from the support of our partnership with Edmonds Community College and our amazing PTA. Thank you so much for providing this experience to all of our students here at Brier!

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

5/12-16 Koins for Kids Drive - SEND IN YOUR COINS!  
5/13 FT Walsh & Julius to the Zoo 9:30-1:30  
5/13 PTA Board Meeting 6:00-7:15pm in Library  
5/14 Site Council Meeting 8:00-8:50am in Library  
5/15 Student Council 8:00am in Library  
5/15 Battle of the Best Books 12:35pm in Library  
5/15 Brier Arts Night and Open House  
5/16 FT King, Gonsalves/Norenberg, Overleese - UW 9:45-2:00  
5/16 Popcorn Friday during lunch recess (25 cents)  
5/19-5/23 Educational Bosses Week  
5/19 FT Van Etten/O'Neil to Mercer Slough  
5/20 Anti-bullying Assembly 2:30 Gym  
5/20 PTA Volunteer Social - Library @ 6:00-7:00pm  
5/20 PTA General Membership Meeting Library @ 7:00pm  
5/21 FT VeCera, Gray, Hemphill - Third Place Books 9:15-11:45  
5/22 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp parent meeting 6:30-7:30pm in Library  
5/23 NO SCHOOL - TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY  
5/26 NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY

## Information for Families

**Carnival - Friday, June 6th 2008 @ 5:30pm-8:30pm**  
**Volunteer Sign up sheets are now located in your Childs classrooms.**  
After this Friday, volunteer sign-up book will be located in the Office.

Start shopping for summer reading. The Scholastic Book Fair will be at Brier Elementary this week. 100% of the profits from the Book Fair directly benefit the Brier Elementary Library.

Hours are: Thursday, May 15 3:00pm - 8:00pm (will be open during Open House) Friday, May 16 8:30am - 4:30pm Volunteers are still needed. Hope to see you there. Questions, call Christi Osburn, event chair, at 425-774-2269. Thanks!