



Brightwood News

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Principal's Message

If you have not already done so, please make sure you have read the important communication from the district (via email and posted on the school and district websites) regarding the global health related concerns of the coronavirus.

The district has been working closely with the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Los Angeles County of Education (LACOE) to provide factual information and recommendations.

Please rest assured that the DPH has stated there is no immediate threat to the general public in the U.S. No special precautions are required at this time. DPH does not recommend the wearing of masks for prevention, but does recommend frequent handwashing as better preventative protection from infectious diseases. Please refer to the district website (or Brightwood's website) for any updates and/or official information.



Please note that students will be having picture days this month. Gr. 8 will have a non-uniform day on their promotion picture day (Feb. 19), and students in gr. K-7 will have a non-uniform day for spring pictures (Feb. 26).

February 2020

Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

- 03: ELAC Parent Meeting
8:15am Room A-8
- 07: Star Student Ceremony
7:15am Cafetorium
- 10, 17: Holidays (No School)
- 12: PTA Board Meeting
6:30pm Cafetorium
- 19: Gr. 8 Promotion Pictures
Gr. 8 Non-Uniform Day
- 21: Minimum Day
- 21: Non-Uniform Day
Theme: Cartoons/Comics
- 21: End of Trimester 2
- 21: PTA Movie Night
6:00pm Cafetorium
- 26: Gr. K-7 Spring Pictures
Gr. K-7 Non-Uniform Day
- 28: S.T.A.R. Spirit Day ★
- 28: Report Cards Go Home

2020-21 School Year Calendar

For those of you who like to plan early for school breaks and holidays, here are the important dates for the upcoming school year:

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| August 12, 2020 | First Day of School |
| October 30 | Pupil-Free Day (Gr. TK-12) |
| November 2 | Pupil-Free Day (Gr. TK-8) |
| November 11 | Holiday: Veterans Day |
| November 23-27 | Thanksgiving Break |
| December 21-January 1, 2021 | Winter Break |
| January 18 | Holiday: MLK, Jr. Day |
| February 12 | Holiday: Lincoln's Birthday |
| February 15 | Holiday: Presidents Day |
| February 22 | Pupil-Free Day (Gr. TK-12) |
| March 29-April 2 | Spring Break |
| May 28 | Last Day of School |

Please mark these dates on your calendar. It is especially important for your child to be here on August 12th (the first day of school). We cannot hold spaces for "no show" students.

PTA MOVIE NIGHT:
THE LION KING (2019 VERSION)

Friday, February 21st in the Cafetorium

6:00 p.m. – Concession Stand Opens
7:00 p.m. – Movie Starts

Proceeds from the concession stand benefit 8th grade.

Important Announcements and Reminders:

- * **PTA Elections are Coming Soon:** Are you willing to serve on the 2020-21 PTA Executive Board? We need dedicated parents to fill the open positions and will soon be taking nominations for our upcoming election. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another parent, please leave a note in the PTA bin in the office.
- * **2020-21 Enrollment:** The district's online enrollment window will open on Tuesday, February 18th. Please help spread the word to neighbors who have children who will be enrolling in kindergarten next year. Students who are applying to attend on a permit should begin the permit release process with their home school/district. We are hoping to increase our enrollment next year, so this would be a good time to apply for a permit to attend Brightwood School.
- * **Staff Changes:** Mr. Enrique Morales (who was previously one of our evening custodians) has been promoted and is now our senior custodian, effective today (February 3rd). Starting Wednesday, February 5th, Ronnie Mendoza will be replacing Mr. Morales as one of our evening custodians. Congratulations to Mr. Morales and welcome to Mr. Mendoza.
- * **S.T.A.R. Spirit Day:** Students are encouraged to wear their star-themed attire on February 28th to celebrate and remind each other about our S.T.A.R. behavior expectations.
- * **U.S. Census:** The 2020 Census is coming in March. This year, you will be able to complete the Census online, making it easier than ever. It is very important to be counted because the Census results help determine funding for schools, parks, public health, transportation, and much more. It also determines our representation in Congress. More information was sent home (via email) to Brightwood families, so please make to review the information.
- * **Congratulations to our PTA Honorary Service Award (HSA) Winners:** The following parents, staff members, and volunteers are being recognized this year for their outstanding service to the Brightwood Community: June Ashburn, Jessica Lai, Vivien Lane, Caroline Lau, and Colin Ng (Honorary Service Award); Liane Imamura, Adrian Lechuga, Marlem Madrigal, and Irene Padilla (Continuing Service Award); Kristine Lau (Very Special Award); and Irene Tark (Golden Oak Award). They will be honored and celebrated at the District PTA Founders Day Celebration on February 28th at Almanson Court.

**Please Visit the Brightwood School Website: www.BrightwoodElementary.org
and the Brightwood PTA Website: www.BrightwoodSchool.Weebly.com.**