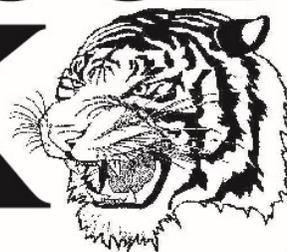




# BRIGHTWOOD BARK



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Greetings Brightwood Families and Friends!

We had a great start to our school year with two successful fundraisers right off the bat. We had our Inaugural Fun Run on Sept. 20 which raised **\$31,685** for new computers, Chrome carts, and STEAM resources for our school. Overall, 79% or 747 of our students registered for the Run and 64% or 601 students got pledges from 25 states and 9 countries. A total of 2,043 pledges were made and 59.3% of those pledges came from non-parents (i.e. other family members, relatives, friends, co-workers, etc.) Thank you to all the families who donated money, water, and most especially their time to this event. It was great to see the school rally and come together for this very important cause.



The PTA will also be awarding the third, fourth, and fifth grade classes with pizza parties as a reward for having the highest number of pledged students. Individual student incentives were also handed out to our students with the highest amount of pledges collected. Alexis T. from second grade earned the Nintendo Switch prize; Amelia L. from 4<sup>th</sup> grade earned the Amazon Echo Dot prize; and Kyle C. from 6<sup>th</sup> grade earned the \$50 Visa gift card. Congratulations to these students and thank you for your hard work!



We also would like to thank all our teachers, the front office staff, and most especially Principal Gaither for their tremendous support before, during, and after the Fun Run event. Special recognition goes out to Ms. Danielsen, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Dojillo for rallying and motivating the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students into raising the highest amount of pledges out of all the grade levels, followed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Kindergarten students. All three grade levels have earned incentives from the PTA that will help them get additional STEAM resources for their classes.

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge the Boosterthon team who helped us put this event together. Matt, Joe, and Josh did an awesome job motivating our students for almost two weeks to raise money for our school. They were on campus every day, logging in a total of 147 hours prior to the Fun Run day, talking to both students and teachers, delivering daily incentives, and answering questions. We look forward to partnering with Boosterthon again in our future Fun Run events.

The PTA would like to hear from you. Please share your thoughts and feedback regarding our Inaugural Fun Run and how we can make it better in the future. Please email us at [brightwoodpublicity@gmail.com](mailto:brightwoodpublicity@gmail.com). Thank you!

## World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Update

Thank you to all the students and families who participated in our chocolate fundraiser. Brightwood families sold a total of **460** cases and raised **\$13,800** that will be go towards funding field trips, school supplies, assemblies, and other PTA-sponsored activities. We appreciate all the support.

Congratulations to Ms. Wong's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and Ms. Lim's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class for selling the most chocolate cases. Congratulations are also in order for our top selling students.

Here are the winners of our student incentives:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Miles M. from Ms. Boyle's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Aaliyah P. from Mr. Hillman's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Evan S. from Ms. Lim's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class

We are still collecting money for outstanding cases. If you still owe money, please turn in your payment to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you!

### Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive and Week of Hope

We will have our Thanksgiving Dinner Drive from **October 30-November 9**. This is a great opportunity to teach our children about the importance of giving to others, especially those in need, during the holiday season.

The PTA will be collecting funds to purchase Thanksgiving dinners for Brightwood families in need of help. Homeroom teachers will be collecting the donations. Your voluntary donations of \$1, \$5, or any other amount is greatly appreciated.

The PTA will also be collecting new scarves, gloves/mittens, small children's socks and underwear as part of the Week of Hope project in honor of National Homeless Awareness Month. Donations can be turned in to the front office by **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for supporting both of these drives.

### Reminders for this week:

1. PTA Book Fair is happening now 10/23-10/27 (During Recess, Lunch and Afterschool)
2. Non-Uniform Day this Friday, 10/27: Fall Colors
3. Youth Fair is this Friday, 10/27 from 5-8 p.m. at the lower playground.
  - Game booths include inflatable dart game, Plinko, photo booth, obstacle course, basketball game, goldfish game, glow sticks, etc.
  - Food booths include hotdogs, chilli with rice, tacos, nachos, spam musubis, pizza, shaved ice, chicken salad, ice cream, cotton candy/popcorn, root beer floats, Boba milk tea, etc.

## PTA REFLECTIONS

Each year, the National PTA holds a Reflections contest. This school year, student contestants reflected on a common theme "Within Reach" and created original works of art in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts.

This year, 10 talented Brightwood students from Kinder to 6<sup>th</sup> grade participated. Three winners of each category moved up to the next level, which is the Council level.

Participants are:

- Brendon Zhang -Kinder
- Max Del Rio - 1st Grade
- Pierce Del Rio - 5th Grade
- Kaitlan Sakuma - 5th Grade
- Luna Abele - 5th Grade
- Regan Chang - 5th Grade
- Natalie Ma - 5th Grade
- Allyson Chi - 5th Grade
- Claire Chan - 3rd Grade
- Ryan Chan- 6th Grade

We will be announcing the participants and the winners during a ceremony on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> (Magic Night) at the Brightwood cafetorium.

Good Luck to our winners!

- Kaitlan Sakuma, Luna Abele, Regan Chang, and Natalie Ma for Film Production. Title " Try Again"
- Pierce Del Rio for Music Composition. Title "Connection"
- Claire Chan for Visual Arts. Title " Moon Shot"