



Brightwood News

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Principal's Message

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Brightwood Pizza at Pieology

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and are excited to begin the second half of the school year. On behalf of Brightwood staff members, we would like to thank our students and families for the many lovely gifts and tasty snacks. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity!

The beginning of a new calendar year is a great time for students to reflect on how the year is going so far and to make a fresh start, if needed. We hope all our students will continue to do well and to put forth 100% effort in school, but it's especially important for our eighth graders to do their best and to not allow themselves to "coast" during their last year of middle school because some high school class placements will be affected by their grades, as well as their 2019 SBAC results.

FAMILY MAGIC NIGHT: THE MAGIC OF RAFAEL & KATIA

Friday, January 11th • Cafetorium
5:00 p.m. – Concession Stand Opens
6:30 p.m. – Show Begins

Proceeds from the concession stand benefit 6th grade.

Important Dates

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- 08: Tickets Sales Start for PTA Family Dance (Event Date: Feb. 8th)
- 08: Gr. 8 Challenge Test 9:00am Room A-8
- 11: Family Magic Night 5:00pm Cafetorium
- 16: PTA Board Meeting 6:30pm Cafetorium
- 18: PTA Volunteer Meeting 8:15am Cafetorium
- 18: Gr. 6-8 Progress Reports Go Home
- 21: M.L. King, Jr.'s Birthday (Holiday – No School)
- 23: School Site Council Mtg. 3:00pm Room A-5
- 23: Gr. 8 High School Registration Parent Mtg. 6:30pm Cafetorium
- 25: Non-Uniform Day (Theme: Pajamas)
- 28-Feb. 01: Great Kindness Challenge Week

Starting this Friday (January 11th), when you go to the Monterey Park Pieology, you'll be able to order a *Brightwood Bengal Bite* pizza. Our school won this unique opportunity to have a pizza named after us by winning the *Pieology Race for the Dough* contest. (Our school also won \$1,000.)

Thank you to the many Brightwood families and staff members who visited Pieology in October and who helped get the word out through social media. Although the contest continued through mid-December, Brightwood only needed about a week to "cross the finish line" and win first place.

The *Brightwood Bengal Bite* will be announced on a counter card at Pieology, but it will not list the toppings, which are (based on student input): pepperoni, sausage, bacon, mozzarella, parmesan, mushrooms, and pineapple. The dough will be the house-made thin crust, with house-made red sauce and garlic herb butter blend sauce.

AN ENCHANTED EVENING (PTA FAMILY DANCE)

Friday, February 8th • 6:00pm-9:00pm

Ticket Sales: January 8th - 25th
Only \$5.00 Per Person

(Pre-Sale Only – No Tickets Available at the Door)

Important Announcements and Reminders:

- * **Spark of Love Toy Drive:** Thank you for your generosity last month. We surpassed all previous collections and filled FOUR full boxes that helped needy families in our community to have a more enjoyable holiday season.
- * **Meeting for 8th Grade Parents:** It won't be long until our eighth-grade students will be leaving Brightwood and promoted on to high school. We encourage all parents of eighth graders to attend a special meeting on Wednesday, January 23rd to learn all about the 2019 registration process and what to expect as your child transitions to high school. Even if you have older children, the process adjusts slightly each year, so it would still be helpful for you attend and hear about changes for the upcoming school year.
- * **Cell Phones:** While on winter break, many students probably got out of the habit of turning off their cell phones in the morning. We would like to remind students that they need to turn off their cell phones before entering campus each morning and they are not allowed to use them until they leave at the end of the day.
- * **Permit Warning Letters:** Students on permit must maintain satisfactory attendance, behavior, and academic progress. Students who are lacking in one or more of these areas may receive a permit warning later this month. There is still time to correct these issues to ensure permits are not revoked.
- * **PTA Family Dance:** Brightwood's PTA proudly presents our first annual family dance, *An Enchanted Evening*, on February 8th from 6:00pm until 9:00pm. Join us for a glamorous evening that will include dancing, a photo booth, light appetizers (no entrees or heavy dishes), desserts, refreshments, and a fun *Fortnite* dance-off! Children must be accompanied by their parents at all times. (This is not a drop-off event.) Ticket order forms went home today (January 7th) and will also be available in the front office. This is a ticketed event and advanced ticket purchase is required. Tickets will be on sale January 8th through January 25th (or until tickets sell out). Ticket price is only \$5.00 per person - cash only, please. Space is limited, so don't wait too long to buy your tickets!
- * **Tardies on Non-Uniform and Rainy Days:** We continue to have too many tardy students on non-uniform days. Please have your child select what to wear the night before. As more wet weather approaches, please also plan ahead for rainy days. There will always be increased traffic and delays on rainy days, so make sure to leave a few minutes earlier.
- * **No Drop-Off Policy Reminder:** Please remember the office does NOT accept lunches, water bottles, homework, supplies, etc. Emergency situations will be considered on a case-by-case basis, but in general, we expect our students to come prepared each morning, or to problem solve if they do forget something.

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and the Brightwood PTA Website: www.BrightwoodSchool.Weebly.com.