



Brightwood News

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Principal's Message

We know many students and parents are concerned with news about the Coronavirus (also known as COVID-19) outbreaks around the world.

Please rest assured the district is actively monitoring the latest developments and is working with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Department of Public Health (DPH) to ensure the safety of our students and staff members. We have put in place a variety of protocols that emphasize preventative measures, including the cleanliness and sanitation of the school. We are also working closely with families of students who are returning (or enrolling) from international locations to make sure they have complied with self-quarantine requirements, as well as recommended follow-up. District protocols are based on the most current and reliable scientific information possible. Any updated information will be posted at www.ausd.us and www.brightwoodelementary.org.

The best way to prevent any type of illness, including COVID-19, is for all of us to wash our hands frequently, cover our mouths when coughing or sneezing, and to stay home when sick.

We would also like to remind everyone that every student, parent, and staff is a valued member of Brightwood School. We hope everyone will be sensitive about statements and rumors that may be hurtful to members of our school community.

March 2020

Dates to Remember

MARCH

- 04: Talent Show Applications Due
- 04: School Site Council 3:00pm Room A-5
- 06: Star Student Ceremony 7:15am Cafetorium
- 06: PTA Family Dance 6:00pm Cafetorium
- 09-13: PTA Book Fair
- 11: PTA Board Meeting 6:30pm Cafetorium
- 12: Talent Show Auditions
- 19: S.T.A.R. Spirit Day ★
- 19: Gr. 7-8 ASB Dance 1:15pm Cafetorium
- 26: Instrumental Concerts 6:00p & 7:00p Cafetorium
- 27: Minimum Day
- 27: Non-Uniform Day Theme: Twins

Fifth-Grade Science Camp

Thanks to support from the Alhambra Educational Foundation, all fifth-grade students in the district will have the opportunity to attend science camp free of charge this year.

Brightwood Students will attend YMCA Camp Ta Ta Pochon in Angeles Oaks May 5th-7th. During science camp, students will engage in science-related activities and lessons, and will have the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities, including hiking, archery, canoeing, and campfires.

Parents of fifth graders are invited to attend an informational meeting this Wednesday, March 4th, at 6:00pm in the cafetorium. We will be sharing important details about science camp and distributing informational packets. Parents will also have the opportunity to get their answers questions. (If parents are not able to attend, the packets will be sent home with students)

SPRING BREAK:
MARCH 30 - APRIL 3

PUPIL-FREE DAY:
APRIL 6

SCHOOL RESUMES:
APRIL 7

Important Announcements and Reminders:

- ✱ **5th & 8th Grade Parent Meetings:** On Wednesday, March 18th, the district will be hosting informational meetings regarding the Puberty Talk (5th grade) and Teen Talk (8th grade) curriculum. Both meetings will be held at Park School (301 N. Marengo Ave. in Alhambra). The meeting for 5th grade parents will begin at 5:00pm and the meeting for 8th grade parents will begin at 7:00pm.
- ✱ **Instrumental Music Concert – Date Change:** Due to the district meetings at Park School (see above) on March 18th, Brightwood's annual Music Concerts have been rescheduled to Thursday, March 26th at 6:00pm & 7:00pm. Come and listen to our talented students!
- ✱ **Book Fair:** PTA's Spring Book Fair will be held next week. Students may go during their recess and lunch breaks, as well as afterschool. Parent who would like to visit the Book Fair may do so afterschool, but will need to check in at the office and obtain a visitor's badge.
- ✱ **State Testing:** Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing for grades 3-8 will begin in April. If you have not already done so, we strongly recommend parents and students go to www.smarterbalanced.org to review important SBAC information and take the practice test.
- ✱ **PTA Open Board Positions:** We still have a few open positions for the 2020-21 PTA Executive Board. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another parent for a PTA position, leave a note for the PTA in the office.
- ✱ **Reading Event Donations:** The Alhambra Teachers Association (ATA) is asking for donations of books (new or like new) for their annual *Read Across America* event on April 25th. (Event information will be included in next month's newsletter.) All books are welcomed, but this year, the focus is on second language books and books on diversity. Gift card and cash donations will also be accepted. You can bring any donations to the school office.
- ✱ **Brightwood Competitors:** Good luck to our students who will be competing this month at the district's Math Field Day, Science Field Day, and Robotics Challenge.
- ✱ **S.T.A.R. Spirit Day:** Students are encouraged to wear their star-themed attire on February 19th to celebrate and remind each other about our S.T.A.R. behavior expectations.
- ✱ **2020-21 Enrollment:** The district's online enrollment window is now open. Students who are applying to attend Brightwood on a permit should begin the permit release process with their home school/district.

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