



BRUSHY CREEK PTA NEWSLETTER

GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Brushy Creek Family,

I am honored to have been selected as the principal of Brushy Creek Elementary which is not only known for its dedication to excellence but most importantly the students. Not only am I looking forward to working with your students, but the work we will accomplish together.



One way we continue the work of building a strong sense of community is to support our campus PTA. We have a phenomenal PTA at Brushy Creek. Their focus is to foster a nurturing environment that strives for continued parent involvement in helping build and support the educational needs for our students. They also promote a school community where teachers and administrators can do their best work with the resources they can provide to make Brushy Creek an amazing place to be. Through fundraising efforts, the PTA is able to donate funds to purchase educational materials, equipment, field trips and other school activities. For the PTA to be effective and truly represent the school, it is essential to have parental involvement from as many parents as possible. Many working parents feel that they cannot be included in the PTA because they cannot come to every meeting or be on campus during the day. There are endless possibilities as to how you can support the school. Whatever your own level of flexibility, Brushy Creek Elementary PTA always appreciates their parent volunteers, as does our students and staff. Please consider becoming a member and volunteering this year. It really does make a difference in the lives of our students!

Once again, I am so thankful to have the opportunity to work alongside all of you. I look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Sincerely,
Jenny Strong
Principal

WELCOME FROM YOUR PTA OFFICERS

Hello! On behalf of the PTA, we would like to welcome you to Brushy Creek Elementary! We are proud to be a part of this school with smart, fun teachers and staff who LOVE our kids, and hardworking, involved families who expect the best.

What is the PTA? Founded 121 years ago, the Parent Teacher Association is a national nonprofit organization with the mission of: Making every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Join us as we strive to maximize each child's potential in fun and exciting ways!

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STAY INFORMED

Check out our webpage at brushycreekpta.com
Your source for all PTA & School information including dates, events, contacts, sign-ups, and forms.

PTA Weekly Email Update

Once you Login and Register at the above email, you will receive our weekly email so you are always in the know about what is going on at school.

Facebook facebook.com/bcepta
Quick updates and celebrations of our successes.

PTA Meetings

Hear from your officers and share your voice to help make our school better. Dates on the back of this newsletter.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

Volunteering at our school benefits BCE by:
Making the lives of our teachers and staff easier.

Lowering the overhead needed to run the school leaving more funds for our kids.

Educating our kids through events and programs like International Children's Day, Math Superstars, Coding Night, Art Night and other fun family events.

Volunteering helps YOUR family by:
Giving you the opportunity to get to know your child's teacher and classmates in a more informal setting.

Allowing you to get to know other parents. It takes a village to raise a child. Expand your village with the parents of your child's class. Make some friends!

Helping build your skills that can build your resume.

But most importantly, it shows your kids how much you value their education! This motivates our students and their teachers and has proven to improve learning and grades.

GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

Our PTA plans to spend more than \$100 per student each year. To achieve this, we must have your support.

Feather Our Nest – you can contribute to our direct donation campaign at any time during the year. 100% of these funds go to the PTA.

New! The Apex Fun Run – Sept. 13th. More information to come!

Pet Clinics – Quarterly Events where you get great Vet services while the PTA earns money.

Carnival and Silent Auction – April 5th. This HUGE event is fun for the whole family and 100% of the proceeds go back to the school.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Fill out the Volunteer Interests Form enclosed in this newsletter. Or reach out to any of our committee chairs or Officers. Our contact info is on the PTA website: BrushyCreekPTA.com

There will be dozens of sign-up opportunities sent out throughout the year. Simply Sign-Up and Show Up!

BEAUTIFICATION



Come to our quarterly clean-up days ready to pull weeds, trim, and pick-up or help with installations.

MATH SUPERSTARS



Pick up papers, grade, request and award prizes to kids. Quick training provided.

FUNDRAISING



Help with the Fun Run, ask companies for sponsorships, write grants, come to the Spirit Nights, Carnival and Silent Auction.

HOMEROOM REP COORDINATOR



Help plan class parties, with ICD, and make a Silent Auction Basket. Every class needs one!

PET CLINIC



Once quarterly, help the Vet with administrative duties.

Tuesdays from 4:45 – 7pm.

STAFF APPRECIATION



Sign-up for items to bring for the Staff Lunches every month or two.

TEACHER WORKROOM



Help teachers complete their work. Includes cutting, stapling, and organizing projects. Help maintain the literacy library.

FAMILY/SPIRIT NIGHTS



Help set up or clean up, serve food, or help run entertainment for the event. Attend the Spirit Nights. (Chair still needed)

WATCH D.O.G.S.



To provide positive, male role models for the students demonstrating, by their presence, that education is important.

REFLECTIONS



An art contest with the theme of "Heroes Around Me". Help organize and/or judge entries and recognize winners.

SILENT AUCTION



Collect donations for the Silent Auction. We can provide letters and contacts if needed.

YEARBOOK



Upload your pictures to the RePlayit App for the Yearbook Coordinator to use in the yearbook.

CARNIVAL



The Carnival Team organizes the Spring Carnival including Games, Prizes, Publicity, Tickets, and Spirit Merchandise. EVERYBODY volunteers at the booths on Carnival Day. (Co-Chair still needed)

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY



International Children's Day is working in your child's classroom booth during the Festival. Volunteers also help with set-up, tear down, cooking or preparing craft projects.



NAVIGATING YOUR BLUE JAY'S DAY AT BCE

TIME FOR SCHOOL

School begins at 7:40am sharp every day. Students **may begin arriving at 7:20**. After 7:40 students are considered tardy. After 9:00 they are considered absent unless they have a note from a healthcare provider stating they were at an appointment.

Students may be dropped off at the front entrance or enter through the back. If you drop off your child along Stonebridge Drive, please follow traffic laws and make sure your child crosses the street at a designated crosswalk.

Students may now go straight to their classrooms from 7:20am – 7:40am.

GETTING TO AND FROM BCE

There are multiple ways to pick up your child after school. If you need to change your child's mode of transportation, send a note to your child's teacher, click on the icon on the school website or call the front office by 2:00pm.

Kindergarten students will not be dismissed without someone to pick them up. If you are late, your child will be waiting for you in the office.

Bus Riders and Day Care Vans: To see bus routes and times, go to roundrockisd.org and use the School & Bus Route Locator. Students who ride buses and day care vans are escorted by their teacher from their classroom to their designated area. This area is supervised by staff.

Car Riders: As you enter the front driveway on Great Oaks Drive, a staff member will radio your child's number to a "receiver" staff member. Have your child's number card clearly visible on your windshield to expedite the process. (Number cards available in front office). Pull to the furthest point in the line. Your child will be escorted to the car by school staff and safety patrol students.

Front Walkers: Front walkers exit the front of the building directly from the Kindergarten wing area of the school on Great Oaks Drive and walk or ride their bikes home from there. If you will be meeting your child, be there by 2:50pm.

Back Walkers: Students are dismissed from their classrooms to proceed to the back of the building onto the blacktop. Parents who drive their back walkers home park along the west side of Stonebridge Drive or the church parking lot across the street and then meet their children on the blacktop. If you will be meeting your child, be there by 2:50pm.

Remember to obey school zone speed limit and cell phone laws and only cross the streets at designated crosswalks!

VISITING AND VOLUNTEERING

Brushy Creek welcomes parents to visit their children during lunch and to volunteer in one of the many capacities listed on the attached PTA Volunteer Form.

To ensure your child's safety, all visitors are asked to present their driver's license upon their first visit. Likewise, all on-campus volunteers in the Round Rock School District are required to fill out a short confidential background check **every** year. This form can be found on the BCE Website:
brushycreek.roundrockisd.org

Find more info such as **HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE** and much more by visiting the BCE website at brushycreek.roundrockisd.org

**MY
SCHOOL
BUCKS**

If your child is buying **lunch**, you can send cash, check, or prepay online through **My School Bucks** (myschoolbucks.com).

The cost for the basic lunch tray is \$2.50; milk or juice is \$0.60. Hot breakfast is also available daily for \$1.35 from 7:20am-7:35am. Check the school website for your child's lunchtime.

TBA = To Be Announced
 Dates subject to change, confirm at:
brushycreekpta.com



August

16th – First Day of School
 16th – Kinder Parents
 Breakfast

September

3rd – Labor Day/No School
 4th–5th – Vision and Hearing
 Test
 7th – Grandparents Day Lunch
 10th – PTA General Meeting
 @5:30pm
 10th – School Info Night
 @6:15pm (K-2nd)
 11th – School and PTA Info
 Night @5:30pm (3rd-5th)
 13th – Fun Run Fundraiser!
 27th – WATCH D.O.G.S. Night

2018-2019

Brushy Creek Elementary PTA School Calendar

October

2nd – Pet Clinic
 4th–5th – Fall Pictures
 8th–9th – Student Holiday/
 No School
 19th – Blue Jay Bash
 5:30pm – 7:30pm

November

5th – International Children's
 Day Assemblies
 9th – ICD Parade & Festival
 15th – Thanksgiving Lunch
 15th – Fall Photo Retake
 16th – Turkey Trot
 19th–23rd – Thanksgiving
 Break

December

4th – Pet Clinic
 10th – PTA General Meeting
 19th – Last Day of Classes
 20th–Jan 7th – Winter Holiday

January

8th – School Resumes
 17th – Family Night
 (details to come)
 21st – MLK Day/No School

February

4th– 8th – Staff Appreciation
 Week
 4th–5th – Spring and Group
 Pictures
 11th – PTA General Meeting
 18th–19th – President's Day/
 No School
 TBA – Pet Clinic

March

1st – Texas Day and Cookout
 18th–22nd – Spring Break
 TBA – Kinder Round Up

April

5th – Carnival/Silent Auction
 9th – STAAR Testing
 (4th Writing/5th Math)
 10th – STAAR Testing
 (5th Reading)
 15th – PTA General Meeting
 26th – Family Art Night

May

13th – PTA General Meeting
 (Budget Approval)
 13th – STAAR Testing
 (3rd & 4th Math)
 14th – STAAR Testing
 (3rd & 4th Reading)
 15th – STAAR Testing
 (5th Science)
 23rd – Last Day of School