

Brantwood Briefs

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"Going Beyond the Goal"

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A Message From the Principal

Dear Parents,
Our Fall Fundraiser went very well again this school year. The overall sales were a little over \$12,200, and we received 40% of the profits. Remember, this money funds a lot of activities that we put on

during the school year from assemblies, to our annual Cookies and Crafts night, to the Brantwood Bash, and many other classroom activities. Thank you for your participation in the Fall Fundraiser.

The benefits the students receive are worth every item sold.

Mr. Borchers



Important Dates

- 10/27 PTO Meeting
- 10/31 - 11/4 Book Fair
- 11/3 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-9 pm (PTO fundraiser item pick-up and Family Night at the Book Fair)
- 11/4 No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 am - 3:15 pm
- 11/8 No School
- 11/10 Parent/Teacher Conferences 5 - 8:15 pm
- 11/15 3rd Grade Music Program 6 - 7 pm
- 11/17 Picture Retake Day
- 11/17 Texas Roadhouse Family Night 4 - 10 pm
- 11/23 - 11/25 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/29 - Choir Concert 6 - 6:30 pm
- 11/29 PTO Cookies and Crafts 6:30 - 8 pm
- 12/1 PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12/12 - 12/16 Brantwood Secret Santa Shop
- 12/13 4th Grade Music Program 6 - 7 pm

Brantwood's Wall of Honor

The staff and students of Brantwood Elementary would like to honor our past and present soldiers. If you have a family member or friend who has served or is currently serving in one of the armed forces please consider sending in a picture that we can hang on our "Wall of Honor." Please include the following information with the picture:

Name of serviceman/woman and rank; relationship to Brantwood student; branch of Service; are they currently deployed and if so, where? You can email the information and picture to Mrs. Whisenhunt at: maura.whisenhunt@madriverschools.org or simply send it to school with your child. Thank you for helping us show our

servicemen/women how much we care and respect their service to our country.



PTO Coming Events

The Brantwood PTO will sponsor the following activities for our students and parents:

Cookies and Crafts Night

November 29

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Secret Santa Shop

December 12-16

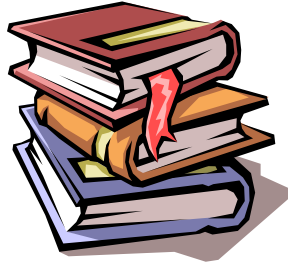
School Day

Volunteers are needed to assist Santa's helpers. The Shop will be open during your child's library period. The gifts range in price from \$1.00 - \$5.00 and Santa has sent many different items for the children to choose from this year. Please send cash with your child on his/her scheduled day.

News From 4th Grade

The fourth grade students have had a terrific start to the 2011-12 school year.

All students have been responsible for reading a two week chapter book. This has been a success so far with almost all of the fourth graders. The students who earned their five AR points for the month of September were rewarded with an ice cream float party. What a yummy way to celebrate meeting their goals!



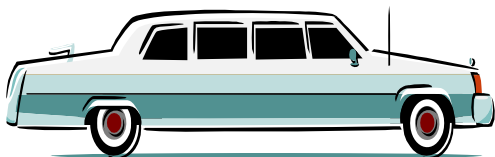
The students also completed the first set of SCA's and are currently grading these in their intervention groups.

All of the students have also participated in some awesome art projects. Their artwork will be displayed in the main hallway throughout the school year. If you get a chance to come into Brantwood, don't forget to check it out. The fourth grade team of teachers and students are looking forward to second quarter.

PTO Fundraiser Delivery

The PTO fundraiser delivery date has been set for Thursday, November 3. The product should be delivered by 1:00 pm and will be available for pick-up at Brantwood between **4 pm and 9 pm**. It is very important that the product is picked up this day.

Also, the date has been set for the Hummer Limo lunch for the top 25 sellers for this year's fundraiser. Those students involved in the Limo Lunch will be receiving information soon. The lunch will be held at the Texas Road House in Huber Heights beginning at 11:00 and ending at 1:00 on Friday, November 18.



How have we shown our Brantwood Behaviors?

Caring ("Pink Out")

On Friday, October 21st, staff and students participated in Brantwood's first ever "Pink Out" to show support for Breast Cancer survivors and for continued research to find a cure. The idea for this event was presented and planned by two of our 4th grade students, Justice Walker and Ryan Doseck. Everyone came out in force to show their support and the number of pink clad individuals was stunning! We are extremely proud of everyone's participation but particularly of Ryan and Justice for really displaying the Brantwood Behavior of CARING!

Respect/Responsibility (Cafeteria Character)

We had a very busy day At Brantwood on Friday, October 21st! During lunch we celebrated our awesome cafeteria character with a reward –the chance to throw a pie in the face of our beloved custodian, Mr. Kevin! Every class in the building earned their cafeteria character by talking quietly, cleaning up after themselves and showing their Brantwood behaviors so poor Mr. Kevin got hit with 16 Pies. Thanks to Mr. Kevin for being such a great sport, and we can't wait to see who our next volunteer will be next quarter!

Responsibility (Homework)

On Friday, October 21st, Brantwood held their first quarter homework reward. Student in grades 1-4 who met their homework goal for the quarter had a great time at our Outdoor Fun Day. It was a beautiful day and we had great participation from all grade levels. Some students played football with Mr. Borchers or wiffle ball with Mr. Clark. Some drew beautiful pictures with sidewalk chalk and some danced the afternoon away to music playing on the CD player. Staff and students alike had a great time and we can't wait until our 2nd quarter homework reward –a "Crazy Sock" Hop!

News From 3rd Grade

The third grade Addition Hall of Fame is now complete with 44 students receiving the honor. Quarter 2 will be focusing on mastering the Subtraction facts with 80% or higher accuracy on three consecutive tests. Keep practicing those flashcards.

We also recently completed our Science unit on fossils. The students enjoyed making seashell fossils with molds out of clay and using glue for the casts.

All third graders need to continue to work on their independent AR reading. Students are to earn 1 point a week with 75% or higher on comprehension. If you happen to be in the building, stop by to check out our Top 10 AR list.



Info from 1st Grade:

Our hunks and chunks walls continue to grow. We now have over 20 hunks and chunks displayed, and the first graders are getting better and better at identifying them in their reading.

In writer's workshop, we are working on small moment personal narrative stories. We enjoyed publishing our second pieces of writing.

In math, we are still busy counting and exchanging pennies and nickels, and soon we will be adding the dime to the mix!! We've been working on telling time to the hour, and soon the students will be expected to tell time to the half-hour.

With the holidays quickly approaching, the students will be working on several holiday projects.



2nd Grade Briefs

Conferences are coming up on Nov. 3, 4, and 10. The second graders will hold student led conferences. We look forward to meeting with each of you and your child to discuss their progress at this time.

We are proud to announce that 64 out of 79 second graders met the first quarter math goal for easy addition. Those students cel-

ebrated with a special ice cream float treat. We are now working on easy subtraction. The math goal for the second quarter is for all students to score 90% or higher on their weekly timed test three times during the second quarter.

The students really enjoyed sharing and seeing the variety of leaves from the fall leaf projects. Most stu-

dents put a lot of time of effort into their projects.

Thank you for your guidance and help. Information on the second quarter project will be coming home right after Thanksgiving break.



The Book Fair is Coming, The Book Fair is Coming...

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school October 31 – November 4! It will open at 12:00 noon on Oct. 31, and will be open from 8:00 AM – 3:15 PM Nov. 1 – 4. Your child will have a chance to visit the fair during the school day, but there are opportunities for you to come as well. Book Fair Family Night is November 3, from 5:00 – 9:00 PM during Parent/Teacher Conferences. It will also be open during the day Friday, November 4 when the children are out of school due to conferences. Please stop by to see our great selection of books and to enter into a couple of drawings for prizes!

Kindergarten Briefs

The kindergarten classes went to Meadow View Farm in New Carlisle to learn about pumpkins and how they grow. Not only did they learn about pumpkins, but they got to plant a bulb to take home and watch it grow. They made a craft and had a snack. They also listened to and participated in the telling of a story. In spite of the rain, a fun time was had by all.

The teachers are looking forward to parent-teacher conferences to share with you the progress the students have made already.



Music Notes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents & students of Brantwood Elementary for coming out and supporting the Brantwood Elementary Choir at the Wendy's Burger Bash. The Bash's intention was to raise enough money for the students that participate in choir to receive uniform t-shirts. I do not have an exact total yet, however, the manager at Wendy's said that we were VERY successful and I am confident that we have met our goal. Again, thank you for always being supportive of your students and the music program here at Brantwood.

Mrs. Albrecht

Other Music News and Reminders:

3rd Grade Music Program - November 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Brantwood Elementary Choir - November 29 @ 6:00 p.m.

4th Grade Music Program - December 13 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Do you like homemade ice cream? Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Emery's 4th grade reading intervention groups found out they do! After reading the book How To Make Ice Cream, the students followed the recipe to mix up the ingredients. Next, they put the ingredients into plastic bags filled with ice and rock salt and sealed them up. After PLENTY of shaking, the 4th graders had their very own "schoolmade" ice cream! Everyone enjoyed the tasty result!

Brantwood Family Math Carnival

On Oct. 12, over 60 Brantwood students and their families attended a Family Math Carnival that was hosted by the Brantwood Math Committee. There were a variety of math carnival games that were based on patterns, probability, addition and graphing for students to play. Students enjoyed playing Corn Hole, "Seven Eleven" and making Sand Art Pattern Pens among other fun games! After playing the game, the students received a math-based prize like ruler pencils and puzzle cube erasers. Students that completed all 8 games received a bag of cotton candy and a math peg board game from Mr. Borchers. Congratulations to Ameer Talley for winning the Family Math Game Raffle Basket, Madison Wyen for winning "Guess How Many Popcorn Kernels in the Jar?" and Xander Tipton for winning "Guess the George the Gorilla's Weight". A math game raffle basket was given away at the end of the night. The Brantwood Math Committee would like to thank the Brantwood PTO for providing the funding to put on such a wonderful family event!