

THE BRIGHTWOOD BARK



OCT/NOV



Visit us online at: www.brightwood-elementary.org

A publication of the Brightwood Elementary
School Parent-Teacher Association, Alhambra
Council, First District of the California State PTA.

PTA® every child. one voice.

Savings Card Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in the PTA Savings Card Fundraiser. All monies raised go directly to support Brightwood School. \$10 Savings cards are still available for sale if you are interested. Email orders directly to brightwood.pta@gmail.com.

Top Sellers

1st Place - Xbox 350 with Kinect Bundle

Austin Wong - Kindergarten - \$850

2nd Place - Wii Mario Kart Bundle

Dominik Gomez-Garcia - 1st Grade - \$500

3rd Place - Nintendo 3DS

Adrienne Lim - 2nd Grade - \$490

4th Place - \$100 Toy's r Us Gift Card

Joshua Stark - 1st Grade - \$410

5th Place - \$50 Game Stop Gift Card

Katie Samrick - 5th Grade - \$340

Top Class

Pizza Party

Room K-4 - Hou/Tark - \$1430

Top Teacher

\$50 Staples Gift Card

Ms. Tan - G-37 - \$90

Raffle

Amazon Kindle Fire

Katrina Gee - 1st Grade

Scholastic Book Fair

Gigantic thanks to Book Fair Chair

Pat Plugboonyachai and her parent volunteers. The book fair is a week long event. It takes a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication by both Pat and

all the parent volunteers for this event to be a success. Brightwood students benefit from all monies raised as it is used to purchase books for Project RED and the Brightwood library.

Thank you to all who supported this great event.

Thanks,
Steve Lim
PTA PRESIDENT

I Want do Be Like You When I Grow Up!

PTA Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, November 30th at 6pm in the Cafetorium. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this informative event. Career professionals from all aspects of the working world will be speaking about the exciting careers they selected.

Please contact coordinator John Hatem at Brightwood.PTA@gmail.com, if you are interested in volunteering or speaking.

This spectacular event only happens once every other year so don't miss out!!!

Woohoo!

Brightwood PTA Is Now On

facebook

&

twitter

Please go to:

www.facebook.com/BrightwoodElementaryPTA

and select the "Like" button to connect with us through Facebook.

Follow us on Twitter at:

www.twitter.com/BrightwoodPTA.

We will be delivering real-time news and information including events and volunteer opportunities. We hope that these social media efforts can help keep families and other advocates stay informed and involved with the many school functions and activities throughout the year, as well offer access to helpful resources throughout the year.

Please contact

Social Media Coordinator Amanda Lin

At BrightwoodPTA.socialmedia@gmail.com,

if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have not returned your blue volunteer form in yet, please do so as soon as possible, either to your teacher, or the PTA box in the office. Your children will greatly benefit from your time spent helping the school.

If the form has been lost, it can be found online at <http://www.brightwood-elementary.org/index.html>.



BRIGHTWOOD SCHOOL Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

Please make a monetary donation to the Thanksgiving Dinner Drive during the weeks of November 1 to 10.

The collected funds will be used to purchase Thanksgiving Dinners for Brightwood students and their families who are less fortunate. Classroom teachers will collect the donations.

Thank you in advance for your support
Your donations are greatly appreciated!

SCHOOL CENTS IS NOW DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Attention all shoppers!

Take your receipts from all purchases made between Sep. 15, 2011 to May 15, 2012 to Guest Services in front of the Macy Home store and log those points!

No time to visit Guest Services? Save your receipts and send them to the Office in an envelope marked for PTA School Cents. We will log them for you and return your receipts if you want them back.

Ask your friends and neighbors to save and log their Shops at Montebello receipts and help us earn points! To see the current flyer visit <http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/points/flyers/montebelloflyer.pdf>

ATTENTION ALL BRIGHTWOOD CLASSROOM OR EVENT VOLUNTEERS: EASY WAY TO SUBMIT YOUR HOURS

Many matching funds and grants depend on the percentage of parent participation and volunteer hours. It is very important for us to record all volunteer hours for Brightwood.

We need you to document your hours whether it's done at home, in the classroom, chaperoning field trips, or helping out at grade level or school-wide events.

You can fill out a volunteer slip at the front desk or submit it via email immediately after a task or an event and as often as you wish.

Please send the following information to:
brightwood.hours@yahoo.com

1. Your Name
2. Event or Task Description
(for example, Youth Fair or Classroom Helper for K-1)
3. Total hours
4. Your children's names and home rooms.

Thank you,

Joanne Jen
Brightwood PTA Historian



I want to thank all who have participated and to encourage you to keep collecting Box Tops from your favorite products such as Cheerios®, Betty Crocker®, Juicy Juice®, Ziploc®, Kleenex®, Hefty® and more! Every 10 cents you earn means that much more for our school. It is not a waste, so please keep clipping!

I'm proud to announce that we will start collecting Labels for Education which is a similar program to Box Tops. You can find these labels on products such as Glad®, Campbell's®, Dannon®, BIC®, Emerald®, Pepperidge Farm® and more! You will be receiving a welcome letter as well as a collection sheet within the next week or so. Please put them in the Brightwood PTA box for processing.

Thank you again for all your support!

Lee Hasegawa
Box Tops and Labels for Education Coordinator



GET INVOLVED: HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

The California Teachers Association and the California State PTA have joined forces to offer some tips for you that will give your children the best opportunity to succeed in school.

1. Just Ask. Ask your children what they studied in class today — what they liked and what they learned. Asking questions shows that school is important.
2. Quiet Study. Choose a place for home study and make sure the room is quiet during that time. Creating a quiet place goes a long way toward helping your children learn.
3. Regular Schedule. Set up a certain time of day that is dedicated to homework. Follow up with your children to be sure their homework is complete and turned in on time.
4. Learn Together. If you want your children to read their assignments, give yourself an assignment, too. When it's time for them to do homework, take a break and spend a few minutes reading a book, magazine or newspaper.
5. Learn Everywhere. Increase your children's interest in homework by connecting school to everyday life. For instance, your children can learn fractions and measurements while you prepare favorite foods together.
6. Meet Their Teachers. Meet with your children's teachers to find out what they are learning and discuss their progress in school.
7. Praise Helps. Praise your children for successfully completing homework. Nothing encourages children more than praise from their parents.

http://www.capta.org/sections/communication/downloads/communicator-2008-10/education_english.pdf