

THE BRIGHTWOOD BARK



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WELCOME BACK BENGALS!

Hope everyone had a terrific summer! The first month of school has already been a busy one and I am looking forward to another term serving as PTA President for Brightwood.

To ensure Brightwood PTA is successful at supporting our school this year, I encourage everyone to support our Discount Card Fundraiser which funds our classrooms, reading program, library, field trips, monthly school events, science supplies, and much much more.

Additionally, Brightwood PTA has always been fortunate enough to have tremendous parental support. You can play a key role too by completing and returning the volunteer sign-up sheets so Event Chairpersons are able to contact you as events get closer. The information you provide will only be used by Brightwood PTA. Submission of the form does not mean you are obligated to volunteer if you are unable.

This will be an exciting and fun school year and hope that you can support Brightwood PTA to achieve its goals!

By Steve Lim
Brightwood School PTA President

MRS. BENNETT TO RECEIVE

2011 TEACHERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

AT CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL
Southern California

The Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates and recognizes teachers by honoring them with the "Teachers Making a Difference" Awards. It is a given that these teachers have the classroom skills, but it is that 'something special' they have to make a difference in their students. Teachers being honored are also able to effectively interact and communicate with parents, their colleagues, and the community.

Our very own First Grade Teacher Mrs. Janet Bennett is being recognized this coming Saturday, September 24th, 12:30pm, Little Tokyo. Previous winners include Brightwood Teachers Mr. Glick, Mrs. Ito, Mrs. Chin, and Mr. Kawasaki. Mrs. Bennett truly deserves this prestigious award.

Hope to see you all there!

PTA Program Calendar 2011-2012

August

Mon., Aug 29 Ice Cream Social
Tues., Aug. 30 Kindergarten Tea

September

Fri., Sept. 2 Teacher Luncheon
Tues., Sept. 13 PTA Board Meeting
Wed., Sept. 14 Fundraiser Assembly
Sept. 15-Oct. 3 PTA Fundraiser
Fri., Sept. 23 Movie Night

October

Tues., Oct. 4 PTA Board Meeting
Wed., Oct. 5 Back to School Night (K-4th)
Wed., Oct. 12 Back to School Night (5th-8th)
Oct. 17-28 PTA Membership Drive
Fri., Oct. 28 PTA Youth Fair
Oct. 24-Oct. 28 PTA Scholastic Book Fair

November

Tues., Nov. 1 PTA Board Meeting
Fri., Nov. 4 BW Buck Store
Nov. 1-Nov. 10 PTA Thanksgiving
Dinner Drive
Wed., Nov. 30 Career Night

December

Fri., Dec. 2 Movie Night
Tues., Dec. 6 PTA Board Meeting
Fri., Dec. 9 Staff Luncheon
Dec. 5-Dec. 8 Holiday Boutique (Tent.)

January

Tues., Jan. 17 PTA Board Meeting
Fri., Jan. 20 BW Buck Store
Fri., Jan. 27 Movie Night

February

Tues., Feb. 7 PTA Board Meeting
Fri., Feb. 24 Movie Night
Tues, Feb. 28 Founder's Day (Tent.)

March

Wed., Mar. 6 PTA Board Meeting
Fri., Mar. 9 Spring Benefit (Tent.)
Fri, Mar. 23 BW Buck Store

April

Tues., April 10 PTA Board Meeting
Fri., April 20 Earth Day
Fri, April 20 Movie Night
Fri., April 27 BW Buck Store

May

Tues., May 1 PTA Board Meeting
Fri., May 4 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Wed, May 23 OPEN HOUSE
May 21-May 25 PTA Scholastic Book Fair

June

Fri., June 1 BW Buck Store
Fri., June 1 Movie Night
Tues. June 5 Science Festival
Tues., June 5 PTA Board Meeting

Proposed Brightwood PTA 2011-2012 Budget

To be approved at PTA Association Meeting on Friday, September 23, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Schedule	Item	Percent	Dollars	Details
Schedule A—Student	Assemblies		4,000	School Assemblies
	Enrichment Program		15,000	Field Trips \$300 (K-4) \$450(5-8)
	Nutrition		500	Harvest Of The Month
	Reflections/VAPA		500	Art & Music Programs
	Scholarships		500	Scholarships 2 H.S. Students
	School Parties		2,000	\$1/Child Twice Per Year
	Supplies		1,000	\$1/Child
	Student Awards		2,000	Brightwood Rewards
	Schedule A Subtotal		65%	25,500
Schedule B—Parent	Association Meetings		1,000	Special Programs
	Publicity/Brightwood Bark		100	PTA Publication
	Hospitality		1,000	Teachers Staff Appreciation
	Schedule B Subtotal		5%	2,100
Schedule C—Organizational	Art/Deco		500	Supplies
	Founders Day Dinner		200	Council Dinner For Honorees
	Historian		175	Supplies
	Honorary Service Awards		100	Volunteer Awards
	Insurance/Workers' Comp		250	Council Fees
	Membership		200	Envelope Purchase/Prizes
	PTA Council		300	Convention Council Fees
	Solleder –Hayacinth Award		100	Award In Memoriam
	Student Welfare		200	Students In Need
	Treasurer/Secretary		100	Supplies
	Schedule C Subtotal		5%	2,125
Schedule D—Special	Cafetorium			Supplies/Furniture
	Developmental Assets		250	Supplies
	Earthquake Preparedness		1,000	Repairs/Equipment
	Library		1,000	Supplies/Equipment/Containers
	PE Enrichment		750	Supplies, Furniture
	Science Fair/Earth Day		500	Supplies
	Technology Fund		250	Repairs
	Literature/RED		1500	
	Schedule D Subtotal		13%	5,250
Schedule E—Misc. Fundraising	Fundraiser Expenses		2,500	
	General and/or Misc.		1,000	
	Contingency		1,000	
	Schedule E Subtotal		11%	4,500
TOTAL			39,475	



2011-2012 PTA Executive Board

President	Steve Lim
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**Outdoor
Movie Night
Friday, Sept. 23rd
At 6:00 PM**

Join us at the first movie night of the year. It will be held outdoors so bring your own chairs and blankets. Refreshments will be sold by Student Council. Don't miss out on all the fun!

PARENTAL SUPERVISION REMINDER

This is a reminder that during all PTA sponsored events, a parent MUST be in attendance and responsible for all children in their care. This presumes that you will keep your child inside the Cafetorium/Brightwood Campus at all times. PTA and Brightwood School do not provide sitting services or have the insurance to do so.

During past PTA sponsored events, parents have dropped off their child/children without providing parental supervision. Students have loitered in front of the school unattended and school administration has had to patrol the entire school area during the night as students have wandered off. School administrators have also had to stay until all students have been picked up, staying as late as two hours after PTA events have ended. Some students, while questioned about parents in attendance, have even wandered off to Sunnyslope Park; this has caused great concern as the liability is great and it is suspected that parents believe that their child is attending the PTA event.

Should parents allow their children to attend PTA sponsored events without parental supervision, future or all PTA events may all be canceled or limited to those in younger grades. This would be unfortunate as most students do enjoy the events. Feel free to contact PTA or Principal Tambara for any questions or concerns.