

October 2011
Brightwood School Newsletter

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Parent – Teacher Conferences

This is an opportunity to meet and discuss your child's progress. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on

October 28, 31, November 1, 2, 4.

These are also minimum days.

Picture Days

Grades K-3 Oct. 12

Grades 4-8 Oct. 11

Picture Day will be a free-dress (non-uniform) day. Please remember to follow the District Dress Standards.

Safety

Safety is one of our primary concerns at Brightwood School. Please discuss the following with your child(ren):

- Decide on the safest and most direct route between home and school
- Cross the street at crosswalks.
- Do not talk with or accept things from strangers
- Students should walk to and from school with others
- Run to the nearest safe place to get help (neighbor's house, school, store, etc.)
- Report an incident to an adult as soon as possible

Traveling Students

The Elementary Independent Study Program is available to students who will be out of school for 5 days or more because they will be on a trip. Please notify the school office a week or more in advance of the student's absence so that a work packet can be prepared for the student.

Back to School Night

Parents are encouraged to attend Back to School Night. This is an opportunity to learn about your child's instructional program and grade level activities.

Grades K-4: Oct. 5, 2011

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Grades 5-8: October 12, 2011

6:30-8:00 p.m.

K-6 Strategic Teaming

Strategic Teaming is a process by which we assess our students and then place them in a class within their grade level in a specific subject area for a portion of the school day. Each child is then taught and supported at their instructional level and advanced accordingly. Through Strategic Teaming, we can help all students in meeting their full potential.

This year, each Kindergarten - 6th grade student was placed in a Strategic Teaming class for one period each day for reading instruction that began on September 26. In addition to their teaming time, students will be given standards-based Language Arts instruction in their homerooms.

Does Your Child Have a Fever?

A child should stay home from school when the child has a fever of 100°F or above. A student may return to school after 24 hours without a fever. The use of medication to reduce fever is not considered fever free.

Homework Calendar for Grades 4-8

A Homework Calendar is a good tool for your child to record daily assignments. Homework Calendars may be purchased from the office. The cost is \$3.50. Please bring the exact amount.