

The Briarwood Buzz

From the principal...

Dear BWD Families:

As we come to a close in the school year I want to highlight the progress and growth our students have exhibited! I am so proud of their efforts as they came to school each day with an excitement to learn and openness to try new things.

We started the year with our Open House, remember our apprehensive children entering our school finding their new classrooms and excited to meet their classmates? They have come so far!

Our building theme BWD School: Friendship Grows Here has certainly taken shape. We began with our first Briarwood Buddies event and our new budding friendships have flourished throughout the school year in monthly activities.

Our social/ emotional lessons delivered monthly by Mrs. Orlando and Ms. Hayes were well received. Children discussed the Zones of Regulation that helped to understand self-regulation. It is our hope children take what was discussed and use the skills independently. In addition to our lessons, our school wide Bucket filling theme was emphasized for kindness among one another. Our school was outfitted with "brain break" stations throughout the hallways. This is another way in which we look to assist children with self-regulation.

I enjoyed the daytime and evening Principal's Forums for open discussions. I encourage more families to attend as we look into next year!

Our Holiday Concert, Board of Education performance, Grade 2 Talent Show and Kindergarten Celebrates are always fun events within our School and District! We are so proud of our children for learning so many songs, lines, and movements throughout the school year. It takes courage to get up in front of so many faces: whether friends or family!

Our Read Across America activities, Jump-a-thon event, visits from RMS students, assemblies, class parties, and field Day are always a treat!!



Thank you to our PTA for their support! I have enjoyed our collaborative nature as we look to bring quality activities to our school! A very special thank you goes out to BWD Co- Vp's Alexis Seubert and Lisa Rossi. Our conversations, brainstorming, and execution of activities begins in the summer and goes throughout the school year! Alexis and Lisa- your dedication and positive energy is always appreciated!

A friendly reminder to read over the summer! Our summer reading sheet asks children to read 100 books over the summer! This includes just right books, picture books, or any reading material counts toward reading~ you can find the assignment at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_iTnCmf_gDl1N0Hc4Q2lOSfdwc2xpbXJJQ1BLTW5sbmh3/view

Here you will check-off a sun for every book read! Please return the sheet in the beginning of the school year for a surprise!

For math, we ask for children to review numbers and concepts already presented. Children still have access to ixl. I encourage you to use this online option for math reinforcement.

Supply lists are placed on our BWD Webpage. Grade level lists have been generated for incoming kindergarten, first and second grade students. I wish my second grade students the best of luck as they enter into Brooklake! I know they will do great things!

Wishing our retiring teachers: Mrs. Mary McGovern and Ms. Fran Taylor all the best as they enter into their new chapter in life! We thank you for your many years of service to the Florham Park School District!

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer! I hope your summer is filled with adventures, excitement, reading and some relaxation!

See you in September!

Warmest regards,
Mrs. Sherri Glaab

What's happening in Kindergarten and pre k.....

It's been such a wonderful year for all of our kindergarten students!

Along with the challenging curriculum, the students focused on how to



share, take turns, communicate with their peers, and have fun!

The K teachers are so proud of how far the students have flourished in Reader's and Writer's Workshop. They had so much fun

celebrating with the families on Author's Day! Kindergarten had so much with their chick hatching this month! They had a special visit from a farmer who brought eggs and they watched each one hatch!

We wish our students all the best as they move on to first grade! We are very proud of all of their accomplishments. Hope everyone had a great summer!

It's time for Preschool Field Day! working hard their build their practiced jumping, practicing ball is warm, we



Our Preschoolers have been all year in PE Class, and in classrooms, to develop and gross motor skills. We have exploring movement while running, balancing and skills. Now that the weather have also been able to get

outside on the playground and strengthen our muscles even more. We have practiced climbing ladders and obstacles, balancing on the balance beam, riding our tricycles and learning to pump on the swings.

