Greetings Brier Families,

Thank you Brier families, neighbors, and all who showed your support for our Edmonds School District Replacement School Programs and Operations Levy in February. We are incredibly fortunate to have a community that supports its' schools and the work we all do for our kids of the future! Your support helps us to maintain our district programs and operations, and we thank you all so much!

We ended February with excitement as the Everett Silvertips hosted our school as visitors to their February 27th match against the Prince George Cougars. I want to extend a huge thank you to all of our students and families who came out to support the Everett Silvertips that evening. It was a night full of fun, cheering, smiles, and a nice way to spend a Saturday evening together! The opportunity to have the Silvertips join our school was also quite an adventure! Our kids loved listening to the Tips share their ideas and thoughts on work ethic, importance of staying in school, and how to be a good team member. It was an interactive assembly and one full of excitement!

Beyond levies, assemblies, and Silvertips we’ve got a whole lot of learning taking place here at school each and every minute of every day! Let’s spotlight science for a bit! Any time science is going on in a classroom you can bet there will be excitement, questions, discoveries, and amazing thinking! From Kindergarteners sorting rocks, pebbles, sand, and gravel to First graders discussing the weather there is never a dull moment in the world of science. Science allows for incredible content reading where students share books out of our science book bins related to a variety of content topics selected at each grade level. Beyond reading and content learning, our students are actively writing their observations, hypothesis, and outcomes from different examples, experiments and explorations. Science has a unique way of engaging all of our students in the rich, authentic learning of literacy and the world around them!

Brier families, we’re already in the month of March. I can hardly believe it! Enjoy the month and share in the everyday learning with your little one/ones!

Principal,
Tori Thomas
Parent Groups with Superintendent Brossoit meetings in March:

- March 3: SW Quadrant schools @ EWH Theater @ 7:00 pm
- March 10: NW Quadrant schools @ MDH Theater @ 7:00 pm
- March 17: NE Quadrant schools @ LHS Theater @ 7:00 pm
- March 24: SE Quadrant schools @ THS Commons @ 7:00 pm

Community Budget Forums in April:

- April 7: @ MDH Theater @ 7:00 pm
- April 14: @ LHS Theater @ 4:00 pm
- April 21: @ THS Theater @ 7:00 pm
- April 28: @ EWH @ 4:00 pm

2010 Bookplate Drive / March 1 – 19th

Be a friend to the Brier Elementary library.

Add a new book to the library’s collection by purchasing a bookplate. The bookplate will be personalized with your family’s name and mounted inside the book!

Return your order form and money to school by March 19th, 2010. Thank you!

Order forms will be sent home w/ students the first week in March. Additional order forms available online or in the office. Questions? Please contact Julie Allemann (425) 775 – 3978 or allemann@verizon.net

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Upcoming Recognition Assemblies

- Primary Students 1st thru 3rd grade Assembly: March 12 at 10:40am in the gym.
- Intermediate Students 4th thru 6th grade Assembly: March 12 at 11:35am in the gym.

Parents are encouraged and welcome to attend!

Thank You Brier PTA!

Brier Elementary’s Fifth Grade is planning a field trip to the Pacific Science Center on Wednesday, March 10th! We are excited that the Science Center is offering an exhibit and IMAX show on Mars as well as a planetarium show that will support our science unit: Sun, Moon, and Stars. We can’t wait to try out what it might feel like to walk on Mars!

We want to especially thank the Brier PTA for providing us with funds for the transportation to the Pacific Science Center. This helped us to keep the student cost down and make our field trip accessible to all students, despite their financial situation.

-Amy Johnson and Erik Overleese
Your input is needed: I encourage you to attend one of three open house opportunities to review the reading and writing materials we are considering for use in our classrooms. Materials from one of two publishers will be selected and your input is vital. Children are welcome! Please mark your calendars to attend one of the following sessions:

- Monday, March 15: 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Monday, March 22 or Tuesday, March 23, both 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. All are being held at the Former Woodway High School (home of Scribe Lake High and the Homeschool Resource Center) 23200 100th Ave W Edmonds, WA 98020

http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/edmonds/cwp/view.asp?A=3&Q=279471

Volunteering at Brier Elementary:
If you’d like to volunteer at school—you will need to complete the volunteer disclosure statement and the Washington State Patrol forms found in the Volunteer Handbook. It takes 1-2 weeks to process. If you would like to drive on a field trip, you will also need to complete the Private Transportation form and will need to obtain a drivers abstract from the Department of Licensing.

Office Reminders: Please, remember to call the attendance line when your student(s) will be tardy or absent. This helps Brier Elementary know that your child is safe. The number is (425) 431-7854. Also, remember to send a note to the office regarding early dismissals. A “Request for Excused Absence” form (for absences other than illness) needs to be completed for 2 or more days. Please see the Annual Update packet and complete the form and return it to school when needed.

Student Meal account: How can I pay for my student’s meals? Visit MyLunchMoney.com to add money to your student’s lunch account.

Important Dates:

- March 12—Recognition Assemblies
- March 15–18 Food Drive
- March 15, 22 & 23rd: Parent Materials Review (at Scribe Lake High)
- March 18th: Early dismissal 12:20 for full-time Kindergarten thru 6th grade
- March 18th: No school for part-time Kindergarten
- March 19th: No school
- March 26: School spirit day—Western Day
- March 29–April 2: Spring Break No School

Parents: We need volunteers to help with popcorn Fridays, if you would like to sign up to help pre-pop popcorn or sell popcorn during lunch recess, please contact Penny Ebright at pje001@yahoo.com or 425-776-6554. We need at least 3 parent volunteers per day so don’t be shy come watch your kids play on the playground and help sell popcorn. Time commitment is about 1 ½ hours. (March 5, April 9 & 23, May 6, May 21 & June 11)
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**Bookplate Drive March 1—March 22**

| 7     | 8 Stars   | 9 Stars | 10 Field Trip 5th grade Pacific Science Center 9:30am-3:30pm | 11 Cheer Club 8:00am | 12 Recognition Assembly Primary 10:40am Recognition Assembly Intermediate 11:35am | 13     |

| 14    | 15        | 16      | 17 Early dismissal @12:20pm Full-time Kind.-6th grade No school for part-time Kind. Parent Conferences | 18 No School Teacher Professional Development Day | 19     | 20     |

**Food Drive March 15—18**

| 21    | 22 Stars  | 23 Stars | 24 Cheer Club 8:00am | 25 Spirit Day - Western Day | 26     | 27     |

| 28    | 29        | 30      | 31                  |                        | 28     | 29     |

**Spring Break March 29-April 2nd**

School starts April 5th