



The TRAILBLAZER

BROKEN ARROW ELEMENTARY

April 1, 2019

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Principal's Message



Students in grades 3-6 are currently taking the required Kansas State Assessments. We hosted a "Clap Out" on Tuesday, March 19. During the Clap Out all of our Preschool through second grade students lined the hallways to share signs and cheers for our third through sixth grade students taking the assessments. The SMNW Jazz Band and cheerleaders also provided entertainment and well wishes for our students. You could sense the pride as they marched through our hallways! Students are scheduled to complete their assessment on specific dates now through Friday, April 26.

We will be completing 2019-20 classroom placements in the coming weeks. A systematic procedure is utilized to create the best opportunity for balance in each classroom. We realize you may have specific information you might like to share in identifying a great fit for your child. You are welcome to complete the optional Student Placement Profile if you would like to share information that can be utilized when placing your child for the upcoming school year. **All Student Placement Profile forms are due to the BA Office no later than Thursday, April 18.**

ATTENTION: VISITORS

ALL VISITORS AND PARENTS MUST SIGN IN AND WEAR A BADGE

- Please refrain from making unnecessary trips to classrooms.
- Please leave items in the office for students to pick up.
- Contact the teacher if you wish to schedule a visit.

Broken Arrow Elementary School

5901 Alden Shawnee, Kansas 66216

<http://brokenarrow.smsd.org>
913-993-2300 (Office)
913-993-2388 (Attendance Line)
Principal — Mr. Ryan Horne

REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS

Breakfast 7:40 -8:00 am
School Hours: 8:10 a.m. - 3:10 pm
Office: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

If arriving after 8:10 am, all students must enter through the Front Doors. Back Door will be locked at 8:10 am.

THE BROKEN ARROW WAY



The following students were recognized as
“Trailblazer of the Quarter”
 for the 3rd quarter

SLC-Smith	Morna Crawford
SLC-Loseke	Wyatt Terrell
K-Schauwecker	Kalen Lane
K-Theis	Nathaniel Mathew
1-Hammett	Precious Price
1-Mansour	Symon Burroughs
1-Nordeen	Cambry Henderson
2-Dodds	Daylan Foreman
2-Ginder	Camila Simonetti
2-Power	Harrison Seckar
3-Lorenz	Vivian Swan
3-Newman	Halley Ledbetter
4-Izard	Bryce Battle
4-Stevens	Peyton Forbes
5-Gray	Jalen Battle
5-Psota	Ian Murdock
5-Williamson	Jayda Washington
6-Miranda	Lily Meylan
6-Wilcoxon	Michael Salsman

Mrs. James - Music Class of the Quarter: Mrs. Mansour
 Coach - PE Class of the Quarter: Mrs. Loseke
 Mr. Strout - Library Class of the Quarter: Mrs. Theis
 Mrs. Porras - Art Class of the Quarter: Mrs. Izard



Keep sending in Box
 Tops! We are half
 way to our goal of
 raising \$1000.00
 this year. Every clip
 counts!

Please make sure to
 check your
 expiration dates as
 we cannot submit
 expired box tops.
 Thank you for your
 continued efforts in
 helping us raise
 extra money for our
 school!

PTA CALENDAR

April 2019		
Tuesday, April 2	Chess Team	3:10 pm
Wednesday, April 3	Paraprofessional Day	
Thursday, April 4	5th Grade to Kauffman Center	11:00 am
	Marble Club	3:10 pm
Monday, April 8	6 th Grade—Trailridge Middle School Paperwork Due	
Tuesday, April 9	Chess Team	3:10 pm
	Fine Arts Fair & Open House	5:00-7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 10	Dissection Volunteer Training	6:00 pm
Thursday, April 11	Marble Club	3:10 pm
Friday, April 12	6 th Grade Dissection in MPR	1:30 pm
Monday, April 15	Kindergarten Round-Up	6:00-7:30 pm
Tuesday, April 16	Chess Team	3:10 pm
	PTA Skate Party-Skate City	6:00-8:00 pm
Thursday, April 18	5 th Grade to Downtown KC	
	PTA Movie Night-Harry Potter	6:00-8:30 pm
Friday, April 19	NO SCHOOL	
Monday, April 22	1 st & 2 nd Grade-Stone Lion Puppet Show	
Tuesday, April 23	Chess Team	3:10 pm
Wednesday, April 24	Dissection Volunteer Training	6:00 pm
Thursday, April 25	2 nd Grade Weather Assembly	10:00 am
	Site Council Meeting	5:30 pm
	PTA Meeting	6:30 pm
Friday, April 26	5 th Grade to KCI	
	Fun Run Event	2:00 pm
Tuesday, April 30	Chess Team	3:10 pm

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May 2019		
Wednesday, May 1	SMNW Senior Reunion in Library	3:30 pm
Thursday, May 2	NO PRE-K	
	EARLY DISMISSAL	
Friday, May 3	NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday, May 7	Chess Team	3:10 pm
Wednesday, May 8	End of Year Band/Strings/Choir Concert	2:00 pm
	Dissection Volunteer Training	6:00 pm
Friday, May 10	6th Grade Olympics at Trailridge Middle School	9:00 am
Tuesday May 14	4 th Grade to Mahaffie Farmstead	9:00 am
	Chess Team	3:10 pm
Thursday, May 16	Kindergarten to Deanna Rose	9:30 am
	6TH Grade Wax Museum	1:15 pm
Friday, May 17	All School Field Day	
Tuesday, May 21	Chess Team	3:10 pm
Wednesday, May 22	Last Day for Pre-K	6:00 pm
	6th Grade Graduation and Celebration	8:30 am
Thursday, May 23	EARLY DISMISSAL	12:30 pm
	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	

PTA Teacher Appreciation Week



Each year the Broken Arrow PTA celebrates Teacher Appreciation by hosting a week long celebration for our BA Teachers & Staff. We have a fun week planned with giveaways, a small gift for every teacher & staff, a lounge stocked with snacks & drinks, a delicious luncheon on Wednesday, and other fun treats throughout the week. Sign up here to help us show our teachers "A World of Thanks!"

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094eaba82fa2f49-ptateacher>

MATHLETICS

Congrats to the Broken Arrow Mathletics Teams who finished out the year all bringing home trophies from **Regional Mathletics** where they competed against teams from other elementary schools in the SMNW attendance area!



3rd Place

4th Grade Team of Ria Kumar, Sarah Flickinger, & Kate Unruh



1st Place

5th Grade Team of Sophia Clark, Ian Murdock, & Evan Vanderbilt



2nd Place

6th Grade Team of Pierre Cadena, Alyssa Vanderbilt, & Zaiden Robinson



1st Place

6th Grade Integrated Math Team of Cali Wilcoxon, Owen Unruh, & Anson Wang

The first place teams went on to compete at **District Mathletics** on March 27 where the **5th grade team got 2nd place** and **6th grade Integrated Math team tied for 3rd.**

Way to go BA!

Music Happenings!



***1st Grade program:** First Grade students will present “Creatures Great and Small” at **6:30 pm** on **Tuesday, April 9** in the gym during the Fine Arts Festival. Enjoy viewing your child’s artwork before heading to the gym for the performance. Students should be in their places on the risers at 6:20 pm dressed in nice school clothes for the program. I’m looking forward to seeing you there!

***Fine Arts Festival Recital:** If your student is currently studying an instrument, please consider signing him or her up for the recital being held during the Fine Arts Festival. The recital will be at **5:30 pm** on **April 9**. A sign-up sheet was sent out through Skyward, and hard copies are available in the music room. The deadline to sign up is April 2.

***5th and 6th grade Band, Choir, and Strings Concert:** The 5th and 6th Grade Band, Choir, and Strings Concert is on **Wednesday, May 8 at 2:00 pm**. Choir students will wear a plain white shirt or blouse and black or dark blue pants or skirt, just like they did for the choral festival in the fall. Please be diligent about arriving on time for each rehearsal. Every voice counts!



Thank you, parents, for your support of the music program throughout the year!

Mrs. James
Music Teacher



SAVE THE DATE! CUPCAKES WITH MOMS IS COMING UP ON FRIDAY, MAY 10 FROM 6 P.M.-7 P.M. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME AS THE DATE APPROACHES.

PRE-K ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

Stop by the Broken Arrow Elementary Office and pick up a Pre-K enrollment form today! A few pre-qualifiers . . .

- You must live within the boundaries of the Shawnee Mission School District
- Student must be four-years-old on or before August 31 of the year in which they will attend Pre-Kindergarten
- be independent with toileting
- Students who are five years old on or before August 31 are not eligible for Pre-K.



If you are interested, here are some steps to determine your options:

1. Determine what school your child will attend. If you do not know, please use the “School Finder” provided on this webpage: <https://www.smsd.org/about/boundary-maps>.
2. Look at the Pre-K options available at the school buildings listed below. If a pre-kindergarten class is not offered at your child’s school yet, there may be a school nearby that does offer the program. Please see the list of sites below.
3. Parents should complete the enrollment packet and bring it to the Pre-Kindergarten site to enroll. Parents should bring their child with them to enroll.

In the 2019-2020 school year, Shawnee Mission School District is offering the following options for Pre-K:

- **No-fee half-day Title I Pre-K option** (Qualifications apply) offered at Comanche, Merriam Park, Rosehill, and Shawanoe.
- **No-fee half-day grant-funded Pre-K option** (Qualifications apply) offered at ApacheIS, Bluejacket-Flint, Briarwood, Brookridge, **Broken Arrow**, Crestview, Highlands, Lenexa Hills, Rising Star, Roesland, Santa Fe Trail, and Shawanoe.
- **Tuition-based half-day Pre-K option** offered at Briarwood, Brookwood, Highlands, Lenexa Hills, Rhein Benninghoven, and Trailwood.

Down on the



Farm for

Kindergarten Round-Up!

Monday, April 15 • 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

- Meet the principal, teachers, social worker, school nurse and other support staff
- Bring your student—there will be lots of activities for them to do
- Schedule a Kindergarten screening appointment for Thursday, May 2, or Friday, May 3
- Visit with Johnson County Parks and Recreation about information for Before and After School Care
- Children must turn 5 years of age on or before August 31, 2019 to be eligible for Kdg
- Full day program and no fees!
- You may pick up an enrollment packet now; bring it back with you to Round-Up or any time before the end of school (office is open from 7:30-4:00 p.m.)

Have questions? Please give us a call at 913.993.2300

Broken Arrow PTA Needs YOU!

The Broken Arrow PTA has current openings for committee chairs! We would like to have these filled before the end of school so we can begin planning for the 2019/2020 school year! Would you like to help your school and support BA teachers?

Contact Sarah Alberico for more information:

sarahalberico18@gmail.com

The PTA is also searching for a Treasurer Elect to serve on the PTA Executive Board for the 2019/2020 school year. This position will transition to Treasurer for the 2020/2021 school year. Are you ready to serve on the PTA Executive Board?

Current Committee Chair Openings

- ◆ Direct Donation
- ◆ Volunteer Appreciation
 - ◆ Senior Reunion
- ◆ SMAC Representative
 - ◆ Bylaws/Legislation
- ◆ 5th Grade Fundraising
- ◆ Cookie Dough Sales
 - ◆ Local Fundraisers
- ◆ Birthday Billboard
 - ◆ Book Fair
 - ◆ Tyke Time
- ◆ Parent Volunteer Coordinator
 - ◆ 6th Grade Activities
 - ◆ Dad's Month
 - ◆ Walk-A-Thon
 - ◆ Skating Parties (co-chair)

WALK-A-THON



Fun Run Pledge forms have been sent home! Donate online at www.brokenarrowpta.org. Please make sure you put your child's name in the note to merchant. We are very excited to make this an all school event, if you would like to volunteer the day of the event, please let me know.

Sarah Alberico • Sarahalberico18@gmail.com

Are You Aware of SMSD's Guidelines for Healthy Choices?

At the beginning of the 2017-18 school year, several elementary schools in the SMSD implemented new guidelines regarding daily classroom snacks, birthday treats, class parties, and special events. This decision was made after much thought and discussion at the building and district level. There are a variety of reasons why this change was made, the main one being to coordinate with our district's wellness guidelines on making healthy choices (in alignment with federal regulations). Other rationale for restricting treats at school include the following concerns:

- Allergies: Due to the increasing number of students with food allergies, schools have had to be extremely careful with any food items entering the school building. It is a safety issue that we need to take very seriously.
- Promoting Healthy Lifestyle: The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in six school-age children are overweight; triple the proportion in 1980. The agency has projected that one in three children born in 2000 will eventually develop a form of diabetes linked to being overweight.

Here's how the new guidelines will affect you/your student:

- Students may be allowed to bring a **personal** healthy snack daily at the discretion of the teacher. Students are encouraged to have water bottles in the classroom
- Classroom teachers will continue to recognize and celebrate student birthdays in special ways. Parents are welcome to send **a non-food** based item to share with the class if you would like on your child's special day.
- Class Parties (October, December, and February), curricular specific events, and class special events will be allowed to include food items which are purchased at a store, include a label from the manufacturer indicating ingredients and processing plant identification. We highly encourage teachers and room parents to serve healthy snack items.
- Food items brought to school provided outside the food service hours (10:15 am -1:15 pm), must be able to be consumed by all students and the food item(s) must not be sold to students or have money collected from students to purchase the food item(s).
- No homemade food items are allowed to be shared.
- Parents and guests may continue to bring outside food for lunch with their student (no sharing).



The purpose of these changes is to assure a school environment that promotes and protects students' health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating, physical activity and healthy choices. This change brings together current research to create guidelines that help us with healthy choices for all of our students. If you are interested in reading the district's policy on wellness, it is available on the District website at <http://foodservices.smsd.org/Pages/DISTRICT-WELLNESS.aspx>

Thanks in advance for your flexibility and for caring about the health of our students.

Shawnee Mission Northwest's Student Council would like to invite you to the

10th ANNUAL



FREE Spring Carnival!

Who: All preK-6th grade students and families

Where: Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
12701 W. 67th Street (between Quivira and Pflumm)

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 P.M.

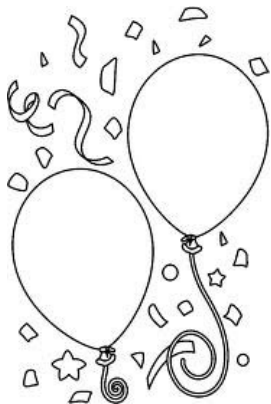
Come to the free Spring Carnival to play spring-themed games and activities such as an egg hunt, cupcake walk, mini-bowling, bean bag toss and *many* more!

FREE admission, **FREE** dinner/dessert/candy, **FREE** games, everything is **FREE!**

Contact Sarah Dent, Student Council Sponsor, at nwdents@smsd.org or (913) 993-7227 with questions!

El Consejo de Estudiantes de Shawnee Mission Northwest le encantaría invitarle al:

10th ANNUAL



Carnaval gratis de Primavera!

Quien: Todos los estudiantes y familias del grado preK-6th

Donde: Shawnee Mission Northwest High School
12701 W. 67th Street (entre Quivira y Pflumm)

Cuando: Sábado, 27 de Abril del 2019 desde las 4 hasta las 6 P.M.

Venga al carnaval gratis de Primavera para disfrutar juegos temáticos y actividades como: egg hunt(búsqueda de huevos), cupcake walk(juego de pastelillos), mini-bowling(mini boliche), bean bag toss (tiro al blanco con bolsa de frijoles) y mucho más!!

Admission **GRATIS!**, comida/dulces **GRATIS!**, juegos **GRATIS!**, todo será **GRATIS!**

Contáctese a Sarah Dent, Patrocinadora del Consejo de Estudiantes en la siguiente dirección de correo electrónico nwdents@smsd.org o al teléfono (913) 993-7227 para cualquier pregunta!



SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT WELLNESS

APRIL 10, 2019
SHAWNEE MISSION
NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

KEYNOTE
Tim DeWeese, JCMH
Mental Health Promotion, Prevention
and Interventions

FEATURED PRESENTER
Dr. Wes Crenshaw, PhD ABPP CST
Talking With Your Child About Sexting

Breakout Sessions:

Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to attend three breakout sessions on various mental health-related topics. Topics will include Social Communication and Engagement, Non-Crisis Supports, Eating Disorders, Sexual Wellness, Human Trafficking, Vaping, Somatic Symptoms and much more!



Case sensitive

FOR FREE CHILDCARE AND MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE: bit.ly/2EWBcEO



ENFOCADOS EN EL BIENSTAR ESTUDIANTIL

10 DE ABRIL, 2019
SHAWNEE MISSION
NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

PRESENTACION
Tim DeWeese, JCMH
Promocion, prevencion, E
Intervenciones De Salud Mental

DESTACADO PRESENTADOR
Dr. Wes Crenshaw, PhD ABPP CST
Hablar Con Sus Hijos Sobre Sexting
(Mensajes de Texto con Contenido Sexual)

Sesiones

Los Padres /Tutores tendrán la oportunidad de asistir a tres sesiones en varios temas relacionados con la salud mental. Los temas incluirán Comunicación y Participación Social, Apoyo en Condición Sin Crisis, Trastornos de la Alimentación, Bienestar Sexual, Tráfico de Personas, Cigarros de Vapor, Síntomas Somáticos y mucho más!



Case sensitive

PARA CUIDADO GRATIS DE NIÑOS Y MÁS INFORMACION VISITE NUESTRA PÁGINA WEB: bit.ly/2EWBcEO



4th SATURDAYS

FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, March 23, 2019
9:30 - 11:00 am

MERRIAM PARK ELEMENTARY
6100 MASTIN MERRIAM, KS

No identification necessary
Drive-Thru Distribution



POWERED BY



Merriam Park Elementary

CADA 4o SABADO

Despensa de Alimentos

Sabado, 23 de marzo, 2019
9:30 - 11:00 am

ESCUELA MERRIAM PARK
6100 MASTIN MERRIAM, KS

Identificación no es necesario
Distribución en coche



ENERGIZADO POR



Merriam Park Elementary

Broken Arrow PTA

2018-1019 Broken Arrow PTA Executive Board

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Check out our PTA Online Store!

<https://squareup.com/store/broken-arrow-pta-2>

HELPFUL LINKS:

- **Volunteer signups:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49afa722a6fc1-committee>
- **PTA Website:** <http://www.brokenarrowpta.org/>

From the PTA President

Dear Broken Arrow Families,

Spring is in the air! With the warmer days approaching the Broken Arrow PTA has been hard at work planning this year's Fun Run! We also have our last general PTA meeting of the school year on **Thursday, April 25th from 6:30pm-7:30pm.**

We will have a guest speaker, Mr. Sigg from Trail Ridge Middle school to talk to our 6th grade parents about transitioning to middle school. There will be time for a Q&A with him as well.

We will also be nominating our executive board members for next school year. We are still in need of a **treasurer elect**, as well as some committee chair members. If you are interested in any of the open positions, please let me know. We are looking for volunteers from all backgrounds and skill sets!

We are so thankful for all of the parents who have volunteered their time and resources this year. We are so excited to see what we can accomplish for the Broken Arrow community next year as well!

Sarah Alberico

PTA President

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We are now on:

