



The TRAILBLAZER

BROKEN ARROW ELEMENTARY

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Principal's Message • Mr. Ryan Horne



Our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) implementation this year at Broken Arrow, emphasizing consistent teaching and reinforcing of common expectations building wide (The Broken Arrow Way), continues to decrease monthly student behavior referral totals. This is definitely something to be celebrated!

Our students can select to spend their PBIS Blazer Bucks or save them each month during our "Redeem Day." Many of our Broken Arrow students have purchased the "Trip to Sonic with Mr. Horne and Mrs. Hilpipe," while other students selected to purchase "Have a special meal delivered by Mr. Horne" or "Shoot hoops with Mr. Horne" (among many others items on the menu).

While students enjoy these special treats, more importantly, it reinforces relationship building, which is foundational in making Broken Arrow the best school it can be.

Our local Shawnee Sonic has been amazing in supporting our PBIS initiatives, as well as providing monthly drinks to our hardworking Broken Arrow teachers!

It is also important to share that our Broken Arrow Caring for Kids Team, consisting of churches, businesses, and individuals, continues to support our students and teachers. Crackers and granola bars have been purchased throughout the school year reassuring that all of our students have snacks if they are not fulfilled after eating breakfast or lunch.

Caring for Kids recently purchased snacks and drinks to be placed on our "Kindness Cart" and delivered them to our teachers providing a refreshing surprise. We are blessed to have the support of this amazing group!

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.

THE BROKEN ARROW WAY



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.

Trailblazer of the Quarter

The following students were recognized as “Trailblazer of the Quarter” for the second quarter:

SLC-Langton	Bentley Burguard
SLC-Smith	Jaselynn Stadler
SLC-Spaitz	Gabe Burroughs
K-Schauwecker	Juni Arreola
K-Theis	Flynn McCoy
1-Hammett	Julian Smith
1-Mansour	Ceh’Monee Blanche
1-Nordeen	Madison Jensen
2-Dodds	Emma Sampson
2-Ginder	Macie Miller
2-Power	Kaylee Kaminski
3-Lorenz	Xander Green
3-Newman	Eloise Marsh
4-Izard	Sarah Flickinger
4-Stevens	Harper Manon
5-Gray	Daisy Hart
5-Psota	Taylur Dixon
5-Williamson	Ariana Keys
6-Miranda	Harnaik Singh
6-Wilcoxon	Micah Miller



Please remember to keep sending in your Box Tops! Every clip helps us reach our goal.

Also remember to check your expiration dates as we cannot submit expired box tops. Let’s make this second semester successful!

Our goal for the year is to raise \$1,000.00 so keep sending them in!

Thank you!

Sarah Alberico
President

BROKEN ARROW / PTA CALENDAR

February 2019		
Day/Date	Event	Time
Tuesday, Feb 5	Chess Team	3:10 – 4:30 pm
Thursday, Feb 7	Marble Club Evening Parent Conferences PTA Skate City Event	3:10 – 4:30 pm 5:00 – 8:00 pm 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb 12	Chess Team	3:10 – 4:30 pm
Thursday, Feb 14	Marble Club	3:10 – 4:30 pm
Monday, Feb 18	NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENT’S DAY	
Tuesday, Feb 19	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Prof. Dev. Day	
Wednesday, Feb 20	Mathletics – Regionals at Ray Marsh	4:00 pm
Friday, Feb 22	PTA Family Movie Night	6:30 pm
Monday, Feb 25	Board of Education Meeting at CAA	6:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb 26	Chess Team	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Thursday, Feb 28	Dr. Seuss Night at Broken Arrow	6:00 – 7:30 pm

March 2019		
Day/Date	Event	Time
Tuesday, March 5	Tyke Time for Incoming Kindergartners Chess Team	9:00 am 3:10 – 4:30 pm
Thursday, March 7	Marble Club Site Council Meeting in the Library PTA Meeting in the Library 6 th Grade Honor Band Festival @ SMNW	3:10 – 4:30 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm TBD
Friday, March 8	EARLY DISMISSAL @ 12:30 PM	
Monday-Friday March 11 – 15	SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	
Monday, March 18	4 th Quarter Begins	
Tuesday, March 19	Chess Team	3:10 – 4:30 pm
Thursday, March 21	Marble Club	3:10 – 4:30 pm
Monday, March 25	Board of Education Meeting at CAA	6:00 pm
Tuesday, March 26	Chess Team	3:10 – 4:30 pm
Wednesday, March 27	Tyke Time for Incoming Kindergartners	1:30 pm
Thursday, March 28	Marble Club	3:10 – 4:30 pm
Friday, March 29	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Prof. Dev. Day	

5th Grade News

Fifth Graders Raise Awareness for Rescue Animals at Holidays!

Props and congrats are being given to two Broken Arrow 5th graders for their caring action and perseverance for organizing a pet donation drive. Gabi and Lexi worked for weeks on making collection boxes, doing a public service announcement, and posters. Over the course of the last week of December, the girls raised all the items you see here in the picture, for the adoptable animals at the shelter to have a merrier holiday. Needless to say, the animals at the ASPCA of Merriam were very appreciative for the donations. Thank you!



5th Graders Identify Kindest Kansas Citizens!

Good luck to all the students in Ms. Gray's class! They each wrote an entry for the Kindest Kansas Citizen contest sponsored by Synergy Services. They nominated parents, teachers, area artists and even Broken Arrow for the award of Kindest KC School! This group has MANY strong writers and we are proud of them for completing entries. Wish us luck!



What Happens to Shredded Money?

Ms. Gray's Students Know!

Ms. Gray's 5th grade class went to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in January. The trip to culminate their Junior Achievement Lessons was super



interesting! Some of their favorite facts they learned are:

- Shredded money is donated to farmers for compost and is used in their fields. (Creating cash crops, I'd say!)
- Eagle coins exist and the coin collection there includes almost every different coin ever made in America.
- Every president gets engraved on a coin. They have to wait until the person dies before the coin can be minted.
- There are codes on dollar bills that tell where they were made. "J" on the front means it was made in Kansas City.

Junior Achievement is one of the nation's largest organizations dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices. This program teaches work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literature and runs on volunteers.

Thank you to Kevin Johnson, a parent in Ms. Gray's class, for coming to teach lessons to our class and get us excited about real world business and our



financial futures. We so appreciate Mr. Johnson giving his time to come work with us and teach us the vocabulary involved in career and financial readiness. The class really enjoyed their time with him over a two week period!



Thanks Mr. Johnson!

5th Grade News



5th Grade Adopt-A-Pilot Program Lands at Broken Arrow!

5th Grade has started their annual learning project Adopt-A-Pilot. Captain Dave Prather, a pilot for Southwest Airlines, has been coming to Broken Arrow to teach 5th graders since his children were in school here. (He didn't want it reported, but let's just say those kiddos are very much adults now!). He will be seeing 5th graders for 3 one hour sessions to teach them about

- US and World Geography
- Careers
- Aviation Science
- Math

After those lessons, he will work three more sessions with a smaller group of 5th graders to learn more in-depth concepts related to Science and Aviation. We so appreciate Mr. Prather's commitment to learning and to Broken Arrow!

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE NOW!

- 60 pages, full color!
- Every student is pictured in the yearbook!
- \$15 cash or check due by March 1st-
watch for the order form coming home today!
- Or order online at <https://inter-state.com/yearbook>
use code 33568Q
- Books will be distributed in May-
just in time for the Yearbook Signing Party!

Music Happenings!



5th grade: It's time to dust off your recorder from last year and start bringing it to music! Since the trip to the KC Symphony in the fall was cancelled, 5th grade students will be participating in the recorder Link Up concert later this spring. This year's concert is titled, "The Orchestra Moves." It is a different program than the one 4th graders attended last year. If you do not have your recorder from last year and would like to order one, I will be sending order forms home soon. The cost of these recorders will be around \$3.00 each. You are not required to purchase a recorder. I have recorders that students can play here at school.

4th grade: Last semester we worked hard on reading the lines and spaces on the treble clef staff. This semester we will put that knowledge to use learning to play the recorder. The recorder is an excellent way to develop music reading skills and to get students ready for band and strings in 5th grade. I will be taking orders soon. The cost will be around \$3.00. Students are not required to purchase a recorder. I have some they can play here at school, however, they will not be allowed to take these home.

Lorinda James • Music Teacher

Time for Profile Updates

Please be watching for bright orange sheets coming home with your student during the **week of February 18.**

It's time to update your students' profiles in Skyward. There are 2 important reasons to keep your phone number, address and email address up-to-date:

1. To be able to contact you if your student becomes ill or in the case of an emergency.
2. To ensure you receive the emails and texts we use to communicate school activities, classroom activities and grades.

We are asking that the orange sheet and the profile sheet be **returned by Monday, March 4.**

Thank you for your assistance!
Cindy • Secretary



Nurse's Notes



How Do You Treat and Prevent Head Lice?

Start now by checking your child's head and continue to monitor weekly throughout the year.

What are head lice? Head lice are parasitic insects found on the heads of people. The presence of head lice does not imply a lack of hygiene or sanitation and does not pose a threat to public health but can be a time-consuming nuisance.

What to look for? Watch for complaints of an itchy scalp and scratching of the head. Children may complain of a tickly feeling or something moving in the hair. You may see sores on the head from scratching.

Lice are about the size of a sesame seed and may be tan, brown, or gray. You may see live lice crawling on the hair and scalp but sometimes they are difficult to see. Nits are the lice eggs and can be seen attached to the hair shaft, close to the scalp. Nits are teardrop in shape; vary in color from yellowish brown to white, and about the size of the period at the end of this sentence. Daylight or strong illumination and a magnifying glass will help with identification. Check by lifting up thin layers of hair with a comb. Start behind the ears and the nape of the neck and continue to examine the entire scalp. Unlike dandruff, the nit is firmly attached to the hair shaft by a glue-like substance and cannot be flicked off. Nits are difficult to remove—they must be pulled off the hair shaft by hand or removed with a fine tooth lice comb; they cannot be washed or brushed off the hair.

How are head lice spread? Anyone who comes in close contact (especially head-to-head contact) with someone who already has head lice is at greatest risk. Occasionally, head lice may be acquired from contact with clothing or other personal items that belong to a person infested with head lice.

Teach your child to avoid sharing personal items such as hats, scarves, coats, combs, brushes, hair ribbons, head bands, towels, pillows and bedding. Head to head contact is common during play at home, sports activities, on the playground and overnight parties. Weekly monitoring at home and early detection and treatment will help to control this nuisance.

Treatment If your child has head lice, notify any close personal contacts. Consult with your health care provider if you have questions about diagnosis and/or treatment.

Nurse's Notes (continued)



Do I Have the Flu?

Flu Symptoms, Treatments and Prevention

SMSD saw an uptick in flu cases last week and so the Johnson County Health Department has shared some important information with us regarding the flu:

- Signs and symptoms to look for – fever, body aches, and upper respiratory symptoms of congestion/cough.
- If your student shows signs of any of these symptoms, the school nurse would be glad to do an assessment.
- Anyone with flu symptoms should **stay home for 7 days from the onset of symptoms** – including staff members.
- Encourage students to wash their hands with soap and water more frequently than they normally would and especially before eating.
- Remind students to not touch their eyes, nose, or mouth throughout the day as that is how the flu virus enters the body.

Thank you for working to keep our students and staff healthy!

Jamie Knight
Nurse • Broken Arrow Elementary



BIRTHDAY BILLBOARD IS GOING
ON YEAR ROUND! IT IS NEVER TOO
LATE TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILD!
PLEASE CONTACT
SARAHALBERICO18@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFO!

It's all about **PRE-K**

Pre-K Enrollment Begins Tuesday, February 19

Parents may pick up enrollment packets beginning **Wednesday, February 6 from their home school.**

Actual enrollment begins on Tuesday, February 19. It is a first come, first served basis so it will be very important to have all of the forms completely filled out and to bring the following documents to the enrollment:

- Child's birth certificate
- Immunizations
- Proof of resident (copy of your lease or mortgage statement)
- 2 current major utilities
- Parent/guardian driver's license
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If you have any questions, please call the School Office at 913.993.2300.



Tyke Time for Incoming Kindergartners!

Tyke Time for Kindergartners is an event at Broken Arrow Elementary, sponsored by our PTA, which provides a wonderful opportunity to network with other parents as your child makes new friends. There will be some fun activities and snacks for the kids and information about Kindergarten for the parents. Mr. Horne, our Principal, and our Kindergarten teachers will also make a visit during that time.

Tuesday, March 5 • 9:00 a.m. • MPR

Wednesday, March 27 • 1:30 p.m. • MPR

We hope you can attend one of the sessions!

Get Ready for Kindergarten Round-Up!

When: Monday, April 15
Time: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Round Up



What to expect: Incoming Kindergartners will have some fun activities planned while the parents/guardians will meet in the MPR for a brief welcome from Mr. Horne, our Principal, and an introduction from our PTA President.

There will be teachers and staff available to assist with completing the enrollment packet (if you have not yet completed one), as well as assist in making copies of birth certificates, immunizations, proof of residency, etc.

Enrollment packets will be available for pick-up from the School Office by March 1. They are also available on the SMSD website: <https://www.smsd.org/families/enrollment>.

It is really important to get your Kindergartner enrolled early. An early headcount provides us with the necessary resources to ensure we have teachers ready to go for the Kindergartners' start in August.

Please keep watching your emails for updated information on Kindergarten Round-Up.

Thank you for your assistance!
Cindy

Recess Guidelines

Per District policy, there will be no outdoor recess when:

- The temperature is 15 degrees or below.
- The wind chill index is 0 degrees or below.
- There is falling moisture.



The only other time your child would not go outside for recess would be with a doctor's note.

Broken Arrow PTA

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From the PTA President

Hello Trailblazers!

We have had a very busy start to the second semester! The PTA has been hard at work planning various events. Make sure to write down upcoming dates from the school calendar! Also, we still have openings for volunteers if you would like to help out at any events. Please contact me or visit our sign up genius at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080848afaa29a3f58-broken1>

If you have any questions on what it means to be a volunteer, please do not hesitate to ask! Our next PTA meeting is on March 7th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We will be taking nominations for next year's executive board openings, as well as volunteers for next year's committees. We will also have an administrator from Trailridge Middle School to answer any questions for our 6th grade parents! So if you have any questions, concerns, or are worried about the transition to middle schools, please plan on attending this meeting.

Thank you for all of your help and support throughout the year!

Sarah Alberico
PTA President

Check out our New PTA Online Store!

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

We are now on:



HELPFUL LINKS:

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