



## Principal's Message

As fourth quarter begins, I am reminded of my running days as a high school miler. It was always my goal to get to the "bell lap" which is the fourth and final lap of the mile race. If I ran smart, I had just enough energy to finish strong and feel good about the race I ran. Many indicators would suggest that we have had a successful first three quarters at Broken Arrow, but it is how we finish that matters most. I am encouraging our students to complete the race by giving it all they have so we can go into summer feeling great about what we have accomplished.



I am pleased to report that the 3-6 grade students are working hard to "show what they know" on the state assessments. These tests are an important measure when it comes to comparing how well our students are prepared for life compared to students in other schools across the state. I tell the students that if they do their very best and persevere to the end, I will be proud of them and they should be proud of themselves. Also, when students do their very best, it is a true indicator of how well we have taught them, and we can make accurate adjustments to our instruction, as well as having meaningful and specific celebrations.

Soon, our final assessment of the year will begin, which is the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) tests. These assessments will be given to all students in grades K-6 at Broken Arrow. I look forward to seeing how much our students have learned this year and how much each student has improved in their understanding of the standards.

Please join me in encouraging all students to finish the school year strong and running the very best race they can run. We have had a great year so far and if we finish strong, it can be a memorable year of success that is worthy of great celebration. Thanks for partnering with us as we help students find success and celebrate growth and perseverance.

Mike Brewer, Principal  
Broken Arrow Elementary School

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913-993-2388 (Attendance Line)  
**Principal — Mr. Michael Brewer**

#### **REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS**

Breakfast 7:40am-8:00am  
School Hours 8:10am-3:10pm



# Broken Arrow Calendar

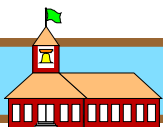


<b>Mon • Apr 2</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Mon • Apr 2	6:30-8:00 pm	Fierce Love: Anxiety and Depression Group for Moms
Mon • Apr 9	6:30-8:00 pm	Fierce Love: Anxiety and Depression Group for Moms
<b>Tues • Apr 10</b>	<b>5:00-7:00 pm</b>	<b>Fine Arts Festival &amp; Open House</b>
Wed • Apr 11	5:30-7:00 pm	Parenting with Love & Logic
<b>Mon • Apr 16</b>	<b>6:30-8:00 pm</b>	<b>Kindergarten Round-Up</b>
Mon • Apr 16	6:30-8:00 pm	Fierce Love: Anxiety and Depression Group for Moms
Tues • Apr 17	6:00-8:00 pm	PTA Skate City Event
Wed • Apr 18	4:00 pm	Mathletics – Final at CAA
Fri • Apr 20	3:30 pm	PTA Walk or Run for Fun (WORFF) Fundraiser & All School Caring for Kids Cookout
Mon • Apr 23	6:30-8:00 pm	Fierce Love: Anxiety and Depression Group for Moms
Tues • Apr 24	7:00 pm	SMNW Area Year-End Band/Strings Concert
Wed • Apr 25	3:30-5:00 pm	Seniors' Reunion at Broken Arrow - Library
Fri • Apr 27	8:45 am	5 <sup>th</sup> Graders Field Trip to KCI
Mon • Apr 30	6:30-8:00 pm	Fierce Love: Anxiety and Depression Group for Moms



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Mon • May 1	5:30 pm	Site Council & Caring for Kids Meeting
<b>Thur • May 3</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>EARLY DISMISSAL / Professional Learning Day</b>
Thur • May 3	6:30	PTA Meeting
<b>Fri • May 4</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Tues • May 8		PTA Teacher Appreciation Lunch
Wed • May 9	1:30-2:30 pm	Choir/Band/Strings End-of-Year Concert
Thur • May 10	8:30 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Olympics at Trailridge Middle School
Fri • May 11	All Day	Field Day at Broken Arrow
Fri • May 11	5:30-7:30 pm	Cupcakes with Moms
Wed • May 16	9:00-11:30 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to KC Symphony
Thur • May 17	7:00 pm	SMNW Graduation
Fri • May 18		Rain Out Day for Field Day if necessary
Wed • May 23	9:00-10:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Stores will be open
Thur • May 24	8:30 am	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation & Picnic
Thur • May 24		Last Day for Pre-Kindergartners
Fri • May 25	8:30 am	PBIS Assembly
<b>Fri • May 25</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>EARLY RELEASE / LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>
Mon • May 28		MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED
Tues • May 29		TEACHERS' LAST DAY
Wed • May 30		LAST DAY OFFICE IS OPEN
Thur • May 31		SUMMER BREAK BEGINS / OFFICE CLOSED



### Allergy Update

As the pollen counts continue to rise, many students are struggling with allergy issues. Nurses do not have allergy or decongestant meds in their offices to give to students. To help your student's comfort at school please consider the following:



- Administer a 24 hour allergy medication. There are several you can purchase without a prescription.
- Decongestants for a stuffy head/nose.
- Nasal rinses may also help with allergies and to clear sinuses.
- Keeping windows shut.
- Taking a shower before bedtime to remove pollen from hair and skin.



### Immunizations for Middle School

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent/Guardian,  
The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has updated immunization requirements for the 2018-2019 school year. The following are requirements for entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade:

- **Tdap:** A single dose of Tdap is required for grades 7-12 if no previous history of Tdap vaccination regardless of interval since the last Td. Please ensure that your student has had a Tdap vaccination prior to the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Please consider having your child receive the **HPV vaccine**, a cancer vaccine. It is NOT required but recommended for preteen children of 11-12 years of age. Please consult your child's doctor for questions

Please provide copies of all immunizations or a note from your doctor that your student has had these immunizations before the beginning of school August, 2018. Contact your school nurse if you have questions or need additional information.

Note: For information about Johnson County Department of Health and Environment immunization clinics or services visit their website, <http://health.jocogov.org>.

*Jamie Knight, School Nurse*

### **ATTENTION: VISITORS**

**ALL VISITORS & 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, and contact the teacher to schedule a visit. Thank you!



### **Attendance Line**

**913-993-2388**

To report an absence or illness, please notify the office. This ensures the safety and correct attendance record for your student. Please state your child's name, teacher's name, date of absence, and reason for the absence.



### Flip or **FLOP**?

Warmer weather means time for sandals and flip-flops. Although stylish and fun to wear, flip-flops are not a safe footwear choice for school. Flip-flops are difficult to run in at recess and are the cause of many skinned knees. Open toed sandals of any kind can be the cause of skinned toes and toe injuries. Flip-flops also have a tendency to break and the school staff is not equipped to repair shoes. A parent will be contacted to bring in new shoes if a flip-flop breaks during the school day. Please consider the comfort and safety of your student when picking footwear for the school day.



### FOOD SERVICE... Did you know...?

#### **Did you know there are Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School called 'Smart Snacks in Schools'?**

The guidelines went into effect July 1, 2014. The law has specific nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold to students outside the school meal programs; on the school campus; and at any time during the school day. This includes foods and beverages sold a la carte in the cafeteria, in school stores, at snack bars, through fundraising, from vending machines or any other venues that sell food to students – including coffee shops and bake sales. The school day is defined from the midnight before, to 30 minutes after the end of the instructional school day. For more information, please visit the Smart Snacks section of the SMSD Food Service webpage.



The *Alliance for a Healthier Generation* Smart Snacks Product Calculator can be used for food and beverage items to determine if they meet the nutrition standards. Print off the results page summary along with a copy of the product's label for documentation. This documentation should be submitted to the school's nurse to request approval for a fundraising event.

Don't forget – if your child receives free or reduced meals, they are eligible for one breakfast and one lunch per day as part of this benefit. All breakfast and lunch meal choices are available for all students regardless of eligibility status.

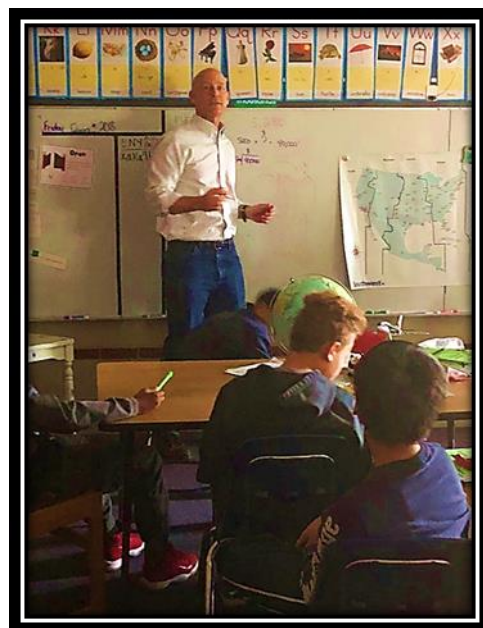
**The school breakfast menus, lunch menus, and other nutrition information are available on the district's website at <http://foodservices.smsd.org>.**





### What Can an Airplane Pilot Teach our Kids? Just ask our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Fifth grade students have had an amazing opportunity this year to work with a pilot from Southwest Airlines. Captain Dave Prader had children at our school a few years back and has blessed Broken Arrow with the Southwest Adopt-A-Pilot program for years. The program is designed to educate students through aviation-themed activities related to Science, Geography, Math, Writing, and other core subjects. Students specifically learn about career options and planning, US geography, the science of flight, leadership, time zones, and various uses for math and science in real world careers. The lessons culminate with a field trip to MCI Airport where students get to go behind the scenes to see what the workers do and the processes that make passenger flight possible. It's a rare look into what happens behind the check-in counter and down on the tarmac. 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers so appreciate Captain Prader for taking the time to work with our students and for inspiring them to consider all of the life pathways and careers available to them.



Gayle Gray – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



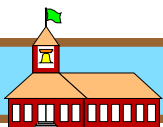
### Fifth Grade Fundraiser!

For the Fifth Grade Fundraiser, we are running three events at the Spring Fine Arts Festival.

**50-50 Raffle** - Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Last year's winner earned \$615! Tickets will go home in student's backpack mail the week of April 3rd and you can still purchase through the night of the Fine Arts Festival. We will draw the winner that night. Do not need to be present to win.

**Pizza Sales** - We will be selling pizza @ \$2 per slice, or \$5 for for a slice, drink and bag of chips.

**Silent Auction** - We have a bunch of great gift cards from Johnny's Tavern, Hereford House, Paulo & Bill, Jose Pepper's, Papa Murphy's and more. Plus, you can bid on lunch or breakfast with your favorite teacher. Bidding will close at the end of the night. Do not need to be present to win.



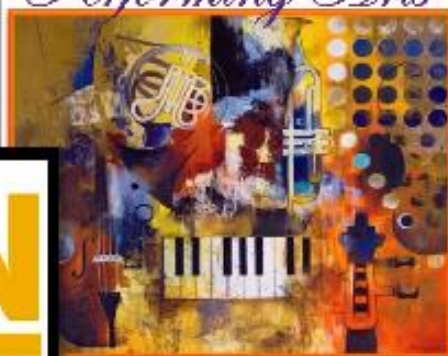
# Fine Arts Festival & Open House

Join us in celebrating all the many talents  
of the Broken Arrow Trailblazers

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



*Performing Arts*





**Presenting . . .**

# **Broken Arrow Kindergarten Round-Up**

**Monday, April 16 • 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

- ★ 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 3, or Friday May 4
- ★ Visit with JCPRD staff for information about Before and After School Care
- ★ Children must turn 5 years of age on or before August 31, 2018 to be eligible for Kdg
- ★ Full day program and no fees!
- ★ You may pick up an enrollment packet now; bring it back with you at Round-Up or any time before end of school (Office is open from 7:30 am – 4:00 p.m.)
- ★ Questions? Give us a call at 913.993.2300





### Art News and Happenings!

Our artists have been working hard preparing for the Fine Arts Open House. This is a time where all students, grades Kindergarten through six, will have artwork on exhibit. Drawings and paintings will be hanging in the hallways. Sixth grade students will have all of their self-portraits through the years on temporary display panels. These 2D pieces will remain on display for a while longer.

In the library, we will exhibit our ceramics (clay) pieces for only the evening of the Fine Arts Open House. Students will be able to take home their ceramic piece that evening, because they are fragile, and this is the best way to get them home.

The Fine Arts Open House will be on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Also, be sure to check out the dress that my students are designing for me to wear to this special event! It's looking fabulous!



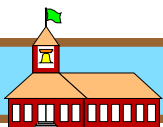
The Student Artists of the Month for April are Isabelle Koenig displaying her radial name and digital artwork, and Isaiah Page's Spring Flower paintings.

Our fifth and sixth grade students have been working on inspirational posters that speak to their hearts. Many of these will be on display as well. They researched for their own quotes, with the goal in mind to inspire someone like them. Kindness always matters!

Mrs. Porras

 @PeaceLoveAndArt





# MUSIC News



**\*Fine Arts Festival:** Our annual Fine Arts Festival will be on April 10 from 5:00–7:00 p.m. In addition to all of the beautiful student art work Mrs. Porras will have on display, student instrumentalists will perform in a recital at 5:30 p.m. If you can, take a break from viewing artwork and stop in to listen to these talented students! Performers should report to the gym by 5:20 for the performance. Then, to wrap up the evening, the third graders will perform a short music program at 6:30. It is

sure to be a fun way to end a great fine arts display. All students have been working very hard to prepare for this night. Please come and support their efforts.

**\*Band, Choir, and Strings Concert:** The Trailblazers will have its spring concert along with the Band and Strings groups on May 9 at 1:30. I hope you are able to attend.

**\*Second Grade Musical:** 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will present the musical, "Pajama Party!" on May 10 at 2:30 in the MPR. For costumes, students will wear their pajamas. I hope you all are able to make arrangements to be there for this fun performance!

**\*4<sup>th</sup> grade Link Up Concert:** Fourth Grade students will be playing their recorders with the Kansas City Symphony on May 16 at the Kauffman Center. If you have not returned the permission slip and \$5 to attend this trip, please do so as soon as possible. The Kauffman Open Doors program is providing bus transportation for our school. The \$5 cost covers a recorder, book, and student ticket to the performance. Thank you for your support in this great program!

Lorinda James – Music Teacher

## Anxiety and Depression Group for Moms

**TIME:** 6:30-8:00pm  
**DATES:** Mondays, April 2 to May 7  
**PLACE:** Community Life Church 6424 Vista Dr Shawnee, KS 66218

This FREE 6 week guided support group is for any Broken Arrow mom who has experienced anything from baby blues to postpartum depression, anxiety, scary thoughts, bipolar or panic disorder, and everything in between. And haven't we all!

We will cover topics such as identity, grief, and skills for wellness, as well as provide practical tools, resources, and soul care. This group is FREE for Broken Arrow moms. Just enter the code BROKENARROW when you register at [www.ChristCommunityKC.org/Brokenarrow](http://www.ChristCommunityKC.org/Brokenarrow)



- Childcare and Dinner (for mom and kids) will be provided.
- To learn more or to sign up visit [ChristCommunityKC.org/Brokenarrow](http://ChristCommunityKC.org/Brokenarrow)
- Remember to use code "BROKENARROW"



BROKEN ARROW ELEMENTARY

# WALK-A-THON



**Friday, April 20, 2018      3:15-4:45 PM**

**at the Broken Arrow Soccer Field**

Stay for the FREE All-School Cookout from 5:00-7:00 PM  
hosted by Crossroads Christian Church

Help Broken Arrow PTA raise money  
for field trips, buses, and educational programs

***Get moving to raise funds for your school!***

***Drawings during the event for fun prizes!***

***Raise \$25 or more to receive even more prizes!***

***GRAND PRIZES for the students who raise the most money!***

Fill out registration/permission form

Collect as many pledges as you can

Turn in the form along with the registration fee (\$5.00)

and any pledges by **Wednesday, April 18.**

Would your business like to be a sponsor of our Walk-a-Thon?

Questions? Contact Scott or Monica Reed

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