



Principal's Message

As we begin Fourth Quarter, I am encouraged by all we have been able to accomplish so far this year. I am even more encouraged and excited about what the future holds for Broken Arrow in the years ahead. We have been using the final quarter to begin significant school improvement planning. Our leadership team is being trained on a new research-based planning tool, which will direct our efforts to be strategic and efficient in our efforts to help all students find success.

In addition to planning for the future, we are also working to ensure we have a strong finish to the year. In addition to many fun and engaging activities that are planned, we have several important assessments that Broken Arrow students will be taking. Students in grades third through sixth will be taking the Kansas State Assessments and all students will be taking the Measures of Academic Proficiency (MAP).

These important assessments help us know how much each student has grown academically throughout the year and will help us in our planning efforts for next year. We appreciate anything you can do to motivate your child to do his or her very best to "show what they know." Two specific things you can do to support Broken Arrow is to make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast during the assessment weeks.

Thank you again for helping Broken Arrow finish the year strong. We are on a mission to make Broken Arrow an "uncommon school" where student achievement is exceptional and where all students succeed. It takes a true team effort to make this happen for kids. Have a wonderful Fourth Quarter! As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mike Brewer, Principal
Broken Arrow Elementary School



Shawnee Mission School District Broken Arrow Elementary School

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Shawnee, Kansas 66216
<http://brokenarrow.smsd.org>
913-993-2300 (Office)
913-993-2388 (Attendance Line)
Principal — Mr. Michael Brewer

REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS

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

REMINDER

Friday, Apr. 14th
NO SCHOOL
Professional Development Day

Thursday, May 4th
EARLY DISMISSAL
Professional Learning
(NO SCHOOL FOR PRE-K ONLY)

Friday, May 5th
NO SCHOOL
Professional Learning

Friday, May 19th
EARLY DISMISSAL
Last Day of School

Broken Arrow Calendar

APRIL 2017			
Mon-Fri	Apr 3-7	Paraprofessional Appreciation Week	
Monday	Apr 3-14	State Testing – Grades 3 - 6	8:30 am
Tuesday	Apr 4	Fine Arts Festival / Open House Recital Program – 5:30 pm 1 st Grade Music Program – 6:30 pm	5:00 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday	Apr 5	Parenting with Love & Logic – Mr. Psota	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Thursday	Apr 6	Chess Club	3:10 – 4:00 pm
Friday	Apr 7	1AM & 5GR Classes to KC Zoo	9:00 – 2:00 pm
Thursday	Apr 13	Chess Club	3:10 – 4:00 pm
Friday	Apr 14	NO SCHOOL / Professional Development Day – Building Focus	All Day
Friday	Apr 14	Pre-Kindergarten Screening	All Day
Monday	Apr 17	Kindergarten Round-Up	6:30 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday	Apr 19	Broken Arrow Senior Reunion	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Wednesday	Apr 19	PTA Skating Party	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Thursday	Apr 20	Chess Club	3:10 – 4:00 pm
Thursday	Apr 20	2 nd Grade Music Program	2:30 pm
Friday	Apr 21	PTA Walk-a-Thon (WORFF)	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Tuesday	Apr 25	5 th & 6 th Combined SMNW Area Band Concert	7:00 pm
Thursday	Apr 27	Chess Club	3:10 – 4:00 pm
Thursday	Apr 27	Strings Rehearsal at SMNW	9:15 – 10:30 am
Thursday	Apr 27	NW Area Orchestra Festival	7:00 pm
Friday	Apr 28	LitFest Field Trip - 4 th & 5 th Grade Reading Students	9:00 – 2:00 pm
Friday	Apr 28	All School Cookout (sponsored by Caring for Kids & Crossroads Christian Church)	5:00 – 7:00 pm
MAY 2017			
Mon-Fri	May 1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week	
Monday	May 1	Band & Strings Concert	2:00 – 2:30 pm
Wednesday	May 3	6 th Grade Olympics at Trailridge	9:00 – 2:15 pm
Thursday	May 4	EARLY DISMISSAL / Professional Learning (No School for Pre-K only)	12:30 pm
Thursday	May 4	No Chess Club	---
Thursday	May 4	Kindergarten Screening	TBD
Thursday	May 4	PTA Meeting – Library	6:30 – 7:30 pm
Friday	May 5	NO SCHOOL /Professional Learning	
Friday	May 5	Kindergarten Screening	
Thursday	May 11	Student Council Meeting	3:10 – 4:00 pm
Thursday	May 11	Chess Club	3:10 – 4:00 pm
Friday	May 12	PTA Muffins & Cupcakes with Moms	TBD
Monday	May 15	All School Field Day	TBD
Tuesday	May 16	4 th Grade Field Trip to KC Symphony	10:30 – 1:00 pm
Friday	May 19	EARLY DISMISSAL – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	12:30 pm
Monday	May 29	OFFICE CLOSED – Memorial Day	
Friday	June 2	OFFICE CLOSED FOR SUMMER	



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 6th Grade Parent/Guardian,
The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has updated immunization requirements for the 2017-2018 school year. The following are requirements for entering 7th 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 7th 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, 2017. 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>.

Julie Johnston, 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**?

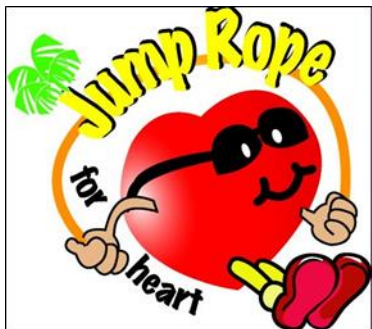
Warmer weather means time for sandals and flip-flops. Although stylish and fun to wear, flip-flops are not a safe footwear choice for school. Flip-flops are difficult to run in at recess and are the cause of many skinned knees.

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.





Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser a **GREAT SUCCESS!**



Thanks to everyone who helped to raise money for the American Heart Association during our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. We collected \$625 this year.

REMINDER: Tennis Shoes — please help your child to remember to wear tennis shoes on days they have PE class. Sandals, flip flops, crocs, and shoes with heels are not safe to wear during our activities. Thanks for your help!

Mr. Payne, PE Teacher

It's all
about
PRE-K

Pre-Kindergarten Screening will be Friday, April 14, 2017.

- All enrollment forms must be completed prior to the screening.
- Visit the SMSD.org website for detailed information including qualifications and enrollment forms.

Please call the School Office if you have any questions at 913.993.2300.



IMPORTANT CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR:

Since the school district did not have any snow days and barring any unforeseen circumstances, the last day of school will be **Friday, May 19**, for Kindergarten through 6th Grades.

This will be an Early Release Day with classes dismissing at 12:30 p.m. Students will have an early lunch schedule this day.

Pre-Kindergarten students' last day will be **Thursday, May 18**.

Please call the office if you have any questions.

Broken Arrow Senior Reunion Class of 2017



Every year Broken Arrow invites former 6th grade students, families and staff to return for the Senior Reunion. As part of the tradition, students are reunited with their time capsule treasures, enjoy refreshments, find their ceramic tile, tour the building and share their stories. Save the date and pass this along to any Broken Arrow seniors you may know.

**Wednesday, April 19th
3:30pm – 5:00pm
Broken Arrow Library**

Questions - Jennifer Coffelt
[913.522.3442](tel:913.522.3442) // jennifer@coffeltfamily.net



Kindergarten Round Up



**For the Parents and Soon-to-Be
Kindergartners**

Monday, April 17, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Cafeteria/Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)

Any child who resides in the district and who will reach the [age of 5 on or before August 31](#) of the 2017/2018 school year is eligible to attend kindergarten in the Fall of 2017.

- Meet the Principal, Mike Brewer
- Meet the Kindergarten teachers and hear what your students will learn in Kindergarten
- Hear from the Nurse on the school's health policies and necessary health forms
- Bring your questions!
- Schedule a screening appointment for their Kindergarten student
- Pick up an enrollment packet
- Plan on bringing your soon-to-be Kindergartners for some fun activities!
- Get a free vision screening! (The Lions Club will also be on hand to provide this service.)

If you have any questions about Kindergarten enrollment, please do not hesitate to contact us at 913-993-2300.



Art News!



Fine Arts Festival is Around the Corner!

Our students have been diligently working on preparing artwork for the FINE ARTS FESTIVAL & OPEN HOUSE! Students selected their OWN favorite artwork from their art portfolio for this art exhibit. Students in grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 even matted their own artwork! WOW! Learning to display their quality artwork is an essential skill for art class.

When you come to see our exhibit, please ask your student why he or she chose that artwork to display. If the artwork is hanging, please leave it; we will send it home later. 3rd and 4th grade weavings on classroom desks may go home that night.

Please join us!

Tuesday • April 4, 2017, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Broken Arrow Elementary School

(Artwork will be displayed throughout the building)



In March, we spotlighted two Broken Arrow Artists. Lucian Ledbetter's Shamrock Paper Weaving and Mark Turner's Radial Yarn Weaving were in special frames and on display in the office for all of March. Be sure to take a look in the office the first week of April to see whose artwork will be on display!



Mrs. Porras @PeaceLoveAndArt



Fine Arts Festival & Open House

Tuesday,
April 4, 2017
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Recital Program – 5:30 • Art Work
Displays • Class Presentations and
Demonstrations • 1st Grade Music
Program – 6:30 •

Pizza - \$5.00/person
for 5th Grade Fundraiser



Music Happenings!



Fine Arts Festival on Tuesday, April 4: Broken Arrow's fine student musicians will present a recital at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Participants—please report to the gym at 5:20 p.m. in order to prepare for the program. Then, 1st grade students will present a short music program at 6:30 p.m. All 1st grade students should report to their places on the risers at 6:20 p.m.

2nd Grade Earth Day Program: Second grade students will present an Earth Day Program on Thursday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Kansas City Symphony Link Up Concert: Fourth grade students will play recorders with the KC Symphony on May 16.

Lorinda James, Music Teacher



Fun Fact: Depending on the prize amount and the wager, a W-2G might be required if the winnings are 300 times the wager and also over \$600. For example, if the winner spent \$20, the winnings are not reported unless the amount won is \$6000 or more (\$20 x 300). If the winner spends \$5, the winnings are not reported unless the amount won is \$1500 or more. If this is the case, a W-9 form will be required.



Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA Clothing Exchange is **MOVING!**

Effective March 27, 2017, the Clothing Exchange will now be located at:

Broadmoor Center

6701 West 83rd St | Overland Park, KS 66204

The Center will be **closed Monday, March 20th**,
normal Clothing Exchange days/hours will resume on **Monday, March 27th**.

Entrance to the Clothing Exchange is through Door #6, located in the back of the building (south).

MONDAYS	9am-11am	5pm-7pm
3/20/17	CLOSED	CLOSED
3/27/17	X	
4/3/17	X	
4/10/17		X
4/17/17	X	
4/24/17	X	
5/1/17	X	
5/8/17		X
5/15/17	X	
5/22/17	X	

Please text or send an email if you would like to volunteer, or need assistance with donations. We are happy to help!

Clothing Exchange Chair:
Sarah Baker | 913.706.9958
PTAClothingExchange@yahoo.com



The Clothing Exchange offers gently used clothing and shoes from infant to adult sizes. The Exchange is open to those within the SMSD boundaries. Donations are made possible by SMSD residents. Casual, dress, formal, sports, and holiday wear are all available, and much more. All are welcome.

ID /S REQUIRED:

Proof of residency

- ⇒ Drivers License –OR–
- ⇒ Utility bill

-AND- (ADDITIONAL ID for socks/underwear)

Notice with family member name & SMSD school name or SMSD program

- ⇒ Current Report card
- ⇒ Logging into Skyward on your phone
- ⇒ Current Student ID card
- ⇒ Current letter signed and dated from a SMSD school administrator on letterhead

Each child, enrolled in the Shawnee Mission School District can receive **5 new pairs of socks and 5 new pair of underwear**, each semester (Aug-Dec & Jan-May). (please see ID requirements for details)

DONATE:

- ◇ Please ensure all items are clean and ready to wear.
- ◇ Donations may be left outside the Clothing Exchange doors—Door #6. (in the back of the building). A bin is available for drop-off.
- ◇ Please contact the chair to make larger donations.
- ◇ All donations are tax deductible. Donation receipts are available.



Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA Centro de Intercambio de Ropa

LUNES	9am-11am	5pm-7pm
8/15/16	X	
8/22/16	X	
8/29/16	X	
9/12/16		X
9/5/16	CERRADO	CERRADO
9/19/16	X	
9/26/16	X	
10/3/16	X	
10/10/16		X
10/17/16	X	
10/24/16	X	
10/31/16	X	
11/7/16	X	
11/14/16		X
11/21/16	X	
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12/26/16-1/2/17	CERRADO	CERRADO
1/9/17		X
1/16/17	CERRADO	CERRADO
1/23/17	X	
1/20/17	X	
2/6/17	X	
2/13/17		X
2/20/17	CERRADO	CERRADO
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4/3/17	X	
4/10/17		X
4/17/17	X	
4/24/17	X	
5/1/17	X	
5/8/17		X
5/15/17	X	
5/22/17	X	



La Bolsa de vestir ofrece ropa usada y zapatos de niño a las tallas de adulto . El intercambio está abierto a aquellos dentro de los límites de SMSD . Las donaciones son posibles gracias a los residentes de SMSD . Hay bastidores temáticos , así ... casual, vestido , formal, deportes y ropa de fiesta están disponibles y mucho más . Todos son bienvenidos

Cada niño , inscrito en el Distrito Escolar de Shawnee Mission puede recibir **5 pares de calcetines nuevos y 5 pares de ropa interior nueva** por semestre (agosto - diciembre & enero-mayo). (por favor, consulte los requisitos de identificación para más detalles)

VOLUNTARIO :

Este servicio de intercambio, sólo es posible con la ayuda de voluntarios de la Asociación PTA de SMSD y donaciones monetarias . El personal está compuesto 100 % por los padres voluntarios y familias en todo SMSD . Cada una de nuestros grupos de PTA contribuyen al servicio de voluntarios y también contribuyen monetariamente al Programa de Calcetines Gratis y de ropa interior. ¿Usted conoce a un grupo que necesita horas de servicio de voluntarios ?

Los voluntarios pueden ayudar a:

- Ordenar y surtir la ropa
- Colgar Ropa
- Ayudar a los clients

Cuando usted done:

- Por favor, asegúrese de que todos los artículos estén limpios y listos para usar.
- Las donaciones se pueden dejar afuera de las puertas del Centro los lunes solamente, entre las 7am-3pm. Hay una pequeña gota de bin fuera de la puerta # 6
- Por favor, póngase en contacto con un director si necesita otro tipo de ayuda o si necesita hacer otro tipo de arreglos.
- Todas las donaciones pueden ser deducibles de sus impuestos. Tenemos formularios de deducción de impuestos
- Considere donar su ropa a nuestro centro cuando haga limpieza de primavera o cuando tenga ropa que no le quede
- Considere donarnos artículos nuevos o cualquiera donación en general como: calcetines nuevos, ropa interior nueva , sombreros , guantes, pijamas y abrigos .
- Considere hacer una recolecta de ropa ... de guantes ... de abrigos ... o de botas. Estos artículos son los que más se necesitan

Broadmoor Center

**6701 W 83rd St
Overland Park, KS 66204**

(La entrada a la intercambio de ropa es a través de puerta # 6 , ubicada en la parte posterior del edificio)

El centro sigue el [calendario escolar SMSD](#) . Si no hay clases en el distrito, entonces estaremos cerrados también. [www.smsd.org](#)

Identificación SE REQUIERE:

Prueba de residencia

- ⇒ Licencia de Conducir -O-
- ⇒ facturas de servicios públicos (**recibos de luz, agua, teléfono etc**)

-Y - (Para obtener calcetines / ropa interior se necesita identificación adicional):

Notificación con el nombre de su hijo/a y el nombre de la escuela a la cual asiste en el Distrito o el programa del distrito en la cual este inscrito

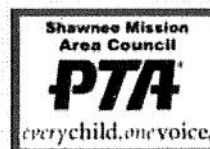
- ⇒ Una copia en el cual muestre las notas o calificaciones de su hijo/a
- ⇒ Acceso a Skyward desde su teléfono celular
- ⇒ La tarjeta de identificación de estudiante de su hijo/a
- ⇒ Una carta con el sello de SMSD, la fecha del año corriente y la firma un director o un administrador de SMSD

Por favor texto o enviar un correo electrónico si usted desea ser voluntario , o necesita ayuda con donaciones. ¡Estamos encantados de ayudarle

Los directores del Centro de Intercambio son:

Sarah Baker 913.706.9958
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[www.smac-pta.org](#)





Broken Arrow PTA Committee Reports



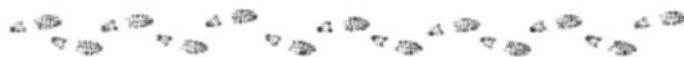
A BIG **THANKS** TO OUR WORFF
SPONSORS:

Hannah Orthodontics
Capital Masonry
Johnny's Tavern
Community Life Church

Watch for info packets to participate and also
a Sign up Genius invite to volunteer, coming
your way 4/7.



WALK OR RUN FOR FUN FUN-DRAISER



date: Friday, April 21st

time: 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM

Place: Broken Arrow Soccer field
(event will take place, rain or shine)

INSTRUCTIONS

Fill out Registration/Permission Form.
Collect as many pledges as you can
Turn in the form along with the registration fee and
any pledges by Wednesday, April 19th.

get fit and enter to win fun prizes!!!

additional prizes awarded to the students who raise the
most money!!!

CALLING ALL SUPERSTARS

Collect \$25.00 or more in pledges and be a
WORFF SUPER STAR!!!

Get your name on the wall and be invited to a hilarious special
event where Broken Arrow teachers and staff will enjoy some
friendly competition!!!

available to help? contact neilandsheerri@kc.rr.com 913-631-3315

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ONLINE!

www.brokenarrowpta.org





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NEXT MONTH'S TRAILBLAZER DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting articles for the next issue is **5:00pm on Wednesday, April 26th**. Email articles to Katie McLean-Campbell at katie.mcleancampbell@gmail.com.

