

**BRASSFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
"Preparing students for a rapidly changing world."

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# THE BRASSFIELD WEEKLY



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### OCTOBER

10/30-Field Trip-Science Museum  
Gr 2 Tr 2,4

### NOVEMBER

11/09-Field Trip-Progress Energy  
Gr 2 Tr 1,3,4  
11/09-Field Trip-Progress Energy  
Gr 1 Tr 1,4  
11/11-No School Veteran's Day  
11/13-Field Trip-WF-R High School  
Gr 5 Tr 1,4

## BACKPACK TIPS

A backpack that is too full or not used correctly can cause your student to stand in a stooped position, have back and shoulder pain, or arms that tingle.

School backpacks come in different sizes for different sized students. Choose a backpack that is the right size with well-padded shoulder straps.

- Your student should carry no more than 15% of their weight in a backpack.
- Put the heaviest items in the back of the pack closest to your student's back.
- Wear both shoulder straps.
- Fix the straps so they fit as tightly as possible.
- The bottom of the pack should rest in the curve of the back.

For more information, see [www.aota.org](http://www.aota.org).

Thank you for your cooperation during our Early Release dismissal last week! Our staff refined our School Improvement Plan and shared videos of differentiation strategies and best practices being implemented in our classrooms during our training last week. We appreciate the lunch served by our Track 2 parents!

Our next parent workshop will focus on Guided Reading for K-2 and 3-5 students. Our teachers are excited to share best reading practices with you so that you can partner with us in "growing readers" at home. Please indicate your interest by sending in the tear off below so we can prepare materials. We will cancel the sessions if we do not have a high enough interest in attending the workshops. We want to respect the time and effort of our teacher presenters.

### RED RIBBON WEEK "Paws"itively Drug Free

Thursday, October 29 "Too Cool to do Drugs!"

Tropical Thursday! Wear tropical colors or a great tropical shirt to school.

Friday, October 30 "Team Up Against Drugs"

Wear your favorite team or favorite sport apparel.

**DEP (Differentiated Educational Plan) Meeting-Thursday, November 5, 2009**  
Review of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade AG students' DEPs and AG information for middle school  
Mrs. Sharon Doehner, presenter    7:00pm in the Media Center

### Carpool Safety Reminder

Safety is a high priority at Brassfield and we need everyone to join us in our effort to maintain a safe carpool process during arrival and departure hours on school days.

1. Parents carpooling children to and from school are reminded to have children remain in their vehicles until 8:45am.
2. Staff supervision officially begins at 8:45am and we will open as many car doors as quickly as possible.
3. When using the carpool loop, please merge at the sign and stay in the single lane until you exit from the entrance.
4. Additionally, we request that only right turns be made from the carpool loop during our peak traffic hours.

Thanks everyone for your support with following these procedures to ensure carpool safety.

**Please indicate your interest in attending the following workshop(s) by Friday, 10/30/09:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in attending:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **K-2 Guided Reading-Thursday, November 5, 2009, 9:30am – 10:30am**

Mrs. Lisa Brown, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_ **3-5 Guided Reading-Thursday, November 5, 2009, 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

Ms. Erin Pipher, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

*Workshops will be cancelled if there is not enough interest/ participation.*

# PTA BEAR ESSENTIALS



Submit an article to the Editors: [brassfieldptanews@gmail.com](mailto:brassfieldptanews@gmail.com)

For more information see the Brassfield PTA Webpage: <http://brassfield.wcpss.net/pta/>

## Reflections

Unleash your Artistic talents through dance choreography, film production, photography, musical composition, literature or visual arts. This year's 2009-2010 Reflection's theme "Beauty is..." Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized. Deadline for entries: November 2, 2009. Guidelines, Rules, and student requirements checklist can be downloaded on our website at <http://Brassfield.wcpss.net/pta>. Please contact Reflections Chair Beth Black at [b\\_jeb@bellsouth.net](mailto:b_jeb@bellsouth.net) or 844-8689 with any questions.

## Attention Carolina Hurricanes Fans!

Take your family to a Hurricane game AND earn money for Brassfield! The Carolina Hurricanes are offering tickets at a **discounted price** and then offering a donation to our school based on the number of tickets sold. For every ticket purchased through the school, Brassfield will earn \$10 for lower level tickets and \$7 for upper level ticket. This offer is available for the following games: **Game 1: Jan 28 vs NY Islanders, Game 2: Feb 11 vs Buffalo Sabres, or Game 3: March 16 vs Boston Bruins.** Simply fill out and send in the order form Anyone can order tickets thru Brassfield so be sure to ask your family and friends to support the Hurricanes and Brassfield. (Additional order forms and more info are available on our Brassfield website.)

## Box Top News

And the Box Tops Winner is...for September, our congratulations to Mrs. Brown's class for collecting 338 box tops! Way to go! Overall this year, we have collected 11,648 box tops. Pretty good for only two months of collections!



## Sprit Night

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Chick Fill A Spirit Night! Our next Spirit Night will be **Tuesday November 17 @ Milton's Pizza on Six Forks.**

## Drink Pouches

Keep them coming! An Elementary School in Alabama has collected 7000 drink pouches since school started. Let try to catch that goal, we are currently at 850. Don't forget to bring them in from home. Ask family and neighbors to help you collect..

## Student Directories Are In

If you are on tracks 1, 2 and 4 and joined as a member of the PTA this year, you should have had your complimentary copy of the annual Brassfield Student Directory sent home to you in your Wednesday folder. Please contact us if you joined the PTA and didn't receive a directory. If you haven't joined the PTA and would like to, it's still not too late. Fill in the form below and return it to your teacher. And thanks for supporting our students through your donation to the PTA!

### Carolina Hurricanes Tickets-Order Today!

**(Deadline November 13<sup>th</sup>)**

Fill in the number of tickets you are ordering in the blanks below.

- ◆Game #1, January 28<sup>th</sup> vs. the NY Islanders  
 \_\_\_\_\_ upper level tickets @ \$30 each  
 \_\_\_\_\_ lower level tickets @ \$50 each
- ◆Game #2 February 11<sup>th</sup> vs. the Buffalo Sabres  
 \_\_\_\_\_ upper level tickets @ \$30 each  
 \_\_\_\_\_ lower level tickets @ \$50 each
- ◆Game #3 March 16<sup>th</sup> vs. the Boston Bruins  
 \_\_\_\_\_ upper level tickets @ \$30 each  
 \_\_\_\_\_ lower level tickets @ \$50 each

Total up the tickets you want for all games and **attach payment to this form and return it to your teacher or the PTA mailbox in the lobby.** (Checks should be made payable to Brassfield PTA.) Expect your tickets to be mailed to you by The Carolina Hurricanes. Please fill in the information below to help them place your order.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact Cindy Potter at [fpotter@nc.rr.com](mailto:fpotter@nc.rr.com)

**PTA Membership**—Purchasing an \$8 membership is money well spent! Purchase an \$8 membership for **each** adult in your household now and you won't have to think of it again! Please cut out this form, **attach** \$8 for each membership in cash or check made payable to "Brassfield PTA", and submit to your classroom today.

1<sup>st</sup> Adult's Name \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Adult's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student #1  
Teacher/Track \_\_\_\_\_

Student #2  
Teacher/Track \_\_\_\_\_

Student #3  
Teacher/Track \_\_\_\_\_

Student #4  
Teacher/Track \_\_\_\_\_