

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

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THE BRASSFIELD WEEKLY



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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
- 11/17-Spirit Night at Miltons
- 11/17-Field Trip-Science Museum
Gr 2 Tr 1,3
- 11/17-11/19 CogAT Testing Tr 1,3,4

Keep recycling those plastic bags!

November 10th is the last day to bring them in. All plastic bags can be dropped off in the lobby.

Canned Food Drive

Please bring in your canned goods and non-perishable items for donations to the Helping Hands Mission. The last day for the food drive will be November 20th and all donations can be dropped off in the lobby.

Support Ronald McDonald House! Please start bringing in your pop-tabs!

Students will begin collecting pop tabs from soda cans and canned goods at home for a wonderful charity called The Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House collects pop tabs and then takes them to local recycling centers, where they are weighed. Once they are weighed the Ronald McDonald House is then written a check and this money will be used to house, feed and care for families while their children are critically injured or being treated for diseases like cancer. Thanks to Courtney Sprissler and our Student Team Leaders for coordinating this effort! Collection boxes will be in each classroom. Thanks so much for your help!©

The 3-5 Guided Reading Parent Workshop has been cancelled for this week (and may be rescheduled at a later time depending on parent interest).

The K-2 Guided Reading Parent Workshop will be held at 9:30am on Thursday, November 5th in Room 124.

School Improvement Plan Flyer!

Enclosed in the Wednesday folder, you will find a flyer that highlights our 2009-10 Brassfield School Improvement Plan highlighting our Mission, Vision, Values and Goals. A more detailed version of our School Improvement Plan is available in our school office for your review.

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

Important Notice Regarding Kindergarten Registration

Students entering kindergarten in the 2010-2011 school year must be 5 years of age on or before August 31, 2010, in accordance with North Carolina G.S. 115C-364.

If you have children attending Brassfield now, you will need to register your kindergartner on the following dates **between 9:00AM-12:00PM to ensure your track:**

Tracks 1 and 3: Thursday, November 19, 2009

Tracks 2 and 4: Thursday, December 10, 2009

For all other students, Kindergarten Registration will begin on Thursday, February 4, 2010 between 9:00AM-3:00PM.

To register your child, please provide the following for us to copy:

- **Proof of residence** in the form of a current electric, city gas or city water bill, signed lease agreement or closing statement in the name of the parent(s) or court-appointed guardian with a closing date within 45 days (telephone, cable television bills and driver's licenses do not qualify).
- **Photo ID** of yourself
- **Child's birth certificate**
- **An updated immunization record.** Medical evidence of all immunizations must be submitted.
- **A completed Kindergarten Health Assessment.** The health assessment must be completed no more than 12 months prior to the date of entry.

Fourth Grade tracks 1 and 2 had the privilege of going to Meymandi Hall to hear the North Carolina Symphony on October 20. They heard compositions by Beethoven, Bizet, Copland and Tchaikovsky. Also, they sang a version of "John Henry" accompanied by the Symphony Orchestra. As they wrote letters to Dr. Barker about their experience they expressed themselves in the following ways: "wonderful experience, great, loved the Halloween music played by the percussion section, soft music, bold music, fun!" There are so many ways in which we are thankful for our wonderful school!
-Ms. DuRant

KITs Training

There will be KITs Training on Friday, Dec. 4 from 2:30-3:15 for any interested parents. Please email Mrs. Doehner at sdoehner@wcpss.net if you plan to attend.

PTA BEAR ESSENTIALS



Submit an article to the Editors: brassfieldptanews@gmail.com

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

2ND ANNUAL SHOE DRIVE FOR SOLES4SOULS!!

Last September, 5th grader Cassie Callahan organized a shoe drive to benefit Soles4Souls and it was an overwhelming success. She received 1,078 pairs of shoes exceeding her goal. This year, her goal is to collect 1,000 pairs! **October 26th through November 6th**, Cassie will be collecting your gently worn or new footwear during a.m. carpool or your donations may be dropped off in the front lobby. For more information, please visit the organization's website at www.giveshoes.org.

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

Wow! Thanks to our fast volunteer counters, we have the results for our top box tops class and student for October. First of all, we have a new box tops queen--congratulations to Ella Kaplan for bringing in 407 box tops! Next we would like to congratulate Ms. Coppola's class for turning in the most box tops at 433. Way to go Brassfield! So far this year we have collected a grand total of 14,349 box tops. Let's keep them coming!



Spirit 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**.

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 13th)

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

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

Your Name _____
Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____
Daytime Phone # _____

Questions, contact Cindy Potter at cpotter@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.

1st Adult's Name _____

2nd Adult's Name _____

Full Mailing Address _____

Student #1 _____

Teacher/Track _____

Student #2 _____

Teacher/Track _____

Student #3 _____

Teacher/Track _____

Student #4 _____

Teacher/Track _____