

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

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# THE BRASSFIELD WEEKLY



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### SEPTEMBER

- 9/04 Walk-a-Thon T1&4
- 9/05 Walk-a-Thon rain date T1&4
- 9/05 Report Cards T1
- 9/09 Explorers Program Mtg 7PM
- 9/11 Fall Pictures T2&3
- 9/11 Spirit Night @ Goodberry's
- 9/12 PTA Board Mtg 9:30 AM
- 9/18 Walk.a.Thon T 2,3
- 9/19 Walk.a.Thon rain date T 2,3
- 9/25 Early Release 12:30 pm
- 9/26 Report Cards T2,3,4

## Volunteer Badges

Your badges are ready! Please come in to the office to pick up your volunteer badges if you renewed your volunteer status this year.

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For your convenience, you may now check your child's lunch account online. Please visit "myLunchMoney.com".

## PEACE FROG PLEDGE

I BELIEVE THAT VIOLENCE IS EVERYONE'S PROBLEM. THEREFORE, I AM PART OF THE SOLUTION. AND I PROMISE THAT I WON'T STAND BY. I WON'T BE SILENT WHEN I SEE SOMETHING MEAN OR VIOLENT. I WILL SPREAD THE WORD THAT MEANNESS IS NOT OK AND THAT HELPING EACH OTHER IS THE WAY TO BE SAFE.

Dear Brassfield Parents:

Welcome back Track 2 students, parents and teachers! We look forward to your return on Monday, September 8, 2008. Track 1, we hope that each of you will enjoy a wonderful three-week break! We will see you again on Monday, September 29, 2008.

The Walk-A-Thon for Tracks 1 and 4 students takes place this Thursday, September 4, 2008. Again, we are excited to have all of these students come prepared to participate in this healthful living activity. Please remember to have your child dress comfortably and to wear comfortable shoes. **Lifetouch photographers** will be at our school on Thursday, September 11, 2008 to photograph our tracks 2 and 3 students. Please have your child ready for the camera experience!

Our Student Team Leader's **Soles for Souls** charity used and fairly new shoe drive is in progress! Please support this effort by dropping off your gift of shoes at our information board in front of the school or come inside the lobby to drop off your shoes. Thanks in advance for your support!

Barbara Cooper, Assistant Principal

### Attention Third Grade Parents...

Third grade parents are encouraged to attend an informational meeting regarding the Explorers Program. This is a unique component for all of our third graders. Mrs. Doehner the AG resource teacher works in partnership with the third grade teachers to provide a variety of in-class experiences designed to elicit high academic performance. Students who demonstrate potential in these activities will receive extension activities in mathematics and language arts under the guidance of Mrs. Doehner. Please plan to attend one of the meetings this fall. The meetings are scheduled for the following nights in the media center:

- September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

-Ms. Sharon Doehner, AG Specialist

### REMINDERS:

1. All parents must complete a volunteer registration form (yearly) before volunteering at school or chaperoning (level 3 or 4) a field trip. Please complete this request at your earliest convenience in the media center.

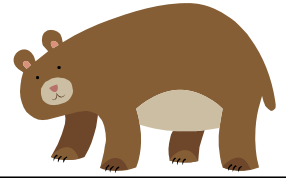
### BC Program: Summary

The BC Character @ Work through Physical Education Program works in partnership with Wake County Public Schools to develop Character Education and improve Physical Fitness in Wake County elementary school children. Using basketball as a medium, the Net-Works staff, elementary school PE teachers and community volunteers provide weekly practices for boys and girls in grades 3-5 in local elementary schools. Children are taught both character and skills (think Harlem Globetrotters) that they commit to practice daily. The skills are showcased through the year at performances for family, friends and the community.

### BC Program: Mission Statement

Instilling Character through Physical Education; creating relationships and experiences that bring transformation in thought, word and action. At Net-Works and in the BC Program, we believe that improvement happens from the inside out. Better motives, attitudes and thoughts lead to better decisions which lead to better actions ... from the inside out!

# PTA Bear Essentials



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## Brassfield Walk-a-Thon

Get those sneakers on! **The Walk-a-Thon (Tracks 1 & 4) is Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>!!** Go out and get those donations from family and friends to help reach our goal of \$25,000! The money raised from the walk-a-thon supports many enrichment programs for our students, as well as, allows us to obtain items from the "Wish list" of requested items that help our school. The walk-a-thon for Tracks 2 & 3 will be September 18th.

### **Walk A Thon Donation Deadlines:**

Tracks 1 & 4 —September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tracks 2 & 3 — September. 17<sup>th</sup>

## NC Symphony and Carolina Ballet

The PTA has discount tickets available for sale for selected performances of the NC Symphony & Carolina Ballet. The PTA will be selling discount tickets for selected performances of the NC Symphony & Carolina Ballet. To order your tickets, simply go to the Brassfield website, print and fill out the order forms and return them to school in an envelope marked PTA Cultural Arts. **Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope!** Your tickets will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Thornton by email at: [ajthornton@nc.rr.com](mailto:ajthornton@nc.rr.com)

## **Can You Help Us?**

Bearly TV- Bill Notarnicola is in need of 1-2 adult volunteers to assist him with BearlyTV from 8:45 am to 9:30 am. Volunteers would come in on a semi-regular basis and become familiar with the production process and the student volunteers. These volunteers would provide support to the students when Mr. Notarnicola is unavailable.

Yearbook- Brassfield is exploring the options for a student-designed yearbook. Ideally, two or three adult volunteers would work closely with selected upper grade students to create the yearbook, which is sold at the end of the year. The volunteers would work with a staff member to guide students in creating time lines and a division of responsibilities.

For more info or to volunteer for either of these programs please contact Michelle Miller at [dbmiller02@yahoo.com](mailto:dbmiller02@yahoo.com) or 341-1825 or Tama Berriman [tama@nc.rr.com](mailto:tama@nc.rr.com).

## CiCi's Pizza

Thank you Brassfield! Spirit Night at CiCi's was a huge success; we just received a check for \$180.01. Food, fun and friends ~ what a great way to earn money for Brassfield!

## **No Fuss Fundraising—Keeping it Simple!**

### Harris Teeter Together In Education Milk Challenge

FINAL year of the TIE Milk Challenge!! – Harris Teeter together in Education Milk Challenge. Is our school up to the Challenge? Earn extra cash for Brassfield by collecting caps from Harris Teeter Brand and Hunter Farms half gallon or gallon containers of milk. Make sure ALL of your caps are turned in this year!

### Pharmacy Program

A percentage of each prescription filled at Harris Teeter will be donated to Brassfield. Be sure to link your VIC card now and use Harris Teeter's pharmacy to benefit our students.

### Office Depot 5% Back to Schools Program

Our school will earn credits equal to 5% of your qualifying school supply purchases\* to use for FREE supplies. You can credit the school year round! **Brassfield's ID = 0062206.**

### Recycle Your Old Electronics

Lets show that Brassfield is serious about recycling. Bring your old electronics so they can be properly disposed of. Place old cell phones, mp3's, etc., in our school bins located in the lobby.

### Box Top News-

Congratulations to Ms. Piper's class who collected 567 Box Tops to be the winning class in our first collection! A very special thank you to Jaden and Bayley Olsen (and their parents!) who each sent in 400 Box Tops. Overall we collected 5,525 in August. If we add that number to the 2,500 that I earned as a speaker at Box Tops University, we are starting off the year with 8025. We have a long way to go in order to reach our goal of collecting 50,000, so please send in all Box Tops that you have. Our next deadlines are:

### **Sept. 4 for track 1**

### **Sept. 18 for tracks 2, 3 and 4**

### Here's how Ink Cartridges turns into Chick Fil A

Remember to bring your ink cartridges for Brassfield PTA \$\$\$.

Place them in a zip bag with your name and teacher's name; the class with the most cartridges collected will win Chick Fil A. Collection begins NOW and ends Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Brassfield PTA Memberships: We've had a number of you ask how to be sure if you've signed up for a membership. If you filled out a form at PTA Alley, you're set. We were able to hand out membership cards to most all of you, and only have a few more cards to send home. Look for those to come in your Wednesday folders soon. (If you're unsure if you have signed up as a member, contact Tama at [tama@nc.rr.com](mailto:tama@nc.rr.com).) For those who have not signed up, please do so. For \$7 (\$14 for a couple) you are helping so many important programs for our students, and you'll get a complimentary copy of our Student Directory as a thanks from us! Just fill out the information below and return with your payment made payable to Brassfield PTA.

Parent #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/family member #2 (for \$14 member fee): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/track: \_\_\_\_\_ Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_