

The Briarwood Buzz

By: Mrs. Norris

October Issue

From the Principal.....

Briarwood was buzzing with excitement during the month of October!!! We began the month with Week of Respect! Children took part in activities throughout the week such as dressing in school colors, enjoying a read aloud from our Guidance Counselor and School Psychologists, taking part in a school expectations assembly and ended the week in a BWD Buddy event where they “threw kindness like confetti!

FPFD Member, Al Kellogg, discussed Fire Safety, as he visited our school for Fire Prevention Week! Our youngest students (preschool and Kindergarten) enjoyed a visit from the fire truck! Our older students enjoyed a lively discussion and video with Mr. Kellogg!

The students enjoyed purchasing books at our Enchanted Forest Book Fair! Thank you to the PTA in all of your assistance. Thank you also to our families for supporting our literacy initiative and stressing the importance of reading!

Mrs. Seery did a wonderful job emphasizing healthy choices as we discussed **Red Ribbon** week. Children enjoyed the lessons presented, activities, and discussions. Halloween is Wednesday, 10/31.

Our parade will occur at 9:15 AM. We will circle the school twice starting at the kindergarten rooms and then head back into the building through the front door! Classroom teachers will schedule party times with class parents. Please ensure if you are assisting in our Food Party, your name is on the list for the Main Office (please check with your homeroom teacher). A friendly reminder, our new policy includes prepackaged food items will only be permitted during our food parties.

As November and Election Day approaches, our Briarwood student body will take part in a very important vote... our school mascot!! After our staff members provided various mascot ideas, including keeping our current mascot the roadrunner, our children will vote on the winning mascot! We will keep you posted!!

As always, should you have any questions about your child's progress, we are happy to accommodate a phone conference or meeting at any time!

Thank you again for your support and partnering with the school as we work collaboratively in educating the children of Florham Park.

Warm regards,
Mrs. Glaab

What's Happening in First Grade.....

Wow, what a busy month we have had in first grade! We have learned so much in such a short amount of time.

In readers workshop, we are growing our reading muscles and are reading between 10-15 minutes, independently!

Our classes have also started our word detective unit. We are learning to look closely as we read, just like detectives!



In writing workshop, we are finishing up our small moments unit. In this unit we have learned the writing process, strategies for spelling words, how to make the characters come to life, and many craft moves from mentor texts.



As a means to celebrate all our hard work, the first-grade classes are having our own publishing parties.

In math we have worked with the numbers 1-10. With these numbers, we are creating number bonds to help us add and subtract. In science we are learning all about Patterns of Changes in the Sky.

We have done many fun experiments in STEAM and loving our new program learning how to be engineers.

Also, in social studies we are learning about citizenship.

We have also had many extra-curricular activities. Chief Kellogg came in for a visit to teach us about always stop, drop, and roll!

We have also done many special Ribbon Week and Week of Respect.

We are so glad we were able to first grade is having so far this year!



fire safety and reminding us to

activities to recognize Red

share with you all of the fun





TO THE PTA.....
For the Johnny the K assembly

All grades had a great time!



Look what's happening Around Briarwood School

Preschool PT News

On Tuesday October 23, the preschool classes (Mrs. Sabatino, Ms. Lentine and Ms. Carroll's students) participated in a FALL FESTIVAL to celebrate the Halloween season! The purpose of this special activity was to allow the children to participate in multisensory activities that incorporated gross and fine motor skills. Ask your child about all the fun he or she had! Activities included:



PUMPKIN PATCH WAGON RIDE

Each child got to pull/ride in a wagon to the pumpkin patch. Children picked a pumpkin of their own from the "patch".

SENSORY WALK

Children took turns walking and crawling, and balancing through a spooky obstacle course.

GHOST BOWLING

Children practiced ball skills and took turns rolling a pumpkin ball at the Ghost pins.

PIN A SPIDER

Briarwood's version of pin a spider on the web.
Ask your child about the cool glasses he/she got to wear!



SPIDER SCOOTERBOARD

Children each took turns propelling a scooter forward on their bellies. At the end of their ride, children put a felt spider together. Great upper body workout too!

HOPSCOTCH/HALLOWEEN CLOTHESPINS

Children took turns at hopscotch and then got to clip a bat/ghost/pumpkin clothespin up!

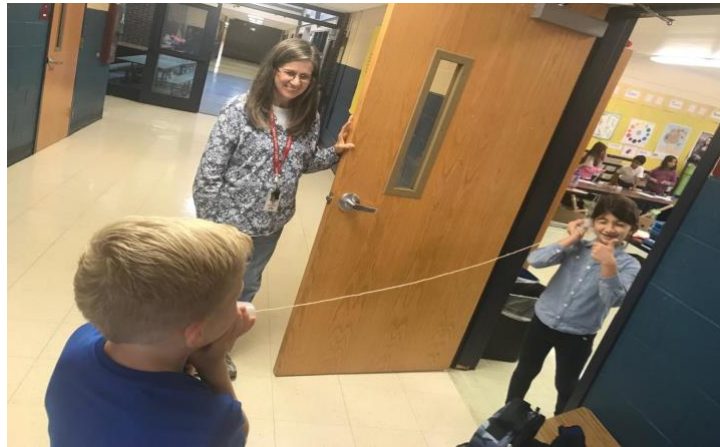
Thank you,
Ms. Gina (PT), Ms. Danielle (OT), Ms. Meghan (ST) & Mrs. Chapin



STEAM

In STEAM class students are working in groups to solve problems. They are given challenges and they discover solutions by coming up with a group plan. They eagerly create their ideas and test to see if they work or if they need to be re-designed. Great job students!! Special thanks to all the teachers for fostering a creative environment for all of the students to explore ideas.

Thank you! Mrs. Lawton



2nd grade students in mr. crosetto's class teaching classmates the retelling strategy they have been working on.



Important Dates

October 31	Halloween Parade – 9:15 AM (Front of Building/Blacktop)
November 8 – 9	NJEA Convention (School Closed)
November 12 – 16	American Education Week
November 21	Early Dismissal – 12:50 pm
November 22 – 23	Thanksgiving Recess (School Closed)
November 26 – 30	PTA Holiday Gift Shop BKL Hallway