

BWPTA News



Bryker Woods Elementary School

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Arts by Bryker Woods is this Thursday from 6-8!

The time has come for the most famous students in Austin to hit the stage! We heard a rumor there was another performance-based festival in Austin this week but it really doesn't compare to the talent we have at Bryker Woods! We have something for everyone. There will be singing, dancing, gymnastics, skits, comedy, poetry, music of all kinds and some very yummy food.

All of the performers will need to arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled performance and check in at the artist table near the main entrance by the office.

T-Shirt and Dinner Ticket Sales: T-shirts will be sold at the entrance before and after school until the day of the event. Dinner tickets will be sold before and after school until Tuesday only and are not available at the event, so **please purchase dinner tickets in advance by Tuesday.**

A brief PTA meeting will be convened at 5:30pm in the cafeteria just before dinner is served; the only agenda item is electing the members of the Nominating Committee.

We are still in need of volunteers!!

Event Volunteer Needs:

Stage Coordinators: These individuals will work 30-minute shifts with the 5th and 6th grade stage crews to keep the artists on schedule.

Artist Entry Table: Assist artists with registration (i.e.- give out badges, direct them to the appropriate stages, etc.)

Contact Melissa or Kellie at:

Melissa McNelly – melissamcnelly@yahoo.com

Kellie Goldstein – kgoldstein@metetelevision.com

Dinner Service Volunteers:

Contact Vicki or Adriana at:

Vicki Almstrum – almstrum@gmail.com

Adriana Graf – adrianajongraf@sbcglobal.net

Digital Showcase Volunteers:

We need a few parent volunteers to assist in three "digital showcase" classrooms between 6pm and 8pm at AxBW. Volunteers will be assisting students as they help parents and students view digital projects online.

Shifts can be 30 minutes or 60 minutes in duration and volunteers should email Melissa Tothoer at one2oneconsulting@gmail.com

You are invited...

to the

Spring Fling Phone Fête

Why do French people live longer, healthier lives? Perhaps it's because of the "French Paradox." Coined by Dr. Serge Renaud, (Bordeaux University in France), the theory is that the




Mediterranean people live long and healthy lives partly because of their developed sense of community.

Our Bryker Woods community is prepared to offer you the same benefits. Join us as the "Afternoon in Paris" Spring Fling team hosts a Phone Fête this Friday, March 26th from 8:30 a.m. till 10:30 a.m. During our Phone Fête, we'll join forces at the home of Stephanie Humphreys, (with cell phones in hand) and make all of our Silent Auction Donation phone requests together. There's nothing like group support to boost our collective morale! Of course croissant, chocolate and café au lait help as well.

If you can't stay for the entire time, that's fine too. Just RSVP to Stephanie at stephaniehumphreys4001@yahoo.com to let her know you'd like to attend our first-ever Phone Fête. So if you've been putting off making those phone calls, now is your chance to get all of them done in record time... Merci!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
22 Monday morning coffee Assembly	23 AxBW dinner orders due!	24 Campus Vision Plan responses due - 5pm Chess Club	25  Dinner 5:30pm (by pre-order only) Performances 6-8pm Assembly	26 Compost Friday	27 / 28
29 Monday morning coffee Assembly	30	31 Chess Club	April 1 Assembly	2 Compost Friday	3 / 4

Reminder: Campus Vision Plan responses due Wed.

The Campus Advisory Committee (CAC) has worked to prepare a CAMPUS VISION PLAN (CVP) for Bryker Woods Elementary School. This Vision Plan is an addendum to the CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) required annually by AISD. The Campus Vision Plan attempts to embody the vision, spirit and goals of the school that may not be fully captured in the Campus Improvement Plan.

A Committee Draft of this year's 2010 Campus Vision Plan has been sent electronically to each parent on the List Serve. Additionally, paper copies are posted in the hall and will be available for viewing online.

The Campus Vision Committee seeks review and comment from the entire Bryker Woods Elementary community. Once community input is gathered, the Vision Committee will rework the draft for approval by the CAC.

The Campus Vision Committee which prepared this DRAFT has five members: Sue Flores, Debbi Warren, Derek Barcinski, Tim Parker and Edward Tasch. The committee would like feedback from all interested parties:

1. Please respond in writing only (paper or email)
2. Paper response may be returned to any Vision Committee member.
3. Email responses may be sent to dbarcinski@aol.com.
4. The Vision Committee requires response by Wednesday 24 March 2010 - 5 PM

Teacher treats

Tuesday, April 6th

Teacher Treats Luncheon for Bryker Woods faculty and staff

Hosted by First Grade Families

Contact Pam Vander Werf (pamvw2005@yahoo.com; 940-0933)

RESERVE YOUR AxBW DINNER TODAY!!

The most entertaining evening at Bryker Woods is coming up!! And to make it that much easier for the BW community, the 6th Grade will be selling tickets for dinner so parents can eat with their children during the night of the performances and not have to worry about cooking. Please look for an order form in today's Monday Folder. Complete it, attach payment, and return it in the folder or turn it in to the office. **We are only taking pre-orders so please reserve your dinners by Tuesday, March 23rd.** We will also be selling tickets before and after school during the weeks before the event so look for us at the AxBW T-shirt sales tables.

Regional Spelling Bee

Students from forty-six Austin area schools participated in the Regional Spelling Bee held March 10 at Canyon Vista Middle School. Our Bryker Woods champion, Kira Azuly, made it to the third round, where she went out on the word "piccolo." Although nervous about standing on front of a cafeteria packed with people, Kira enjoyed the bee and learned lots of strange words!

Many thanks to John Ramzy and the other fabulous parent and teacher volunteers for taking the initiative to organize the Bryker Bee program.

Spring Fling Fabrique: wood, saws, and things

Greetings and Bonjour! I am the Activities Chair this year for Spring Fling. Of course you all know the theme this year: FRANCE/PARIS. How great is that for spring! We need help/ideas to build a mock Eiffel Tower. We are hoping to incorporate a plain wooden structure in the general shape of the Eiffel Tower that can then be decorated by everyone (popsicle sticks, lights, flowers, etc.) We want to have it be part of a Public Art Theme. BUT, who is handy with wood, saws, etc. There could be a small budget for this, we just need your artistic architectural talent. If you have any ideas or comments, please contact me.

Merci bien, Cassy Shaukat, 586-5744