



Brighten Bulletin

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REFRIGERATOR REMINDERS

 <h3>Pink Out Day</h3> <p>Was a HUGE Success!</p> <p>We Raised over \$300.00 for our Relay for Life Team to Benefit the American Cancer Society</p> 	<h3>Loving Hands Donations</h3> <p>Thanks to the Bogner family and to all of the students who contributed items for Loving Hands. Over 400 items were collected for the homeless in our community. Congratulations to Cameron Miller, who will receive an ice cream for donating the most items – 70 total!</p>	04/07-11	Spring Break
		04/14	PTO Meeting 5 pm Gov. Board Work Session 6 pm
<h3>Classroom Surveys</h3> <p>We want to know how we're doing! Please take a few minutes to complete the appropriate grade level survey for your student(s). Your insight is valuable in making our school a better place!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kindergarten https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6SZFYZQ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Grade https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6T62PKG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2nd Grade https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SWRNSK6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd Grade https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7MT5PYQ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4th Grade https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7HC6M3R</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5th Grade https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SN2G5GN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6th Grade https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K7YSQYL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Middle School https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T8GBCYW</p>	04/15-17	CRCT	
	04/18	CRCT Make Up Completed 7 C's Decks Due	
	04/21-22	CRCT	
	04/23-24	CRCT Make Up	
	04/25	PTO Spring Social	
	04/28	Governing Board Meeting 6 pm	
	05/05-07	BOGO Book Fair	
	05/05-09	Founders Week/Charter School Week	
	05/09	Publix Mother's Day Cake Decoration 8:30 Relay for Life	
	05/10	Volunteer Work Day 9-12 Boots and Bling Gala 6-10	
	05/12	1 st and 2 nd Grade Awards 9 am PTO Meeting 5 pm Gov. Board Work Session 6 pm 20 Volunteer Credits Due Per Family	
	05/13	3 rd and 4 th Grade Awards 9 am	
	05/14	5 th and 6 th Grade Awards 9 am	
	05/15	7 th Grade Awards 9 am 8 th Grade Graduation Rehearsal	
	05/16	K-5 Field Day 8 th Grade Dance	
05/19	Governing Board Meeting 6 pm		
05/20	Kindergarten Graduation		
05/21-23	Half Day – 11:30 Dismissal		
05/23	Last Student Day of School End of Semester		

Schedule Change Reminder

We want to remind everyone that Brighten will dismiss at 11:30 the last three days of school (May 21-23). ASP will be available all three days.

Brighten Alumni News

Congratulations to Thomas Reidenbach, who won 1st prize in the Regional Science Fair and who will now compete at the state level. He is also the top of his AutoCAD class at the CCI and has been accepted to UWG, Oglethorpe and Southern Poly.

Congratulations also to Jordan Baker, a Brighten alum and current DCHS Tiger, who is a 2014 Governor's Honors Program winner in Science!

We're so proud of the way you represent Brighten in the community!

School Hours and Carpool Reminders

Please remember that our morning car rider line ends at 8:15. There has been a lull in the line from approximately 7:50-8:05, which results in a longer line from 8:05-8:15 and increased numbers of tardies. Please try to plan on being in line by 8:00 so all of our students can be in class on time. This is particularly important when we are testing, so please make every effort to be here on time during our CRCT testing days.

Also please remember that our goal is to end our afternoon carpool line at 3:30. We have a large number of students who participate in Road Runners on Mondays, and we have a shorter line on that day, so you can probably get through the line more quickly than on other days.

Also, we want to remind you that our hours next year will change. School will begin at 8:00 instead of 8:15, and will dismiss at 3:15 instead of 3:00. We will also dismiss every Wednesday at 1:00. ASP will be available for all students who need to stay. As you look forward to next year, please remember to plan for these changes.

CRCT Testing Dates

CRCT testing is almost upon us. The students and staff have been working hard all year, and we need you to help the kids be successful. Please try to make sure they get plenty of rest prior to testing days, that they are given a good breakfast with protein, and that they are in their classrooms on time (preferably by 8:00). Thanks so much for your support!

Tuesday, April 15th – Reading
Wednesday, April 16th – Language Arts
Thursday, April 17th – Math
Friday, April 18th – Make Up Day
Monday, April 21st – Science
Tuesday, April 22nd – Social Studies
Wednesday, April 23rd – Make Up Day
Thursday, April 24th – Make Up Day

Brighten Variety Show

Our annual Variety Show was a huge success, showcasing the many talents of our students and raising \$1416.74 - \$275.62 more than last year! Thank you to PTO, our performers, 8th grade emcees, and all of the wonderful parents and children who helped to set-up, run the concessions, and clean up. Special thanks to Genobia Babalola, our event chair for the second year in a row, and Shellie Ayers.



Paving the Way to a Brighter Future

As you know, we will be opening our new campus next school year. In order to memorialize this special occasion, and raise some needed money for the "finishing touches," we are selling Brighten Bricks. Current and former students, families and friends, staff members and sponsors – all community stakeholders are invited to participate in this project by purchasing individualized brick pavers.

Bricks are available in four different sizes: 4"x8", 8"x8", 12"x12", and 20"x20". With the purchase of either a 4"x8" or 8"x8" brick, you may choose to order a second brick at a 40% discount.

A mini-, replica-brick is also available when order either the 4"x8" or 8"x8" brick. Businesses are encouraged to purchase a 20"x20" brick, onto which we can engrave the business name and/or logo.

Brighten parents can earn 10 volunteer credit hours for corporate brick sales (20"x20" size only). Please encourage a business you know to support Brighten!

For more information, please contact Roy Garren at rgarren@brightenacademy.com.

Specials Updates

Music (Tajuan White)

Kindergarten and 1st grades are learning about Ellie the Eighth Note from the Land of Music Story. Land of Music is a curriculum that aids the student in identifying music symbols. 2nd and 3rd grades are learning about accidentals (sharps, flats, and natural signs). 4th grade has begun their recorder curriculum. 5th and 6th grades are working hard on the recorder songs “My Blue Panda” and “Balboa”. Both songs focus on jazz. Advanced Band just finished LGPE and is preparing for a performance at Relay for Life. Intermediate Band is working on songs for the Spring concert. Current pieces are “Down by the Valley” and “Bingo”.

PE 2 (Christy House)

Our elementary students will start and/or continue with “Jumping for the Health of It”. They also worked on Square 1 Art in conjunction with Mrs. Sousa’s Art classes. When inside, classes will continue to move with “GoNoodle” and “Adventure to Fitness”.

Middle school will begin the first half of the semester by watching “Stomp” and then choreographing their own routines. When classes are inside due to weather they will dance to Wii on YouTube.

Art (Sara Sousa)

Art the Art Cart now visits everybody in grades 3-8. While Arty is great for carrying around small art supplies, he’s not that useful when it comes to storing student work, especially three-dimensional work, due to lack of space, so students have been working on projects that are returnable with fast turnaround time. Recently, Art classes have been focused on Square 1 Art.

Next year, when art has a permanent classroom, students will have a longer period of time to work on projects because there will be room to store things, and Mrs. Sousa has plans to work with recyclable materials to build three dimensional art.

Spanish (Shequitia Davis)

In Kindergarten-5th grade Spanish we are exploring several different themes, from body parts and expressing ailments to the Spanish alphabet and basic formal and informal introductions.

In Middle School Spanish we are closing our unit on prepositions and descriptions of location in 7th grade and food, healthy living, and dining in 8th grade.

PE (Sandi Gore)

Our PE classes are focusing on team sports and are currently playing softball and volleyball.

Critical Thinking (Toni Aybar)

Critical Thinking students (3rd-5th) have covered several units, including patterns and Fairy Tales, and have just finished a unit on mysteries. The next unit they have will be on Chess. Please encourage them to practice at home, whether on the computer or with a friend or family member!

Computer Literacy (Suzanne Helms)

Middle School Computer Literacy students meet 2-3 times per week to learn and improve media and technology skills. Topics that are covered include: the policies and procedures of the Media Center; using the Media Center to find needed information and resources; searching the OPAC; using the Dewey Decimal System and Destiny Quest; Internet safety rules and guidelines; digital citizenship; Copyright laws and citing sources; evaluating websites and smart searching; word processing; Power Point presentations; desktop publishing; and creating spreadsheets and databases.

Essential 55

Brighten Academy uses Ron Clark's Essential 55 Rules as a part of our 7 C's curriculum to help develop the whole child. Please review the rules that we have covered and help us to reinforce the skills the students are learning at school.

Our Essential 55 Rule for this week is:

Surprise others by performing random acts of kindness. You should go out of your way to do something surprisingly kind and generous for someone at least once a month.

Other Essential 55 Rules we have focused on are:

You may be asked to evaluate another student's work. When grading other students' papers, giving someone an incorrect grade, whether it is higher or lower than the student deserves, is unfair and may result in a penalty in your grade. The only marks you should make on others' papers are an "X" and the number of answers that were incorrect.

When your class reads together, you must follow along. You must be prepared when called upon and know exactly where to begin immediately reading aloud.

You should answer all written questions with a complete sentence. Also, in conversations with others, it is important to use complete sentences out of respect for the person.

Congratulations 6th Grade 4-H Students!

Brighten sent seven 6th grade students to present at Project Achievement this weekend. Several counties participated, and, as usual, our students excelled. All seven students placed, including six 1st Place awards and one 2nd Place award. Thank you, Mrs. Beck, for your support of our students, and thank you students for all of your hard work!

1st Place: Ethan Rogers, Kahlil Skelton, Emma Williamson, Laina Kite, Jordan Henderson, Trevor Britt

2nd Place: Elaine Berg



The Brighten Academy Governing Board Presents



MAY 10, 2014

6:00 to 10:00 PM

A Place to Share
1120 Hwy 78 West, Villa Rica, GA

Individual Ticket \$50

Table of 10 \$425

<http://www.brightenacademy.com/brighten-gala.html>

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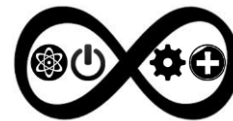
If you would like more information on silent auction donations or event sponsorship, please contact:

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Congratulations LSHS STEM Academy Students!



Congratulations to the following students who will be attending the STEM Academy program at Lithia Springs High School. We're proud of your hard work and dedication!

Isaac Beard
Benjamin Belisle
Kaelan Carnes
Kerstin Curtis
Thomas Dominey
Michael Greer
Wisdom Henry
Jack Lynch
Miles Rucker
Anthony Russo
Payton Swann