

## Brunswick Acres Parent Teacher Organization

August 2016

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Brunswick Acres School Community. As Brunswick Acres PTO board members, we would like to give you some information about our organization, invite you to become a member, and more importantly, encourage you to get involved in our school!

**We are an independent parent/teacher organization** whose membership includes all parents, legal guardians, and teachers/staff at the Brunswick Acres School. **Our Mission** is to foster relationships and promote open communication between parents and staff of the Brunswick Acres School. It is our belief that the team effort of a parent teacher organization offers the best possible learning environment for our children.

**The BAS PTO** provides

- grants / assistance to teachers to supplement classroom materials / supplies
- gives scholarships for BAS alumni entering college
- organizes fund-raisers to purchase supplemental educational and technology related materials
- sponsors assemblies that promote academic and cultural enrichment
- sponsors author visits
- fosters school and family social interaction, and provides an open forum for sharing information on issues that impact our children.

All this is made possible through your membership contributions and participation in fundraisers that take place throughout the year. We are more than just another bake sale, although we do have some wonderful bake sales during the year! Please be on the lookout for our Membership form and other fliers! By becoming a member, you help us offer programs to our students at lower entry/registration pricing. We also offer several opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate.

Want to volunteer? Look for sign up information in each event's flier

**We encourage all parents, guardians, teachers, and the entire community to get involved, volunteer and support our students through our many activities during the year. It is our children that will reap the benefits of our involvement.**

**We are also on Facebook – Join our Brunswick Acres School PTO page on FB to get updates on all our various events.**

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming PTO fall events:

**NEW PARENTS MEET and GREET: September 6th - 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.**

All new parents / guardians, come enjoy coffee and a nosh in the small gym after dropping off your little one for the first day of school. Meet other new parents and a few members of the PTO.

**BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC: September 16th - 5:30 p.m.** (Rain date September 23rd)

Pack your picnic basket, blanket or chairs and grab the family and join us at the school for an informal get together. Meet other Brunswick Acres families and some members of the staff. Bring your favorite picnic food!

**PTO MEETING: September 27th 7:00 P.M.** (Meet the Executive Board and find out what the PTO will do for your child/children this school year.)

**PTO FALL FESTIVAL: October 28th - 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.**

**PICTURE DAY: November 1st - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM** (Retake December 5th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

**USED BOOK SALE – November 7<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>, and November 9<sup>th</sup>** (Don't throw out those used books! Donate them to our used book sale. Collection Oct 17 - Oct 28.)

**Stuff & Fluff Workshop: November 16<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>** Students participate in an After School Program for a nominal fee.

On behalf of the BAS PTO, we would once again like to extend a warm welcome and best wishes for a successful school year!

Please contact any of us with questions or comments. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

The Brunswick Acres PTO Executive Board ([baschool.pto@gmail.com](mailto:baschool.pto@gmail.com))

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