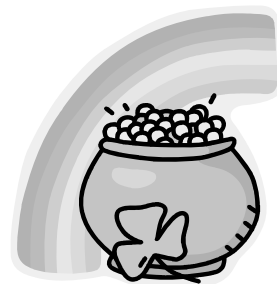


Brewster Korn

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



From the President...

I have to begin this month's column by saying 'thank you' to all of the volunteers who helped with our first ever Science Fair at Korn School. Special thanks to Oanh Stephan who quietly works behind the scenes and despises attention...but she is most worthy of it. The Science Fair was a great success! Our Parent's Night Out, unfortunately was not so. With several conflicts within our community we simply did not have the turnout we were hoping for and had to cancel the event. I would like to say thanks to Deb Huscher for helping with the event planning and gathering items for the silent auction which we will be discussing how/where to use at our next meeting.

The playground at Brewster School is finally becoming a reality. I'm not sure anyone realizes how much effort Karen Bates and Kathy DeBrum have put into this monstrous task over the years but I know for certain children will be thanking them for years to come.

The Harlem Wizards fundraiser was an enormous fun-filled family event for all ages. Thanks to all who came out in support of it and especially to our volunteers and players. What good sports!

Our Chess Clubs has begun at both Brewster and Korn Schools. The kids have commented on how fun the game is and how "you really have to use strategy in this game". Rummikub Club will be forthcoming in April at Brewster School so be on the lookout for sign-ups. We would love to have some Korn students, who are familiar with the game, help teach. It would be a great



2010 BK Bruisers played the Harlem Wizards Sunday, February 28. Fun was had by all in attendance.

self esteem builder. If your child is interested, please send an e-mail me at bkpta@rsd13.org.

The Exchange Club Pasta Dinner is this Sunday. It is a huge event for the community and what's best is that all advance ticket sales through Brewster and Korn go 100% directly to the BKPTA! It's a great afternoon to come listen to music and enjoy the company of so many in our community.

Spirit Wear will be on sale in April as well. Purchase a t-shirt or sweatshirt for your son/daughter and yourself. We're hoping to have a school spirit day before the end of the year so this would be a great time purchase one or more of the items. Lastly, I wanted to give a quick shout-out to the Board of Education members who have graciously reached out to the BKPTA membership looking for input. They have been receptive to ideas and I truly believe opening the lines of communication with parents is a positive step in the right direction.

Please visit the BKPTA website through the district website at rsd13ct.org.

Mark your calendars...
Friday, May 7th
Brewster-Korn Night at the
New Britain Rock Cats game

~Debbie Sokol

Brewster Go Far!!

The **GO FAR** Program at Brewster has temporarily been put on hold due to a very muddy and slippery path along the course. Despite this set back, the first and second graders have already run a total of **OVER 1800 miles**. That is fantastic!!!! We have had several children already complete a marathon and many are very close. We hope to get things going again sometime mid- March but volunteers are needed. We plan to run the program on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:10-1:15. If you can help once a week or once a month- please contact becky_finnerty@yahoo.com . (younger siblings are welcome) Thanks to those who have been involved thus far- parents and teachers! The kids really seem to enjoy the program and are anxious to start again.



Pictured is Anthony Pilla high-fiving Jen Schulten founder Go Far program in our school system. Thanks Jen!



CHECKMATE!!

Students begin to setup for Brewster-Korn Chess Club

Chess clubs at both Brewster and Korn will be starting on March 1st and March 5th, respectively. Interested second graders at Brewster will meet Mondays from 8-8:30am in the library. Students will then be dismissed directly into their classes. The Korn club will meet Friday afternoons immediately after school until 4:15pm. Korn students will be dismissed directly into the library. Each club will run until the commencement of April break (April 12-16th).

The goal of the Brewster-Korn Chess Club will be to teach interested students (Grades 2-4) the basic rules and strategies of chess. And also to provide an opportunity for experienced chess players to challenge friends and foe in a battle of wits.

If you have already given your child permission to participate, you will be receiving a reminder letter with specific information. If your child would like to participate and you have not sent in the permission slip, please contact Oanh Stephan at pots2@comcast.net or 349-2074.

Durham Fair

If you are interested in helping with the Durham Fair or have suggestions, contact Lisa Stopka at 860-349-1171. With the fair being 4 days this year we're going to need the extra help!

Butter Braid Sale

Back by popular demand! Delicious pastry to serve at home or for an upcoming spring event or holiday, just thaw overnight and bake in oven the next day! Delivery is Monday March 15th from 3 - 6 pm at Brewster School. Any questions please contact Lisa Onofrio @ 860-349-2160.



Go Far At Korn School

Even though it's cold out Go Far continues at Korn School. Please stop by our wall of fame to see all of our marathon finishers.

Penguin Challenge:

Those students who complete a distance of 10 miles from January 4 to March 15 will receive a penguin for their necklace.

Upcoming Events:

March 17 Shamrock Run

April 23 Raindrop Run

June District Wide Race

Please make sure that your kids are dressed appropriately on Go Far days. And please encourage your kids to Go Far.



I'd also like to give a huge thanks to all of the volunteers that brave the cold and the wind in order to make this program the success it is. I can't thank you all enough!!!

Go Far District Wide News

The Go Far District Wide Committee is planning a year end Go Far Race in June at the fairgrounds. We are very excited for this event. This will be the culmination of the Go Far year. There will be several different races for the kids to choose from. We will be having training days for those kids who are racing during the normal Go Far times. The training at Korn school will be lead by Mary Beth Gossart and at Lyman Jen Schulten will lead the training. Watch your child's backpack for more information on this great event. If you would like to be a member of this committee we are looking for help. Please contact Mary Beth Gossart @349-2047.

We'll see you at the race!

Mary Beth Gossart and Jen Schulten

Go Far District Wide Race Committee Chairs

Square 1 Art



Students are currently working hard on creating fabulous artwork for our annual Square 1 Art spring fundraiser. Parents can expect to receive a sample of their students art work with order forms just after April vacation.