

# Brewster Korn

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

# Happy Halloween

## From the Board...

Holy volunteers Batman! We had no idea how many dedicated parents our schools have. Between the kindergarten bus ride, and the information nights at both Brewster and Korn we were able to *fill* almost every committee. We have a few openings that we will post on the web site under "Help Wanted". But otherwise, we are in great shape for the year. Kudos to all of you! Our goal this year is greater communication with our membership and with the community at large. Many folks aren't aware of all of the activities that the BKPTA sponsors. It's astounding to us what this group does and we're honored to be a part of it.

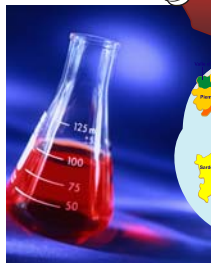
Each committee chair will be submitting input for these newsletters throughout the year so we won't take the wind out of anyone's sail, but suffice it to say we're off to a very busy start with the Durham Fair completed (look for an update coming home to you) and Go Far already underway at Korn (and soon to be introduced at Brewster).

Please make sure to check the [RSD13CT.ORG](http://RSD13CT.ORG) website and click on either Korn or Brewster to see the BKPTA area. We are limited in pages/information that can be placed here but are doing our best to make sure that the information needed is there and updated thanks to Patti Checko in the office at Brewster. You will find our committee chair list, help-wanted, agendas, minutes and a calendar of important BKPTA dates to remember.

You will also notice at both schools that a BKPTA bulletin board has been established. Each board contains contact information for officers, committee lists (if you'd like to see ways you can assist) and some dates that should be marked on your calendar *now*.

We have a host of clubs (Rummikub, Book Discus-

sion, Chess Club), projects (playground, Introduction to Italian cooking, continuation of our Spanish curriculum, cultural arts programs, and spirit wear) and various fundraisers already set up for the year. Please come to the next meeting and see what we're doing each month. We welcome your input and with the cooperation of the Board of Education, we now have a liaison who will provide us time to voice our concerns at the Board meetings.



For those who cannot attend our meetings but who want to take an active role, don't feel bad at all. You can help from home. Send in your box tops and Campbell's soup labels. Shop at the list of stores that, once you are "signed-up" as a Brewster/Korn parent, provide BKPTA with cash-back bonuses at the end of the year. Send an e-mail to us at [BKPTA@rsd13.org](mailto:BKPTA@rsd13.org) and we will address any concerns you have at the meeting, even if you can't be there. As you've

probably all heard Deb Sokol say, "Tell me how much time you have to give and I'll find a way you can help" Every bit helps. And we truly appreciate every one of you who is helping the PTA, by doing so you are helping your children to get the most out of their educational experience at Regional District #13.



Please visit the BKPTA website through the district website at [rsd13ct.org](http://rsd13ct.org).

### Mark your calendars...

**November 10-PTA Meeting**  
**December 8-Capitol Art Show**  
**February 6-Parent's Night Out**

## Free Money for Our \$chools

The following are several ways that you can support our schools all while going about your daily activities.

We are all familiar with boxtops clipped from products we use at home, but do you know you can earn money for your child's school while you shop online? Boxtops4education Marketplace has partnered with many of your favorite retailers. Buy what you normally buy, but shop through Marketplace and earn 3, 6, even 12 percent for your school on your purchases. Watch those earnings add up fast.

All you need to do to get started is to log onto [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Click on Shop & Earn, click on Login, if you are not already a member, you will be asked to Join Now! Follow the directions and when you are shopping online with one of the participating stores, login to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) marketplace and earn cash for Brewster or Korn. Some of the participating online stores are **Apple, Aeropostale, Avon, Gap, Best Buy, Barnes & Noble, Current, Dell, Kohl's.com, Old Navy, Shutterfly, Staples and many more.**

Do you have a Target REDcard? If so, sign up for Take Charge of Education and designate Brewster or Korn School to receive cash for our schools. Target donates up to 1% of your REDcard purchases to your chosen school. To apply for a REDcard or to enroll your REDcard into the Take Charge of Education program go to [www.Target.com](http://www.Target.com) and click on REDcard.

We are currently enrolling Brewster and Korn in other rewards programs at the Big Y, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Subway and others. When they become available we will let you know and you can register your shopping card and earn more money for our schools. Any questions contact Kathy DeBrum at 349-4300 or [kathleen.debrum@snet.net](mailto:kathleen.debrum@snet.net).

We will soon be enrolled in plans at **Big Y, Stop & Shop, Shaw's and Beaches Resorts.**

Make sure your children participate in the GoFar program at both Brewster and Korn and keep an eye out for the Pumpkin Run coming up in October!



GoFar is a great way to get in shape and the kids love the charms they collect for milestones! If you have time to give, please contact our GoFar Chairs Mary Beth Gossart or Janine Kozik.

## Playground Update



We have GREAT NEWS! We have recently learned that we will be getting approximately \$60,000 in Federal Stimulus dollars. This money plus the \$40,000 that we had raised in the past puts us

within \$30,000 of our fundraising goal and a new playground for our kids!

We have many small fundraisers planned over the next year to get us to our goal. We know that times are tough, but we hope that you will be able to help out in any small way. Every penny adds up and gets us one step closer to building a new playground for our kids.



*The DeBrum family enjoys a cruise on Long Island sound, a prize they won at the silent auction last fall for the playground.*

Please look out for playground specific fundraisers as they are sent home in backpacks and help out when you can. As always, personal and business donations are most welcome. In addition, if you know of any grant opportunities or businesses that we can contact for donations, let us know and we will be happy to follow up.

Lastly, but certainly not least, thank you so much for your past support. We could not have done it without you! Together we can reach our goal and have this new playground up in no time!



*PTA members at the BKPTA Little Red School House booth at the fair.*

Karen Buckley-Bates  
Kathy DeBrum  
Co-chairs Playground Committee

**Thanks**