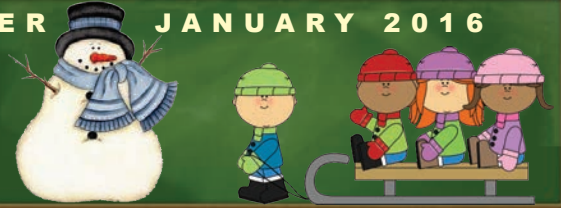


# THE TORCH



## We've Made it Half Way!

Our first semester ends Jan 15th. Report cards will be mailed by January 23rd. Please contact the front office if you do not receive your students' report card.

## Promptness



Being at school everyday and on time is such an important part of your child's learning progress. School begins at 8:30 and is released at 3:00 for grades 1st-12th. Pre-K and Kindergarten are released at 12:00. Thank you for making every effort to have your child here and on time each day.

## Student School Supplies

Our second semester is around the corner, starting January 19th. This is a good time to clean your student's cubbies and lockers, and to replenish all needed student supplies.



## Closed Back Gate

We are asking everyone to help keep the back gate closed at all times. We would like all staff, students, and families to close it behind them when entering or leaving the campus.

## Brighton's Spring Play

Our Spring play is fast approaching. Our performances will be May 13th, 14th and 15th at Barnstormers. Auditions and casting will start next month. Anyone interested in helping with this production should contact Chanel (295-9466) or the Brighton front office.

## Brighton Fridays Math Tutoring



We invite all students 6th grade and up to attend our Friday tutorial sessions. There is no charge for this tutoring. It is from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the math room This is to help any students with homework or make-up work in any subject they need assistance with.

## January Teacher of the Month

*Congratulations Mr. Podolski*



*"Having been at Brighton Academy before it was at this campus and even when it was just a concept, I can say that it is the school that it was envisioned to be. I continue to thank God for letting this school thrive and for allowing me to be a part of it. It is an honor to be a part of the lives of all of the kids and families that make this*

*larger family at Brighton what it is. Thank you for that opportunity." —Mr. P.*

## Salmon Release

Last week Mr. P and the 4th and 5th grade students took the Brighton-raised salmon and released them into the Rogue River. A small contribution to maintain the health of our river!



## Brighton's Interact Club



Our Interact club has big plans for 2016! The club has done some great fundraising and will be making a donation to End Polio Now. Details will be going out soon on how you can help with the "Lending Libraries" Philippines book drive they have planned

for next month. Closer to home, the Interactors are busy fundraising to continue the upgrade on Brighton's playground equipment. Great job president Kasandra, board members, and Interact members and thanks Mr. Maler!

## RCC College Program

Winter term is now underway at Rogue Community College. We are very proud that 34% of our high school students are participating in this program.

## Thank You Mayor Darin Fowler

This week the mayor of Grants Pass, Darin Fowler, spoke to our high school students about the Mayor's Future Citizen of the Year Scholarship Award. This program is designed to recognize, honor and encourage community contributions and excellence in the young people of Grants Pass. Last year Brighton's Bethany D. won this prestigious award.



# HAPPY 2016 NEW YEAR

## Josephine County Tree Plant

Next month students in grades 4 & 5 will be participating in the Josephine County Forest annual Tree Plant with Mr. P.

## Brighton Café Update



Our café is serving lunch, salad bar & snacks daily. Come try us for lunch! Our Menu is posted on our website, [www.brightonacademy.org](http://www.brightonacademy.org). We are in need of people willing to substitute in our café when our café helpers are out. This would count towards volunteer hours.

## Café Fundraisers

- Jan 21st: Donut Sale
- Jan 28th: Bake Sale
- Feb 10th: Pizza Fundraiser
- Feb 11th: Valentine-grams for sale
- Feb 18th: Donut Sale
- Feb 25th: Bake Sale

## Sick Student Policy

We ask all families to follow these basic guidelines and avoid sending sick students to school:

- Do not send your student to school if they have had a fever in the prior 24 hours.
- If your child experiences diarrhea in the morning please keep them home.
- Children who experience vomiting should remain home until they are healthy.

## Year Book

We need everyone's help to make our 2015/2016 year book fabulous! Remember to take pictures of memorable times through out the school year! Please send any & all pictures to [yearbook@brightonacademy.org](mailto:yearbook@brightonacademy.org)!



## At-a-Glance Reminders

- January 18th - no school MLK day
- January 19th - start of 2nd semester
- January 23rd - report cards mailed
- February 11th - Valentine Grams delivered
- February 15th - no school President's Day

## Brighton Volunteer Policy

Brighton Academy believes family involvement is an essential part of a child's education and both volunteer hours and fundraising are required from all Brighton families. A minimum of 5 volunteer hours, per month per family, are required. Remember to log all volunteer time with the office. Here are a few ways you can fulfill your fundraising requirements.

## 2016 Volunteer Opportunities

- Spring Play volunteering - contact Chanel B.
- Jog-a-thon planning - contact Christie H.
- Yearbook help
- Cafe help

## Fundraising Updates

### Box Tops for Education & Campbell's Soup Labels

We participate in a program called "Box Tops For Education" and the school gets CASH for each box top we turn in. We literally receive 10 cents for every



one! That can really add up if we all actively save them. Some schools in our area have earned up to \$1,000 a year without much effort. It is so easy to do! Just look for the logo above on the items you purchase, cut them out, then turn them in to the school office. Remember, every little bit helps!

## Scholastic Book Orders

The scholastic Book program is a great way to support your student's classroom while buying from an enormous range of outstanding books and material. Each teacher receives credit for their student's orders that they are able to use for classroom book and material.

## Snow Closure Protocol

*For security reasons, please let the front office know if you pick up your student early from school for any reason!*

In the event of snow or extreme weather please call and listen to our voicemail message at 474 -6865 or check us on Facebook. You can also tune into: KLDR, KAJO & KDRV for their broadcast regarding the latest status of our school and those in our area.



**Note:** Brighton usually follows District 7 but to be sure call our voicemail, or listen to the above mentioned stations.



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