

The Torch



Newsletter

WOW!

Current Jog-a-Thon Total is \$12,250.00!

Great job joggers!



This year's Jog-a-Thon is on a good pace, and there is still time to bring in your money (June 3rd is the final deadline). We need everyone's help to meet our goal of 19k! We want to thank all the joggers, volunteers, donors and business sponsors who's efforts made our event a success. Our

Jog-a-Thon fair was great fun! Our students, families and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day. Our Jogathon Fair earned good \$ for our "Best of Times 2015" end of year party, that everyone is invited to! **Special Thanks** to Christie and April for organizing our jogathon and HUGE thanks to everyone that helped!

and the winners are...

Top Joggers:

Most laps ran school wide - Dylan R.

Group Winner (Pre-K & Kindergarten) - Vienna E.

Group Winner (1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade) - Myella S.

Group Winner (5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade) - Dylan R.

Group Winner (9th to 12th grade) - Gabriel R.

Prizes to Win!

We still have lots of prizes up for grabs! Everyone has time to win one of the below listed fabulous prizes.

- Only two more Human Bean special drink deliveries! (May 20th & 27th)
- Top earner in Pre-K, K & 1st grade wins a treasure box!
- Top earner for grades 2nd thru 12th wins a \$300 cash booty.
- Students who earn \$220 will win a Limo Ride!
- \$500 in walmart or Costco gift certs, drawing is June 3rd!

Where your fundraising \$\$ go...

Fundraising has always been crucial to Brighton, and this year was no exception. Our fixed expenses continue to increase everywhere, including utilities, insurance and our basic supplies. Every fundraising dollar goes directly into Brighton's operating budget, with the lion's share allocated to our teacher's payroll.

We know asking our families to help with both our fundraisers this year was an added chore, and we absolutely appreciate everyone's effort. Our overall goal is to offer an academically solid program with top quality enrichment electives at an affordable price. We are able to continue this mission with the support of our awesome families.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Brighton Graduations

Kindergarten Graduation:



Kindergarten graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 3rd at 9am on Brighton's back lawn.

8th Grade Graduation:

Our 8th grade graduation ceremony will be Friday June 5th, 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Brighton. There will be a small reception after the ceremony with light refreshments. Semiformal attire for all 7th & 8th grade students is requested.

High School Graduation:

Our 12th grade graduation will be Saturday June 6th at 6:00 pm at Brighton. There will be a small reception after the ceremony with light refreshments.

Brighton's Interact Club



Our Interactors have been very busy this semester. Our club will be honored with an "Outstanding Club Award" at the upcoming district conference, this is a real honor. Shelby H. was awesome at the Four Way Speech Contest, and our members did a great job at

the Rotary Track. Here are the things they have scheduled for the remainder of the year. Your support is appreciated!

- May 16th - Concession booth at Barnstormers
 - Boatnick - Bussing tables at Powderhorn Restaurant
 - May 22nd - Car Wash at Brighton
 - May 30th - Supporting our "Best of Times 2015" dance
- Special thanks to Samantha (our club president) and Mr. Maler & Marian Szewc (our Rotarians) for such a productive year!

Teacher Appreciation

Special thanks to Christie Hayes and Jill Olerich for making our Teacher Appreciation week a success. Sincere thanks to Kim Flow, Barb & Michelle Tamashiro, Jan & Pat Masters, Selena Mendolia, Shawntai Minor, The Harju family, Bethany & Faye Dawson, Jamie Vitto, Pam Schaefer, Gara Amarillas, Janell Kittleson and Taylor German for bringing delicious treats for our staff. Our staff thanks all the students and families that showed their appreciation last week! We love our teachers!

Book Return *Important!*

Please bring in your Brighton material before the year ends! Our books and materials are very important to us. We ask all families to please be sure that your child returns ALL school textbooks and reading books back to campus. Any books not returned will incur a fee to parents for replacement of missing books.

April Teacher of the Month

Congratulations Mrs. Carlson!



Mrs. Carlson... "I have really enjoyed working at Brighton Academy this year. Getting to know all the wonderful students and families at Brighton has made my transition to Oregon so much more pleasant!"

Last Day of School

Wednesday June 3rd is the last day of school. We will award Jogathon prizes and draw the raffle winner at 11am and school is out at 12 noon. We will be serving lunch in the café for anyone interested. After care will be available from Noon to 5:00 pm.



Yearbooks for Sale

The 2014/2015 yearbook is now on sale in the front office, price is \$27.50 for soft back and \$37.50 for hard back.

"Once Upon a Mattress"

Bravo! Bravo! Special thanks to Bruce Allen, Chanel Brown, Elise Epstein, Sarah Madjdi and the entire cast and crew for making our spring performances really awesome!! Thanks all that attended! registered it is highly recommended that you do so soon. Classes are filling!!

Important Dates

- **May 21st** - RCC placement testing (8:30 am)
- **May 21st** - 1st & 2nd grade field trip to Kittleson Farms
- **May 22nd** - Brighton Movie Night (4:30 pm & 7 pm)
- **May 25th** - Memorial Day Observed
- **May 30th** - "Best of Times 2015" dance (Pre-K - 5th grade 6:00-7:30 & 6th -12th grade 7:45 to 10:45 pm)
- **June 3rd** - Kindergarten Graduation (9:00 am)
- **June 3rd** - Raffle drawing/JAT Prizes awarded (11:00 am)
- **June 3rd** - Last day of school (school is out at noon)
- **June 3rd** - Limo ride winners (12-3)
- **June 4th** - Graduation rehearsals (8th at 1 pm, 12th at 3 pm)
- **June 5th** - 8th grade Graduation (5:30 pm)
- **June 6th** - 12th grade Graduation (6 pm)
- **June 12th** - Last day of RCC classes
- **June 14th** - Report cards mailed
- **June 15th - June 19th** - Girls' Volleyball Camp (6th & up)
- **June 22nd** - Summer Camp starts

Café Menu for June...

Monday_1st	Tuesday_2nd	Wednesday_3rd	Thursday_4th
Mac & Cheese Chicken Tenders Steamed Green Beans and/or Salad Bar	Spaghetti w/meat or meatless sauce, Garlic Bread & Side Salad	Cheeseburgers Chips & Fruit + 50% discount on items and/or Salad Bar	No School

"Best of Times 2015"

Back by popular demand our Jogathon fair earnings will be used to throw a huge party for all Brighton students, families and staff. Saturday, May 30th we will have food, dancing and fun in the Brighton gym. Admission is free to this semi-formal event. For students Pre-K thru 5th party time is 6pm to 7:30 and for students 6th thru 12th grade it is 7:45pm to 10:45pm. Come and enjoy the end of a great year!



Summer RCMA Martial Arts

RCMA will be offering a summer program for \$50 per month.

10 years old and under

Tue. 3:15 - 4:30 Judo
Wed. 3:15 - 4:30 Kung Fu

11 years old and over

Mon. 3:15 - 4:30 Judo
Tue. 5 - 6:30 Judo
Thurs. 3:15 to 4:30 Judo
Fri. 6 - 8 Adult Judo



Summer Tutoring Program

What: Tutoring for grades K to 12th

When: available Mon. thru Thurs. from 10am to 4pm

Where: Brighton Academy

Dates: Begins June 15th thru Aug. 22th

Cost: \$20.00 an hour / \$10 per 1/2 hour

Please call the school in advance to sign up! 474-6865



Summer Day Camp *Fun! Fun! Fun!*

This summer we will be offering a day camp on our campus with Chanel Brown and assistants. It will run from June 21st to August 14th, Monday thru Thursday from 8am - 5pm. There will be theatre, arts & crafts, gardening, cooking, daily reading, lots of water playing and tons of fun!

- **Full time: \$800 (+ \$40 material fee)**
- **Part time: \$480 (+ \$40 material fee)**
- **Drop-In Rate: \$4.00 per hour (paid daily)**

Prices include water, afternoon snack daily and camp t-shirts. RCMA will offer a summer kung fu class for an additional \$100, this is an 8 week session with Sensei Dan. Please sign up in the front office or contact Chanel Brown at 541-295-9466.



Summer Girls Volleyball Camp

Join Shannon Willeford and Barb Tamashiro for a 1 week Girls Volleyball Camp at Brighton. It is June 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19 from 10am to 12:30pm, cost is \$125 per student.



BRIGHTON'S GARDEN OF EATIN' BITES

A Note From Miss Cheryl

I was recently asked "What I like about the Garden?" Well put it this way, there is nothing I don't like. I love all aspects of it. I love the students, they each are fun and unique in their own ways. I love watching them interact in the garden. I love to see their enthusiasm as well. Last week some of the high school juniors wandered into the garden. I showed them the various edibles and they have been coming back everyday since picking different plants to sample, their favorite has been the mustard and the horseradish leaves. It reminds them of Wasabi.



Thank You



First I want to say a BIG Thank You to those who responded to my request for donations for the

garden. We now have 2 wonderful Blueberry Bushes that are Loaded with berries!! The students are so very excited and can hardly wait for them to ripen!!! We also got a donation of some old carpet to use in the pathways as a geotextile mulch in our garden. We are covering the upside down carpet with clean straw and more wood chips as soon as we get them. The repurposing of old carpet serves 2 functions; it keeps it out of the landfill and it is keeping herbicides out of our all organic garden.

Donations Needed

Yes, we need more donations. The newsletter for April had a partial list. Here are some of the items requested: More used carpet, wood chips, railroad ties, semi dwarf fruit trees: pear, apple, peach, apricot, plum (no cherry as we have 2 already), walnut tree or any nut tree that grows in our area.



Happy Gardening!

Our Harvest

The students pick organic lettuces every week for the school cafeteria salads and last week they provided cilantro for the tacos as well. We have many edible flowers that the students also like to nibble on and last week for fun we mixed the edible flowers in sweetened condensed milk and poured it over pound cake slices for a fun dessert. YUM!

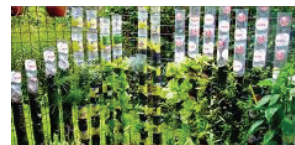


Garden Projects

Currently the classrooms each have their own raised bed and each student has planted seeds of their choosing for their classroom bed. They have beans, corn, peas, cucumbers, carrots, tomatoes, watermelon, and sunflowers sprouting up!



One day the students made clay figurines and once they are all fired we will put together Garden Art Totems that we will install in the Brighton Braves Indian Village where we have 2 teepees and a bean tent.



The next project I want to work on with the students is a hydroponic tower out of re-purposed large soda bottles. Sensei Dan should like this one! Also during the summer my husband Dave is going to help me put together a small shed and the green house in the garden.

Our Plans

Now that May is upon us we will once again be blitzing the garden with pumpkin seeds. All for Pumpkins and Pumpkins for All!!



Summer Produce

We are looking for ways to sell our summer harvest. Selling at the growers market would be great, anyone interested in helping let us know. We are working on selling some of the produce in our office. We would send out emails to families with what is available for that week with prices and available days to pick-up. All proceeds would go to the Garden of Eatin'!