



PTA NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2021

Hello Bobcats! It's so hard to believe we are nearly halfway through the school year.

PTA has been thrilled to begin to host events in-person again this year that bring our wonderful students and families together. These events included Trunk-or-Treat, Corn Hole Tournament and Ornament Decorating! The ever popular White Elephant Bingo is the next event on our calendar scheduled for Friday, January 21. We are looking for a chairperson for this event to help organize. If you are interested, please reach out to us at the email below.

Thanks to everyone who provided their student's information to the PTA for inclusion in the school directory. The directory was recently delivered to all current PTA members via email and is a great tool to connect with other Brookridge students and families. If you are not a PTA member and would like a copy, [click here](#) to join PTA and a copy will be emailed to you.

Brookridge Elementary is engaging in the National PTA School of Excellence recognition program. This opens the lines of communication and critical thinking within school communities to make data-driven decisions that yield positive, long-term results. We need to hear from YOU as we craft a Strategic Action Plan. **If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to fill out the survey below.** The survey will close at the end of the year.

Please never hesitate to reach out to us with ideas, questions or concerns.

Go Bobcats!

Kate Gunja and Erica Peoples

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Important Dates

Dec 21	Early Dismissal at 12:30 pm
Dec 22 - Jan 4	Winter Break
Jan 6	MVP Training, 6 pm, Multipurpose Room & PTA Meeting, 7 pm. Library
Jan 17	No School - MLK Day
Jan 21	White Elephant Bingo, details TBD
Feb 3	PTA Meeting, 7 pm, Library



IMPROVE, EMPOWER & WELCOME: THE NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM.

Brookridge:

YOU can make a lasting impact by
completing a short 5-10 minute survey.

Reflect on your
experiences at
Brookridge and

complete the online survey [HERE](#) or scan the QR code.
This survey is completely anonymous. Responses will be
used to create a strategic action plan to strengthen our
school for the entire Brookridge community.



PTA Reflections Contest

The SMAC PTA District Reflections Contest Results were announced earlier this month. 5th Grade student Noah Brown received the Award of Excellence in Film Production and will move on to the State Competition! Congratulations, Noah!

Honorable Mention in Visual Arts went to:
Roselyn Buckley, Pearl Urban and Lolys Polanco.



Trivia Night & Auction!

Our annual Trivia Night & Auction will take place **SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022** 6-10PM. Adults 21+. \$35/person or \$250/table (seats 8). Open to our entire Brookridge Community! Tickets will be available for purchase Spring 2022 on the PTA website. Want to be involved with planning? Interested in a sponsorship? Want to donate? Contact Aubrey Urban, Trivia Night Chair at aubreyurban@gmail.com.

Brookridge Watch D.O.G.S

Watch D.O.G.S. is a national organization with the initiative of providing positive male role models for the students. Since the program began in 1998, more than 6,800 schools across the county have launched a WATCH D.O.G.S. program. Each year, hundreds of thousands of fathers and father-figures make a positive impact on millions of children by volunteering in their local schools through this one-of-a-kind program. **Ready to volunteer and want more information?** [Click here](#) to view the Welcome Letter!



BROOKRIDGE ELEMENTARY PRESENTS



MVP TRAINING

(MY VOLUNTEER PAL)

**Get the training needed to be a
volunteer in the school district
and/or go on field trips**

To Learn More about the MVP Program,
visit here

<https://www.smsd.org/families/volunteer-mvp>

Training will be held Thursday, Jan. 6th
from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the

Multipurpose Room at Brookridge

No registration necessary

Masks are mandatory for the meeting

Ways to Earn Money for Brookridge Elementary!

Did you know your everyday purchases can earn money for Brookridge?!



[BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION](#) – New system! Gone are the days of clipping box tops – snap a pic of your receipt and they figure it out for you! Box Tops for the modern age. [AMAZON SMILE](#) – Search for Brookridge Elementary PTA and watch in amazement as your purchases earn money for your kids with every checkout. We also recently partnered with [US TOY](#) - where Brookridge PTA will earn 10% back with every purchase when you use our special school code: **SPBE21**.

Shop Local to Support Our Community!



Shop our local U.S. Toy to earn 10% back for our organization to use as in-store credit. You can shop for learning supplies, arts and crafts, fun activity sets or balloons and festive decor. We can utilize the credit to buy supplies for our upcoming events!

It's easy!

- Shop in-store for the best selection, or online.
- Use our unique code below.
- 10% of eligible* purchases goes back to our organization to shop!

OUR SPECIAL CODE:

SPBE21



* Purchases from the Popcorn & Ice Cream Shop, Pump It Up, Magic and Costume shop and gift cards are excluded. Offer not valid with any other coupon.

Tell your friends and family to shop and use our code at checkout!



Community Partners Program
Giving Back to Support our Local Community!

SMAC PTA Clothing Exchange



The Shawnee Mission Area Council PTA Clothing Exchange offers gently used clothing and shoes from infant to adult sizes. The Exchange is a free service open to those who live within the SMSD boundaries. All are welcome! If school is not in session, the Exchange is closed. [Click here](#) for more information including the fall shopping schedule.

Join Brookridge PTA!

Join PTA today to support Brookridge students, teachers and staff! \$10 per family! [Click here](#) to join PTA! Really ready to dive in? [Click here](#) to view open Committee positions.



One of the benefits of joining PTA is that you receive access to a **school directory**. The directory will include those families who opt-in to provide their information to PTA for inclusion in the directory.

WE LOVE OUR BROOKRIDGE TEACHERS AND STAFF!



Teachers and staff were treated to a “Build Your Own Trail Mix” bar in November! A big THANKS to everyone who donated!
