

#### PTA NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2022

Hello Bobcats!

Thanks to everyone who filled out the fall PTA survey - we had over 100 responses! The information in the survey will help draft an action plan for the school as part of our participation 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 plan to present the survey information at the February 3rd PTA meeting.

*Kindness Week is January 24-28*. PTA has been working with our wonderful social worker, Taylor Gabel, on ways we can support and promote this effort! PTA is providing the large yard sign in front of the building, helping with decorations and supplies, and starting a Kindness Rock Garden in front of the school. Be on the lookout for Kindness Week details!

Auction and Trivia Night tickets go on sale on the <u>PTA website</u> on Friday, February

4th! This is our largest fundraiser of the year and a great way to connect with new parents. You can organize a group to buy a table, or buy individual tickets and request to be sat with parents of other students in your childs' grade. Mark your calendars to join us!

Finally, the Watch DOGS SignUp Genius supporting school drop off for the rest of the school year is now <u>available</u>. Dads, please consider signing up to assist!

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

Go Bobcats!

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### **Important Dates**

Jan 24-28 Kindness Week!

Jan 25 Dine and Give Back: Teriyaki Madness, 7074 W 105th, Overland Park,

4PM- 9PM, 20% back to PTA, in-restaurant and online orders.

Feb 3 PTA Meeting, 7PM, Library

Feb 4 No School, Parent Teacher Conferences

Feb 21-22 No School, Presidents' Day/Professional Learning



#### Trivia Night & Auction - Tickets on sale Feb 4!

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 go on sale on the PTA website on Friday, February 4th. Want to be involved with planning? Interested in a sponsorship? Want to donate? Contact Aubrey Urban, Trivia Night Chair at <a href="mailto:aubreyurban@amail.com">aubreyurban@amail.com</a>.

## **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 sign-up genius to assist with morning drop off for the rest of the school year!





20% OF ALL ORDERS FROM 4-9
WILL BE DONATED TO

BROOKRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



#### 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.



#### **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 SMSDboundaries. 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!



One of the benefits of joining PTA is that you receive access to a **school directory**. The directory will include those families who have opted-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 Hot Cocoa bar in December!

