



Briarcrest Banner

Briarcrest Junior School

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School Organization For 2011

Student placement is always a difficult process in which all schools take great pains to achieve the right fit for each child. Placing any child in a class is a serious responsibility for all teachers. Consequently, careful consideration and much time are given by your child's current teacher to the process of creating the best learning environment for your child. Classrooms are organized based on a balance of factors: academic levels, social, emotional and behaviour needs, program

needs, gender, learning styles, and group dynamics. If you wish to make us aware of any program and/or special needs which may affect your child's learning, please submit your concerns in writing to the principal's attention no later than May 16th. Please note that we will carefully consider your concerns; however, we **cannot guarantee** a specific placement.

Requests for a particular teacher will not be accepted as teacher assignments remain tentative at this time until

September. **If there are significant changes in enrolment, classes may be reorganized at any grade level during the fall of the school year.**

If you know you are moving and your children will not be returning to Briarcrest in September, please let the school office know, in writing, at your earliest convenience. This will help us with our planning for the coming year.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Congratulations April Future Aces

All JK and SK students.

Alexis and Leo—Room 2

Brydon and Brian—Room 3

Meghan and Emilia—Room 5

Farhan—Room 7

Andrej—Room 8

Will—Room 9

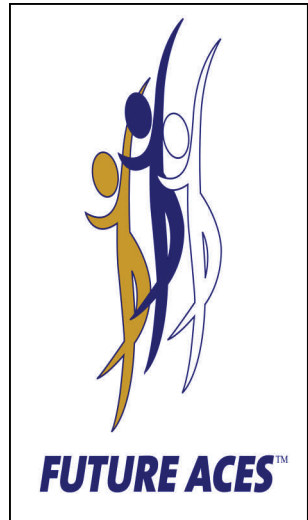
Rahim—Room 11

Bledi—Room 12

Emily—Room 14

Ethan—Room 20

Our April theme was Cooperation. May's theme will be Integrity



Earth Month Celebrations

In April, Briarcrest once again adopted 18 endangered animals through the World Wildlife Fund. This year, the animals were specifically native to Africa. Each animal graces one of the classroom doors. After class voting, Room 14's leatherback turtle won "Favourite Door", Room 9's hippo won "Most Environmentally Friendly Door", and Room 5's meerkat won "Most Informative Door". Congratulations to everyone. Doors will be on display until the end of May.

Funds for the adoption were raised through a used Book, Board Game, and Video Sale, as well as the sale of litterless lunch items. Thank you Briarcrest community for making this so successful. We raised approximately \$530.

To encourage environmental literacy, each week book packs were delivered to classes. These books helped raise student awareness to various environmental themes.

During Earth Week 2011, the students were kept busy with earth activities. We began with "Mulching Monday". Each class was responsible for spreading mulch around our trees. "Turn it off Tuesday" in-

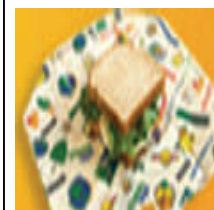
cluded all lights and electrical devices being shut off throughout the day. On "Weeding Wednesday", our front gardens and lawn were treated to a good weeding, classroom plants were fertilized, and compost bins were churned. "Throw it out Thursday" proved to be a great success with students taking an hour from their day to remove unwanted items from their classrooms. Thursday afternoon, we participated in our yearly Earth

Day Neighborhood Walk and Clean-up.



As an EcoSchool, we continue to engage in litterless lunches, composting, and the 3R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) daily. The items below are being sold by our Eco Team in order to promote our litterless lunch program. If you would like to order any of these items, please complete the attached flyer and return it to the office.

Pick up litterless lunch items for your child's lunch bag.



Single Wrap-n-Mat—\$8.00

Single Stainless Steel Water Bottle—\$8.00



Combination Bottle and Wrap-n-Mat—\$14.00

Also On Sale

Kool-Aid Jammer Bags

Large—\$10.00

Small—\$8.00

African Dance and Drumming At Its Best

The drums certainly rang out the night of April 27th here at Briarcrest as our junior classes took to the floor dancing to the beat of African drums. Under the tutelage of Kwasi Dunyo and his son, Kofi, our Grade 4 and 5 students mesmerized the audience with their skill and finesse.

After only two months of practice, our dedicated junior teachers ensured that students were prepared to amaze any audience.

The delightful voices of our choir reminded us of the perils of gossiping. And the enthusiastic dance from Room 14 had us all

moving to the beat.

Congratulations to all involved for making the Spring Concert an event not to have been missed.

Thank you parents for supporting WOW (Women for Orphans and Widows).