



Brentwood Elementary

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Dear Families,

It's nearly spring, and we are so ready for the snow to melt and warm weather to return! While learning has continued in classrooms, students have kept busy with indoor activities like boys and girls basketball, Invent Washington Club, and Kindness Club. The school play, "Giants in the Sky," was a special treat this month sponsored by our PTO. We're so proud of our athletes, inventors, helpers and performers! A few notes for the coming weeks:

STEM Night: Join us March 28th, 6:30-8:00 for our Family STEM Night! This evening will be full of hands-on fun learning about science, technology, engineering, and math. There will be several informative demonstrations, hands on activities, and two showings of the film, [Dream Big: Engineering Our World](#). Refreshments will be provided and if you visit 5 or more stations, your name will be entered into a drawing for a STEM gift basket. We also sent you a STEM kit full of popsicle sticks and glue- we hope you are having some fun at home building a structure to test on our earthquake simulation table. Didn't get one? Call 465-6214 and we will hook you up. Don't have time to build one? Come anyway! Hope to see you there!

State Testing around the corner: In the spring, grades 3-6 take the Washington Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) at school for English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. For each of these subjects, students complete a Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and a Performance Task (PT). Fifth grade students also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). Take a look at the [schedule](#), and please help set up your child for success by avoiding scheduling appointments or absences on testing days. While several make-up days are planned, we know students do their best work when they test with their classmates on their regular schedule.

Want even more news?: Don't forget to follow us on Facebook! We post updates several times a week, along with lots of fun pictures and videos of events and activities around Brentwood. [Check us out!](#)

Mark Your Calendars:

- March 15 No School; Teacher Learning Improvement Day
- March 20 Class Picture Day
- March 28; 6:30-8pm Family STEM Night, Brentwood
- April 1-5 Spring Break; No School
- April 19 Dash for Cash Fundraiser; Brentwood
- April 23-May 23 State Testing

Stay Warm,

Justin Valentine, Principal

Christine Spinnell, Principal Assistant