

The BREA Presents ...

BUFFALO RIDGE ELEMENTARY A M A Z I N G R A C E

2011



Friday, September 16

Dear BRE Students and Families,

On **Friday, September 16**, the Buffalo Ridge Educational Alliance (BREA) will sponsor the first-ever **BRE Amazing Race!** The day will be full of organized fitness stations as students travel around the world with a passport learning facts about 10 countries from 6 continents. They will learn, sweat and have lots of fun!

As our main fundraiser for the school year, **BRE Amazing Race** will replace our traditional direct donation program. The BREA is working closely with Principal Berggren and her staff to support our teachers and students this year. Our goal is to raise **\$45,000** towards our overall goal of \$50,000 for the year (*based on a national PTO average of \$100 per student*). The school district goal moving forward is clear – innovative classrooms. At BRE, this translates into teacher training, science and technology. These funds will help provide teachers with necessary training and materials for expanded science and technology in the classroom. Teachers are working in grade level teams to formulate teacher grants, which will be the basis for BREA fund distribution throughout the year.

Our goal should be easily reached if each student brings at least \$100 in donations. For each child who brings in \$100 in donations, he/she will receive an official BRE Amazing Race Performance t-shirt. Of course, any and all support is appreciated!!

This packet includes:

- **Instructions and Deadlines**
- **Calendar of Events and Award & Prize Descriptions**
- **Schedule and Sneak Peak of Events**
- **Permission Slip, Donation Sheet & Collection Envelope** (*must be signed and returned to school with donations on or before the day of the race*)

Please look over this packet and review the information with your child and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Watch for volunteer opportunities in the coming days. Your support of the **BRE Amazing Race** is very much appreciated. We hope that both you and your child will benefit greatly from the race!

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BRE Amazing Race Instructions

Before the Race ...

Donation Collection:

Students -- collect as many donations as you can! Think of every one you know, family members (grandparents are often generous supporters!), your friends, your parents' friends and co-workers ... and don't forget your friendly neighbors! For your safety, please *NO DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION*.

Some Great Things to Say:

- I am going to participate in a challenge to "race around the world" in 2 hours. Will you support me by making a donation to support my school and me?
 - I am trying to raise at least \$100 in donations.
 - 100% of the profits of this fundraiser will support our teachers with necessary training and materials for expanded technology in the classroom.
- * Please have checks made out to BREA.*

When They Say Yes!

- Thank them for their support
- Collect the money (check and cash) in your envelope, and write down the name and telephone number of your sponsor with the exact amount of the donation.
- Ask if any of your sponsors' employers has a matching gift program as this can greatly boost your results!
- Be polite regardless of the response.

Before Turning In Your Packet

- Make sure the money and the donation sheet is filled out accurately with correct amounts.
- Make sure your permission form is signed

Deadline

The deadline for turning in the signed Permission Slip, Donation Sheet, and Donation Envelope with your collected money, is **before or on the day of the BRE Amazing Race: Friday, September 16.**

On the Day of the Race ...

Clothing and Water

Wear loose comfortable clothes, running shoes, and plenty of sunscreen and bring a water bottle. Have an extra t-shirt in your backpack to change into after the race. Stop for water when you need it and if you get tired, slow down.

Don't Forget!

Remember to bring your **signed** Permission Slip, Donation Sheet and Collection envelope with your collected money if you haven't done so prior to the day of the race. And, most importantly ...

HAVE FUN!



BRE AMAZING RACE CALENDAR

- Friday, September 2:** Kickoff Assembly
- Friday, September 16:** BRE Amazing Race! (*Deadline for turning in the signed Permission Slip, Donation Sheet and Collection Envelope with your collected donations*)
- Thursday, September 29:** BRE Amazing Race Award Assembly

Awards & Prizes

School Wide Winners

The three students who collect and turn in the most money school wide will receive ...

1st Place: Microsoft Xbox 360 250GB console with Kinect and Game Package **AND** Family will attend the Rock Slide for FREE!

2nd Place: Apple iTouch 8GB **AND** Family will attend the Rock Slide for FREE!

3rd Place: Nike Sport Watch, \$50 Gift Card to Sports Authority **AND** Family will attend the Rock Slide for FREE!

Grade Level Winners

The top selling student in each grade level will receive a \$25 gift card to Sports Authority!

Traveling Trophies

A Trophy will be given to the class/teacher that raises the most money. One trophy will be awarded to classes K-2 and another trophy will be awarded to classes 3-5.

\$100 Goal Contest – Special BRE Amazing Race T-shirt

Students turning in at least \$100 in donations will receive a special BRE Amazing Race Performance T-shirt at the award assembly. The shirt is available only to those who raise \$100 or more!

Outstanding Class Participation Contest – Wii Fit Dance Party!

The class in each grade level with the highest participation, based on the percentage of students who turn in their signed permission forms, donation sheets, & money by the day of the event will receive a Wii Fit Dance Party! *If a student does not actually participate in the BRE Amazing Race, his/her permission form must still be turned in, in order to count towards class participation.* Our goal is 100% school-wide participation and if all classes have 100% participation, Ms. Berggren will be hosting a lot of Wii Fit Dance Parties!

Participation Prize

All students participating in the BRE Amazing Race will receive a commemorative dog tag.



THE BRE AMAZING RACE

SCHEDULE & SNEAK PEAK OF EVENTS

Morning Session beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Morning Kindergarten, Mrs. G, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, and 3rd Grade (Carter & Kennedy only)

Afternoon Session beginning at 1:40 p.m.

Afternoon Kindergarten, 3rd Grade (Brester & Coombs only), 4th Grade and 5th Grade.

Lunch will take place at its regularly scheduled time.

Each class will rotate as a group with parents running the 10 country stations created by Mrs. Gutierrez based on the following facts. Classes will rotate every 12 minutes.

France----In France, they use scooters as a method of transportation. The people of France ride more motorbikes than any other European country.

Russia----Russia is home to some of the best athletes of the world. Children in Russia start training at a very young age to become elite Olympic athletes.

Germany---Germany's landscape is dotted with hundreds of castles. Many of them have been turned into Restaurants and hotels.

Kenya----Kenya is known for their fast runners. The athlete's intense training and good nutrition make many of them some of the fastest in the world.

USA----The United States is home to one of the biggest shoe manufacturers, NIKE.

China---The Chinese dragon is a symbol of power, strength and good luck.

Australia----Kangaroos have powerful hind legs that help them to jump 25-30 feet on average. They also travel at an average of 40 mph.

Egypt----The tug-a-war was once a royal sport in Egypt. The legend was that the sun and moon played tug-a-war over the light and darkness.

Pakistan---The southeastern section of Pakistan is the home of the Thar Desert where the Southwestern portion contains the 2nd highest peak called K2 which is 28,000 feet high.

Brazil---Brazil has the largest tropical rain forest in the world called the Amazon Rain Forest. The Rain Forest makes up more than half of the country. The Amazon rain forest gets 9 feet of rain every year.