



BEAVERS ARE ACHIEVERS:

Academic Challenge Opportunities at Briarlake!



Challenge Opportunity	Description	Grade Level	Challenge Time	Website	Staff/Parent Contact
Briarlake School Council Academic Challenges	Individuals challenge themselves to complete the assigned academic activity. Last year there were Challenges in Math, Reading/Writing, Social Studies, and Science.	Pre-K – 5	All year long: 2 each semester		Debbie Martin-Gerstle dmartindvm@gmail.com/ Jared Cobb
Strive for 25	Briarlake's own individual student reading challenge	3 – 5	All year long		Grade 3-5 teachers
Odyssey of the Mind	International program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for teams of students	K – 5	throughout the fall in preparation for tournament late February/early March	odysseyofthemind.com www.georgiaodyssey.org	Heather Hopper, Coach: 3-5 heather@hoppersoft.com
PTA Reflections	National arts recognition and achievement program that allow individual students to showcase their talents in a wide range of artistic disciplines	Pre-K – 5	August – October		Michelle Beule
Six Flags Read to Succeed Reading Challenge	Students who log six hours of individual reading earn a free ticket to Six Flags	K – 5	October – February	feedback.sixflags.com/rts/default.aspx	Mrs. Wise
Academic Bowl	Team competition between schools in which students answer questions on a variety of academic topics	5	December (practices begin in October)		TBD – <i>Please sign up on volunteer sheet if interested!</i>
DCSD Social Studies Fair	Students complete and present social studies projects as individuals or with small groups	5	December		5th grade teachers, Mr. Hardwick
Sagamore Hills Math Tournament	Individual and team math competition between schools	3-5	January		Ms. McMillan
DCDS Science Olympiad	Individuals and teams challenge themselves to complete a variety of fun science activities involving tests of knowledge and building skills	3 – 5	January – March (practices and tryouts for events begin in January)	fernbank.edu/ scienceolympiad.htm	Ms. McMillan/ Laura Bielamowicz l.haven@mindspring.com
Geography Bee	National Geographic Bee is an individual competition that uses materials prepared by the National Geographic Society	4 – 5	January	nationalgeographic.com/ geobee/	TBD – <i>Please sign up on volunteer sheet if interested!</i>
DCSD Technology Fair	Students complete and present technology projects as individuals or with small groups	5	January		5th grade teachers
DCSD Science Fair	Students complete and present science projects as individuals or with small groups	5	February		5th grade teachers
Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl	Team competition between schools in which students answer questions about books they have read from a predetermined list	4 – 5	February (practices begin in October)	dekalb.k12.ga.us/www/helen-ruffin-reading-bowl/	Mr. Hardwick, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Francis
Spelling Bee	Scripps National Spelling Bee is an individual competition using a variety of materials provided by Scripps and Merriam-Webster	4 – 5	February	spellingbee.com	TBD – <i>Please sign up on volunteer sheet if interested!</i>