



Schedule of Events

# August 2018

- **Brighten Basics**—Are you new and have some questions about Brighten? This mandatory meeting for new parents will help answer your questions. Please plan to attend ONE session at your convenience.
- **Sub Training**—we need substitute teachers! If you're interested, see the website for more information.
- **Community Circle**—parents and community members are welcome to this celebration in the gym!
- **Volunteer Work Days**—come out and help us beautify our campus! A total of 10 volunteer credits are due before January 1st.
- Did you know that our awesome Brighten Academy PTO has donated over \$100,000 back to our school!?? You can help by joining PTO—it is only \$5 per person or \$10 per family. You also earn 1 volunteer credit for joining. Our goal is 100% participation by our families—help us reach it!
- **PTO Spirit Night**—bring your family and support our spirit night partners, who donate a portion of their profits at each spirit night back to our school. Be sure to mention you are with Brighten Academy! Our first one is at Pelican's Snoballs from 4pm-8 pm. Cool off with a cool treat and help our school!
- **PTO General Meeting**—Meet the PTO officers, then discussion and voting on the fundraising priority for the school year in the cafeteria. Meetings are held in the **atrium**. Join PTO and have a voice!
- **Board meetings**—open to the public—come and hear all about us and how you can help. Meetings are held in the **media center**.
- **Birdies Fore Brighten—Golf Tournament Fund-raiser—Coming up October 12—Save the Date!**  
**Contact the Board to help—**  
**hshirley@brightenacademy.com**
- Relay for Life/American Cancer Society **Dress Down Days**—pay \$1 to participate. All proceeds go to our Relay for Life team supporting the American Cancer Society.
- **MAP Testing—Measures of Academic Progress**—standardized norm-referenced test given to compare your child to their peers around the country. Your child will take the fall MAP sometime between Aug. 20 and Sept. 7.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 195 Day Employees Return Pre-planning Brighten Basics 6:00 pm Cafe	2 Pre-planning  Brighten Basics 6:00 pm Cafe	3 Pre-planning  Brighten Basics 6:00 pm Cafe	4
5	6 Pre-planning Open House 4:30-7:00 pm	7 Pre-planning	8 First Day of School 1:00 Dismissal	9 1:00 Dismissal	10 1:00 Dismissal	11
12	13 Brighten Basics 4:00 Board Work Session 6:00 pm	14	15 9:00 Sub Training 1:00 Dismissal	16 Brighten Basics 4:00 Cub Scout Recruitment 6:00 Atrium	17	18 Volunteer Work Day
19	20	21 Spirit Night— Pelican's Snoballs 4-8 pm	22 Dress Down— \$1—Pajama Day 1:00 Dismissal	23 Brighten Basics 4:00 Band Night 6 pm	24	25
26	27 Board Meeting 5:00 pm PTO Meeting 6:00 Atrium	28	29 8:30 K-8 Community Circle in the Gym 1:00 Dismissal	30 Brighten Basics 4:00	31	



# September 2018

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- **Volunteer Work Days**—come out and help us beautify our campus! A total of 10 volunteer credits are due before January 1st.
- **Board meetings**—open to the public—come and hear all about us and how you can help. Sept. 10 meeting location TBA.
- **Middle School** (6th-8th Grades) will use a 6 week interval to report progress on report cards. Report cards will be issued every 6 weeks. K-5 students will continue to use the 9 week interval. Be sure to look for the “Important Papers” envelope from your child. Sign and return the envelope to your child’s teacher. Be sure to review the report card with your child, helping them to take ownership of their learning.
- **PTO Spirit Week**—celebrate Brighten all week—details to come!
- **PTO Spirit Night**—bring your family and support our spirit night partners, who donate a portion of their profits at each spirit night back to our school. Be sure to mention you are with Brighten Academy! This month: Chick-Fil-A at Arbor Place Mall ALL DAY!
- **PTO Movie Night**—we will have a big screen set up for you to enjoy a movie night with your family!
- **Book Fair!** Media Center—all proceeds benefit our library collection. Times TBA.
- **PTO meetings**—everyone is welcome—come and see how you can help (and earn your volunteer credits).
- **Lunch with Leadership**—come to an open forum in the atrium with the school leadership. Bring your lunch! This month’s topic: Charter Schools and Operations.
- **Staff Potluck:** Thank you 3rd and 6th grade parents (and PTO) for providing lunch for our staff!
- **Math Night**—Want to help your child love math? Come to this fun game night from 6:00-7:30 pm!
- Relay for Life/American Cancer Society **Dress Down Days**—pay \$1 to wear the color indicated. All proceeds go to our Relay for Life team supporting the American Cancer Society.
- **Birdies Fore Brighten—Golf Tournament Fundraiser—Coming up October 12—Save the Date! Contact the Board to help—hshirley@brightenacademy.com**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3 Labor Day—No School	4	5 Book Fair 1:00 Dismissal	6 Book Fair	7 Book Fair	8
9	10 Book Fair Board Work Session 6:00 pm	11 Book Fair	12 Book Fair 1:00 Dismissal	13 Book Fair	14 Book Fair	15
16	17 Spirit Week	18 Spirit Week Sprit Night/ALL Day—Chick-Fil-A (Mall) End of 1st 6 Weeks (6th-8th Grades)	19 Spirit Week 1:00 Dismissal	20 Lunch with Leadership 12 noon Spirit Week	21 Spirit Week PTO Movie Night 6:30 pm	22 Volunteer Work Day
23	24 6th-8th Grade Report Cards Issued Board Meeting 6:00 pm PTO Meeting 6:00 Atrium	25 Math Night 6:00-7:30 pm Douglas Co. Marching Band Exhibition	26 Dress Down—\$1—Superhero/Princess Day 1:00 Dismissal	27 Staff Potluck Lunch	28	29
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1st 6 weeks—29 Days



# October 2018

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- **Community Circle**—parents and community members are welcome to this celebration in the gym!
- **Report cards** for K-5 are issued every 9 weeks—Be sure to look for the “Important Papers” envelope from your child. Sign and return the envelope to your child’s teacher. Be sure to review the report card with your child, helping them to take ownership of their learning.
- **PTO Oktoberfest**—this is a trunk-or-treat type festival with food, candy, and contests. It is fun for the whole family at a reasonable price. Ticket presales are the 22nd through the 25th. Your support of PTO events supports our school.
- **Volunteer Work Days**—come out and help us beautify our campus inside and out! A total of 10 volunteer credits are due before January 1st.
- **PTO Spirit Night**—bring your family and support our spirit night partners, who donate a portion of their profits at each spirit night back to our school. Be sure to mention you are with Brighten Academy!
- **Lunch with Leadership**—come to an open forum in the atrium with the school leadership. Bring your lunch! This month’s topic: Assessment and Report Cards.
- **Birdies Fore Brighten:** Join us for a round of golf! Proceeds benefit our school. You can also support this board fundraiser by purchasing dinner and/or raffle tickets. Mirror Lake Golf Club

\*\*7 C’s Decks—7 activities are due by January to participate in the Green Party. All 14 activities are due by April 19th to be eligible for the Green Shirt Award. Don’t wait—start now!

\*\*Variety Show—Start working on your jokes, dance moves, songs, etc—it’s coming soon!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Board Work Ses- sion 6:00 pm	2	3 1:00 Dismissal	4	5 End of 1st 9 weeks for K-5	6
7	8 No School	9 No School	10 1:00 Dismissal	11	12 Birdies Fore Brighten Golf Tournament	13
14	15 K-5 Report Cards Issued	16	17 11:15 am 6-8 Community Circle 1:00 Dismissal Spirit Night—Buffalo Wild Wings 4-11pm	18 Lunch with Lead- ership 12 noon	19	20
21	22 Board Meeting 6:00 pm PTO Meeting 6:00 Atrium	23	24 8:15 am 3-5 Community Circle 1:00 Dismissal	25	26 Oktoberfest 6:00 pm	27 Volunteer Work Day
28	29	30	31 10:15 am K-2 Community Circle 1:00 Dismissal End of 2nd 6 Weeks 6th- 8th Grades			

1st 9 weeks—42 Days  
2nd 6 weeks—29 Days



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# November 2018

- **Basketball** season is starting! Come support our girls' and boys' teams! Game times TBA.
- **Lunch with Leadership**—come to an open forum in the atrium with the school leadership. Bring your lunch! This month's topic: EL Education.
- It's not too late to join **PTO**. You can still join PTO—it is only \$5 per person or \$10 per family. You also earn 1 volunteer credit for joining. Our goal is 100% participation by our families—help us reach it!
- **Middle School Fall Dance**—in the gym for 6th-8th grade students—theme to be announced.
- **Staff Potluck:** Thank you 2nd and 5th grade parents (and PTO) for providing lunch for our staff!
- **Volunteer credits**—10 are due before Jan. 1st. Report cards are held until this obligation is met. Email your child's teacher or administration if you need ways to meet your volunteer credits.
- **Book Fair**—in the media center. All proceeds benefit our library collection.
- **PTO Spirit Night**—bring your family and support our spirit night partners, who donate a portion of their profits at each spirit night back to our school. Be sure to mention you are with Brighten Academy!
- Relay for Life/American Cancer Society **Dress Down Days**—pay \$1 to wear the color indicated. All proceeds go to our Relay for Life team supporting the American Cancer Society.
- **MAP Testing**—Measures of Academic Progress—standardized norm-referenced test given to compare your child to their peers around the country. Your child will take the winter MAP sometime between Nov. 26 and Dec. 14.

\*\*7 C's Decks—7 activities are due by January to participate in the Green Party. All 14 activities are due by April 19th to be eligible for the Green Shirt Award. Don't wait—start now!

\*\*\*Variety Show Tryouts—Jan. 23 and 24, 2019;

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Middle School Dance 7-10 pm	3
4	5 6th-8th Grade Report Cards Issued	6 Student Holi- day—No School	7 Dress Down— \$1—Wear Yel- low or Gold 1:00 Dismissal	8 Staff Potluck Lunch Douglas County Honor Band Au- ditions	9	10
11	12 Board Work Ses- sion 6:00 pm	13 Spirit Night Pan- da Express 5-9 pm	14 1:00 Dismissal	15 Lunch with Lead- ership 12 noon	16	17
18	19 No School	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24
25	26 Book Fair Board Meeting 6:00 pm PTO Meeting 6:00 Atrium	27 Book Fair	28 Book Fair 1:00 Dismissal	29 Book Fair	30 Book Fair	



# December 2018

## Schedule of Events

- **Weekend of the Arts**—Need some special gifts? Need some culture? Come out and support our arts and music program at the Weekend of the Arts. Details and drama performances TBA.
- **Book Fair**—in the media center. All proceeds benefit our library collection.
- **PTO Mistletoe Market** in our gym—craft vendors presented by the PTO. Gifts, fun, shopping!
- **PTO Spirit Night**—bring your family and support our spirit night partners, who donate a portion of their profits at each spirit night back to our school. Be sure to mention you are with Brighten Academy! This month's partner: TBA.
- **MAP Testing**—Measures of Academic Progress—standardized norm-referenced test given to compare your child to their peers around the country. Your child will take the winter MAP sometime between Nov. 26 and Dec. 14.
- **A total of 10 volunteer credits are due before January 1st. All 20 volunteer credits are due May 1st. Please turn in your volunteer hours (at least 10 by Jan. 1st) to receive your child's report card on time.**

\*\*7 C's Decks—7 activities are due by January to participate in the Green Party. All 14 activities are due by April 19th to be eligible for the Green Shirt Award. Don't wait—start now!

\*\*\***Variety Show Tryouts**—Jan. 23 and 24, 2019. Start working on your routines, dances, songs, skits, juggling, etc. now!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Mistletoe Market 9am-4pm All State Band Auditions
2 Mistletoe Market 12pm-4pm	3 Book Fair	4 Book Fair	5 Book Fair 1:00 Dismissal	6 Weekend of the Arts	7 Weekend of the Arts	8 Weekend of the Arts
9 Weekend of the Arts	10 Weekend of the Arts Board Work/ Voting Session	11	12 1:00 Dismissal	13	14 AR Celebration Party (invite only)	15
16	17 PTO Meeting 6:00 Atrium	18	19 1:00 Dismissal End of 2nd 9 Weeks K-5 /End of 3rd 6 Weeks 6-8 End of 1st Semester	20 Winter Break Begins—No School until January 3 for Students	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

2nd 9 Weeks—45 Days  
3rd 6 weeks—29 Days  
1st Semester—87 Days



# January 2019

## Schedule of Events

- Welcome to 2019! We have many fun activities planned, and the school year will fly by quickly!
- All 20 of the **volunteer credits** are due before May 1st.
- **Yearbook** orders—coming soon!
- **Community Circle**—parents and community members are welcome to this celebration in the gym!
- **Parent Book Study**—come to a book study—topic, dates, and time TBD!
- **PTO Spirit Night**—bring your family and support our spirit night partners, who donate a portion of their profits at each spirit night back to our school. Be sure to mention you are with Brighten Academy! This month’s partner: TBA.
- **Math Night**—Still unclear on what’s up with the new math?? We are going to make you an expert! Come to this information meeting from 6:00-7:30 pm!
- Relay for Life/American Cancer Society **Dress Down** Days—pay \$1 to wear the color indicated. All proceeds go to our Relay for Life team supporting the American Cancer Society.
- **Green Party**—students who complete 7 of the 14 activities in the 7 C’s Deck are eligible to attend the Green Party!
- **Variety Show Tryouts**—Information coming soon on when, where, and what to bring.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Holiday—No School	2 Student Holiday/ Teacher Work Day	3 2nd Semester Begins/ Students Return	4	5
6	7 K-5 and 6th-8th Grade Report Cards Issued Board Work Session 6:00 pm	8	9 8:30 K-8 Community Circle 1:00 Dismissal	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Dress Down—\$1—Hat Day  1:00 Dismissal	17 Green Party 3:30-5:00 pm	18	19
20	21 No School—MLK Holiday	22	23 1:00 Dismissal 1:30 Variety Show Tryouts	24 4:00 Variety Show Tryouts	25 PTO Movie Night/K-4th Grades 6-8pm	26 Volunteer Work Day
27	28 Board Meeting 6:00 pm PTO Meeting 6:00 Atrium	29 Math Night 6:00-7:30 pm	30 1:00 Dismissal	31		



# February 2019

## Schedule of Events

- **PTO Variety Show**—Feb. 8th what an awesome showcase of the talent that Brighten Academy students have! Come on out and support our students and PTO—entertainment guaranteed!
- All 20 of the **volunteer credits** are due before May 1st.
- **PTO Spirit Night**—bring your family and support our spirit night partners, who donate a portion of their profits at each spirit night back to our school. Be sure to mention you are with Brighten Academy! This month's partner: TBA!
- **Staff Potluck**: Thank you 4th and 7th grade parents (and PTO) for providing lunch for our staff!
- Relay for Life/American Cancer Society **Dress Down Days**—pay \$1 to wear the color indicated. All proceeds go to our Relay for Life team supporting the American Cancer Society.
- **Relay for Life T-shirt Sales to benefit the American Cancer Society**—order yours online at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) Feb. 21st through March 31st.
- **Dr. Seuss Week!** Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and reading with us! Fun activities to celebrate reading all week Feb. 25th-Mar. 1st.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5 Staff Potluck Lunch	6 1:00 Dismissal 6:00 Variety Show Practice	7 6:00 Variety Show Dress Re- hearsal	8 PTO Variety Show 6:00 pm	9
10	11 Board Work Session 6:00 pm	12	13 1:00 Dismissal	14 Dress Down— \$1—Pink, Red, or Purple	15 End of 4th 6 Weeks (6th-8th Grades)	16
17	18 No School	19 No School	20 No School	21	22	23
24	25 Dr. Seuss Week 6th-8th Grade Report Cards Issued Board Meeting 6:00 pm PTO Meeting 6:00 Atrium	26 Dr. Seuss Week	27 Dr. Seuss Week 1:00 Dismissal	28 Dr. Seuss Week		





# March 2019

## Schedule of Events

- **Community Circle**—parents and community members are welcome to this celebration in the gym!
- **Dr. Seuss Week!** Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and reading with us! Fun activities to celebrate reading all week Feb. 25th-Mar. 1st.
- **Middle School Spring Dance**—Theme to be Announced
- **Band Recitals**—support our budding musicians—perfect date night!
- All 20 **volunteer credits** are due before May 1st. Students whose families have not fulfilled this obligation may not participate in field day in May and will not receive report cards until this obligation is met.
- **Lunch with Leadership**—come to an open forum in the atrium with the school leadership. Bring your lunch! This month's topic: Georgia Milestones.
- **PTO Spirit Night**—bring your family and support our spirit night partners, who donate a portion of their profits at each spirit night back to our school. Be sure to mention you are with Brighten Academy! This month's partner: TBA!
- Relay for Life/American Cancer Society **Dress Down Days**—pay \$1 to wear the color indicated. All proceeds go to our Relay for Life team supporting the American Cancer Society.
- **MAP Testing**—Measures of Academic Progress—standardized norm-referenced test given to compare your child to their peers around the country. Your child will take the spring MAP sometime between March 18 and April 4.
- **Relay for Life T-shirt Sales to benefit the American Cancer Society**—order yours online at [myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com) Feb. 21st through March 31st.
- **PTO Fun Run**—9:00 am at Clinton Nature Preserve. More details to come!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Dr. Seuss Week PTO Movie Night/4th-8th Grades 6-8pm	2
3	4	5	6 11:15 am 6-8 Community Circle 1:00 Dismissal	7 Lunch with Leadership 12 noon	8	9
10	11 Board Work Session 6:00 pm	12 End of 3rd 9 weeks for K-5	13 8:15 am 3-5 Community Circle 1:00 Dismissal	14 LPGE (Band) Carroll County Performing Arts Center	15 LPGE (Band) Carroll County Performing Arts Center Middle School Dance 7-10 pm	16 Volunteer Work Day
17	18 K-5 Report Cards Issued	19	20 10:15 K-2 Community Circle 1:00 Dismissal	21	22	23
24	25 Board Meeting 6:00 pm PTO Meeting 6:00 Atrium	26	27 Dress Down—\$1—Purple Day 1:00 Dismissal	28	29	30 PTO Fun Run 9 am
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# April 2019

## Schedule of Events

- **Spring Break**—April 8th-12th.
- **7C's Decks** All 14 Activities DUE April 19th.
- **Georgia Milestones (GMAS)** End of Grade Assessments—Standardized testing—the state standardized testing is this month. Dates subject to change.
- **Weekend of the Arts**—Need some special gifts? Need some culture? Come out and support our arts and music program at the Weekend of the Arts. Details and drama performances TBA.
- **Staff Potluck:** Thank you K, 1st, and 8th grade parents (and PTO) for providing lunch for our staff!
- **PTO Spirit Night**—bring your family and support our spirit night partners, who donate a portion of their profits at each spirit night back to our school. Be sure to mention you are with Brighten Academy! This month's partner: Chick-Fil-A (mall) ALL DAY!
- **Mini-Relay for Life**—details to come—students commit to walking during specials for donations to our Relay for Life team.
- All 20 **volunteer credits** are due before May 1st. Students whose families have not fulfilled this obligation may not participate in field day in May and will not receive report cards until this obligation is met.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Staff Potluck Lunch	3 1:00 Dismissal	4 AR Celebration Party (invite only)	5 Mini-Relay for Life End of 5th 6 Weeks (6th-8th Grades)	6
7	8 No School	9 No School	10 No School	11 No School	12 No School	13
14	15 Board Work Ses- sion 6:00 pm	16 Spirit Night/ ALL Day Chick- Fil-A (mall)	17 1:00 Dismissal	18	19 7 Cs Decks DUE (All 14 activities)	20 Volunteer Work Day
21	22 GMAS 6th-8th Grade Report Cards Issued PTO Meeting 6:00 Atrium	23 GMAS	24 GMAS 1:00 Dismissal	25 GMAS Weekend of the Arts	26 GMAS Weekend of the Arts	27 Weekend of the Arts District Band— Paulding Co. High
28	29 GMAS Weekend of the Arts Board Meeting 6:00 pm	30 GMAS Weekend of the Arts				



# May 2019

## Schedule of Events

- The end of the school year is always busy with many activities, celebrations, and commitments. More information will come from your child’s homeroom teacher and the school regarding awards days and classroom parties.
- All **volunteer credits** must be turned in by May 1st. Failure to complete your 20 volunteer credits will result in restriction from extracurricular activities, such as field day and graduations. Report cards will be held until completion of credits.
- **Lunch with Leadership**—come to an open forum in the atrium with the school leadership. Bring your lunch! This month’s topic: Reflecting on the school year.
- May 6-10—**Teacher Appreciation Week** (TAW)—details TBA.
- **Founders Week**—celebrating our school and all charter schools!
- **Book Fair**—all proceeds benefit our library collection.
- **Founder’s Week Celebration** and Community Circle—parents and community members are welcome to this school wide celebration at 2:00 p.m. in the Gym.
- **Field Day**—This is a fun filled day of outdoor games—some wet and wild! Ask your child’s teacher how you can help!
- Have a wonderful summer!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 GMAS 1:00 Dismissal	2 GMAS Lunch with Leadership 12 noon	3 GMAS	4 Volunteer Work Day
5	6 GMAS TAW Founder’s Week	7 GMAS TAW Founder’s Week 3rd-5th Field Day	8 Book Fair TAW Founder’s Week K-2nd Field Day 1:00 Dismissal	9 Book Fair TAW Founder’s Week 6th-8th Field Day	10 Book Fair TAW Founder’s Week Community Circle 2:00 Gym 8th Grade Dance 7-10 pm	11
12	13 Book Fair Board Work/ Voting Session 6:00 pm	14 Book Fair 8th Grade Field Study	15 Book Fair 8th Grade Field Study 1:00 Dismissal	16 8th Grade Field Study	17 8th Grade Field Study	18
19	20 PTO Meeting 6:00 Atrium	21 Kindergarten Graduation 6:00 pm in Gym	22 Regular Dismissal 3:15 pm	23 8th Grade Graduation 7:00 pm in Gym	24 K-8th Grade Report Cards Issued Last Day of School 1:00 Dismissal	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

6th 6 Weeks—30 Days  
 4th 9 Weeks—48 Days  
 Second Semester—93 Days