



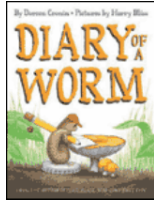
# BREWER BOBCAT BULLETIN

DON BREWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
DECEMBER 2011

JENNIFER COLLINS, PRINCIPAL

## DECEMBER'S BOOK OF THE MONTH

*Diary of a Worm*  
By Doreen Cronin



This hilarious book, written in diary form, tracks the ups and downs of an earthworm's life from the perspective of the worm family's young son.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays! It has been an exciting first half of the school year, and we are looking forward to an even greater 2012!

As we approach the halfway point of this school year, I would like to stress the importance of attendance. Please work with us to ensure that your child is at school and on time every day! Research on school attendance consistently shows that low absenteeism is correlated to students' positive school behavior, participation in extracurricular activities, higher grades, and better long term educational outcomes.

I wish each of you a happy holiday season and a safe winter break. Thank you for entrusting your child(ren) to us on a daily basis.

Your Principal,  
Jennifer Collins



## 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE PERFORMANCE/PTA MEETING



On Thursday, December 15, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will perform holiday songs for all to enjoy...all are welcome to attend! There will be a PTA meeting at 6:00 PM following by the performance at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you there!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Thursday, January 26, 2012, the teachers will be hosting a Family Academic Night from 6:00-7:30 PM. More information to come.



Many thanks to all of our PTA volunteers for a successful Vision Screening! Without all of the wonderful volunteers, this would not have been a success!

## IDEAS FOR WINTER BREAK



Here are some fun ideas to enhance your child's learning over the winter break:

- Visit the Jacksonville Public Library (to check-out books or participate in programs)
- Take your reading log to the Regency Branch library and work with the children's librarian there
- Read daily
- Record responses on your book log toward your own and our school-wide book goal
- Visit the FCAT Explorer or Destination Success websites
- Involve your child in the kitchen to help with measurement and/or following directions
- Take a nature walk at a park or in your neighborhood
- Work together to complete holiday puzzles and/or play board games

## MANY THANKS



Thank you to all of the students, staff members, and families who donated canned goods and non-perishable items during our recent drive. As a result of your generosity, we were able to help many in our community during this holiday season!

Congratulations to November's recipients of the Brewer's Best Award:



Derric	Summer
Younes	Rickie
Sonia	Richard
Payton	Devion
Janay	Kiara
Jordan	Lauren
Mackenzie	Joseph
Caroline	Hayley
Osi	Anna
Christine	David
Savanah	Nicholas
Caleb	Trinity
Deeba	

CONGRATULATIONS  
to



Ms. Genie Merritt

Don Brewer Elementary's  
Employee of the Year!!

## DECEMBER'S EVENTS



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1	2 Progress Reports Go Home
5 Benchmark Testing (3/4/5 Reading)	6 Benchmark Testing (3/4/5 Math)	7 Early Release @ 1:40 P.M. Deposit Day with Community First Credit Union	8 Holiday Luncheon at lunch time	9 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee @ 9:30 A.M.
12	13 Chili's Night at Regency	14	15 PTA Meeting @ 6:00 P.M. 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Performance @ 6:30 P.M.	16
19 No School (Weather Day)	20 No School (Weather Day)	21 No School (Weather Day)	22 No School	23 No School
26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School School Resumes Tuesday, January 3, 2012