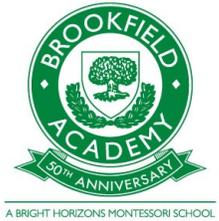


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The School Scoop

"The environment must be rich in motives which lend interest to activity and invite the child to conduct his own experiences." ~ Maria Montessori

We are now into our second quarter, and the children have become acclimated to the classroom routines and expectations, and new friendships have blossomed, and old friendships have rekindled.

November was a busy month at Brookfield with our parent-teacher conferences, veterans day activities, and classroom feast! The conferences were well attended. We always welcome the opportunity to share your child's progress with you. Your involvement in your child's education makes all the difference!

I hope all families had an opportunity to rest and relax over the long Thanksgiving weekend. It is hard to believe December is already here and soon the New Year will be upon us. You can feel the excitement in the air at Brookfield.

Each December Ms. Rose and the students usher in the holiday season with an offering of musical splendor. This year's Holiday concert promises to be an entertaining evening. The students have worked so hard preparing for the concert, and I'm sure this year's concert will be spectacular! We hope you can join us on Tuesday, December 12th. Our program will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. at Orchard Lake Middle School on Orchard Lake Road. Bring your camera! It will be a night to remember.

I hope each family has a holiday filled with joy, happiness, and peace.

Seasons Greetings to all!

Ms. Lisa

Office News

Each week Ms. Jenn sends out an email to inform parents of the events and happenings of the week. If you have not received Ms. Jenn's weekly reminder emails, please contact the school office.

Monthly Happenings

December 1

Tuition payments for Plan C due

December 7

PPG Meeting

December 8

Causal Day

December 12

Winter Concert

Hanukkah begins at Sundown

December 15

Gingerbread enrichment

Last day to drop off Snowpile items

December 19

Mad Science Classroom Workshop: Lower Elementary

December 22

Last day of Class

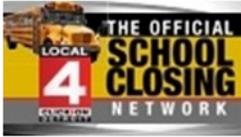
Casual Day

January 8

School resumes

School Closing Information

When snow and ice make road conditions hazardous or when temperatures drop to dangerous levels Brookfield Academy may close. To provide you with the most accurate information, Brookfield Academy school closing information will be posted by campus on our website and local television stations Fox 2, WDIV, WXYZ and radio stations WWJ and WJR. School closing information will also be sent through Bloomz.



If you would like to sign up for school closing alerts, please log onto www.clickondetroit.com. Under Sign up for Alert go to the link School Closing Alerts: Sign Up Now Sign up for closings alerts from ClickOnDetroit.com WDIV Local 4. When you sign up for the alert, it will send you a text message when Brookfield Academy is closed.

We Love to Celebrate!

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday Isla!
 Happy Birthday McKayla!
 Happy Birthday Kiros!
 Happy Birthday Carmen!
 Happy Birthday Ms. Jenn!



January Birthdays

Happy Birthday Kavan!
 Happy Birthday Akriti!
 Happy Birthday Michael!
 Happy Birthday Niko!
 Happy Birthday Annabelle!
 Happy Birthday Mazen!
 Happy Birthday Sebastian!

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) Program!

Watch D.O.G.S. is a father involvement program offered by the National Center for Fathering and has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Watch D.O.G.S. Program is an innovated program focusing on education and safety in schools by using the positive influence of fathers and father-figures. The program provides positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.

-www.fathers.com/watchdogs

Kudos

A BIG thank you to all of the families who donated items for our classroom feasts!

A BIG thank you to all the parents who volunteered in the classrooms during November!

A HUGE thank you to Mr. Gibrael for being our first Watch Dog! We appreciated the extra help and enjoyed having you as part of our team for the day!

Casual Day for a Cause

The 2nd and 4th Friday of each month is set aside for Casual Days. If children pay \$1.00 toward our charity of the month they can wear casual clothing on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. If there is a particular charity you would like us to contribute to, please contact Ms. Lisa



This December Brookfield Academy will be donating to Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation Snowpile program. Your gifts will help make the holidays brighter this year for hospitalized patients and their families. Through the **SNOWPILE** program, the holiday spirit pours through the halls, allowing parents of patients in the hospital to rest a little easier during the holiday season. December 1st through December 15th we will be collecting new toys, games, or a monetary donation gift to support the **SNOWPILE** program.



Box Tops for Education

Brookfield is participating in the General Mills Box Tops for Education. In addition to the General Mills items, Betty Crocker has joined Box Tops for Education. Please have your child bring in the box tops to the drop box located in the basket in front of room 1. Thank you for your support!

Classroom Observations

We encourage all families to come in and observe in their son/daughter's classroom. If you would like to observe in the classroom, please contact the office to schedule an appointment.

Playground Attire

Winter is now upon us; please make sure your children are equipped to handle the variable weather outside. Students should bring a coat, snow pants, hat, boots, and gloves each day to school. Please label each item of clothing with your child's first and last name.

School Attire

Please keep in mind as the weather turns colder that layering pieces must follow the Brookfield Academy uniform policy.

Sweatshirts must have the Brookfield Academy logo.

Cardigan sweaters or sweater vests may be purchased at Dennis Uniform or Lands' End.

For more specific details, please check the Parent Handbook for the uniform policy.

Parent Partnership Group & Parent Education Nights

The mission of the Brookfield Academy Parent Partnership Group is to encourage and facilitate an interactive partnership between parent, faculty, and administration by promoting communication, enriching classroom activities, and organizing social events. Brookfield faculty and administration believe that teaching children effectively requires close collaboration between parents and teachers. A strong supportive community is paramount, and the involvement of family is an important part of the commitment to the school. Our goal is for parents and teachers to work together and support each other in educating and raising independent, successful and healthy children. This year, during our PPG meetings we will be presenting Parent Education workshops and discussions to help parents with the various stages of challenges that arise when parenting. Topics vary and are tailored to parents of children within different age groups while complementing the Montessori philosophy.

**Our next PPG Meeting will be on Thursday, December 7th.
Child Care is provided from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

A Few Agenda Topics:

- Snow Day communication
- Watch D.O.G.S. program
- Upcoming Family Events
- Children's House Showcase Event
- Space Camp information (5th grade parents)
- Down the hall observations: For Parents of Children House students moving to Lower Elementary and Parents of Lower Elementary students moving to Upper Elementary.
- Re-enrollment information

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