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# Brookfield Bulletin

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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***

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our Brookfield families a happy and healthy new year. I hope your winter break was filled with family, friends and maybe a little rest.

We are looking forward to a productive and rewarding remainder of the academic year. Our students have transitioned back into their academic routines, and believe it or not, the end of the second marking period is quickly approaching. The start of 2018 will begin with several school activities. We will be honoring and celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, elementary students will enjoy a field trip to the Marquis Theater, and to end the month we will have our Hands on Museum family night. We wish all families a year full of happiness!

Warm Regards,  
Ms. Lisa

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year." - Vern McLellan

## Office News

Reminder: Tuition payments for Plan B & C were due on or before January 10th.

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

## Monthly Happenings

**January 11**  
Elementary Field Trip

**January 12**  
Casual Day

**January 15**  
Dr. MLK Jr. Day  
Craft project & Assembly

**January 19**  
End of marking period

**January 22**  
Enrichment begins

**January 25**  
Picture retake day

**January 26**  
Casual Day  
Hands on Museum Family Night

**February 6**  
Ms. Vanessa Parent-Child Night

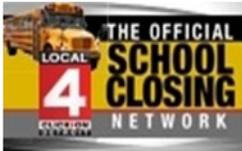
**February 8**  
Ms. Meg Parent-Child Night

**February 19-23**  
Mid-Winter Break

**February 27**  
Art Show

## School Closing

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](http://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.

Another way to plan for snow days in advance is to form a snow day club with your neighbors and other Brookfield Families. Families can collaborate with each to help cover snow days.

## We Love to Celebrate!

### January Birthdays

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



### February Birthdays

Happy Birthday Anna  
 Happy Birthday Celine  
 Happy Birthday Nikaash  
 Happy Birthday Katherine  
 Happy Birthday Ace  
 Happy Birthday Mariko  
 Happy Birthday Lara  
 Happy Birthday Isabelle  
 Happy Birthday Ms. Meg

## Kudos

I want to take this time to thank Ms. Rose and the students for the wonderful performance at the Holiday Concert.

I would like to thank Ms. Jenn, Ms. Angela, Ms. Shahin and our former Brookfield student Sienna for helping out at our annual bake sale.

A big thank you to all the families that baked the delicious treats for our bake sale. Everything looked so tasty!

## Casual Day for a Cause

The 2nd and 4th Friday of each month are set aside as 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 special charity you would like us to contribute to, please contact Ms. Lisa.

Monies for the January 12th and 26th casual day will be donated toward items purchased for our chemo care kits for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This month we will be celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In honor of Martin Luther King and his life of service, each classroom will be involved in a community service project. This month we will be making chemo care kits for children who are battling cancer. On Monday, January 15th the students will enjoy an assembly. We hope that this event not only honors a man who dedicated his life to helping others, but also lights a continual fire in us to do the same.

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

## 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. All items should be labeled with your child's name.

## Yearbook

CELEBRATING MOMENTS THAT MATTER

### 2017-2018 Yearbook—On Sale Now!

- Now is the time to order your Brookfield Academy yearbook.
- To order online, please visit [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) and follow the directions to our school.
- To order by check or money order, complete the form, attach your check payable to Brookfield Academy, and return both to the Main Office.
- Orders must be received by February 2018 to personalize your yearbook.

## 2018 Winter Enrichments

Check out our new and exciting 2018 Winter Enrichments. Winter Enrichments will begin the week of January 22nd.



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Celebrate your best moments

## Children's House Parent Child Evening

We cordially invite our Children's House parents to join us for our Parent-Child Evening. The Parent-Child Evening is a unique opportunity to come and experience a day in the life of your child at Brookfield.

This is a special evening for children and parents alike. Parent-Child Night is an exciting night for your children as they become the teachers in the classroom! Your child will guide you through each Montessori lesson with great pride! Each student will present three of their favorite lessons to show their parents and "teach" them how to do those lessons. It is a fun way for parents to see what their child is working on in their classrooms.

During the evening families will have the opportunity to participate in circle time, enjoy some tasty soup, partake in a STEM activity and visit with other families.

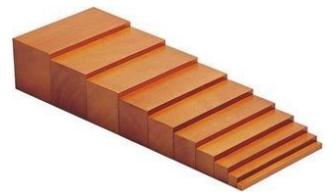
We are encouraging all families to attend this important event. To fully concentrate on the work your child cannot wait to share with you, siblings are not invited to this event.

This will be a wonderful experience for you to share with your child. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at this special event.

Please return your RSVP to your child's teacher on or before Friday, February 2, 2018.

## Elementary Orientation

I would like to invite parents who will have a student transitioning to the Lower or Upper Elementary Classroom to attend a special Orientation on Thursday, February 9, 2017, from 10:00-11:30. The Elementary Orientation will provide you with the opportunity to hear an overview of the curriculum, browse current blue books, visit the classroom and ask any questions you may have. Refreshments will be served.



## 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 management believe that teaching children effectively requires close collaboration between parents and teachers. A robust supportive community is paramount, and the involvement of family is an essential part of the commitment to the school. Our goal is for parents and teachers to work together and support each other in education 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, February 2nd  
from 5:00 pm—6:00 pm**

### A Few Agenda Topics:

Re-enrollment  
Classroom transitions  
IOWA Testing

### Parent Education:

#### **Classroom transitions- For Parents who will have a student transitioning to Lower or Upper Elementary.**

As students transition to the next classroom there can be some anxiety for both the child and the parents. Leaving the familiar faces of teachers and entering into a new environment can be difficult for anyone. Most children quickly adapt to a new classroom, especially if it is in the same school with familiar friends. Come and receive tips and tricks on how to have a smooth transition to the next classroom.

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