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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***

Well, we are in the home stretch. It's hard to believe we only have 4 weeks of school left. How the time does fly!

WOW! What a concert! The children sounded wonderful. The band and recorders sounded great. Thank you Mr. Bob and Mrs. Johnson for your continued dedication and hard work to make our music program great!

May is a busy month especially for our Upper Elementary Students. Our Upper Elementary students will be taking some exciting field trips. Our level 5's will be traveling to Space Camp in Alabama, level 4's will be traveling to Mackinaw, and our level 3 students will be going to Howell Nature Camp.

We will finish out the year honoring our 5th graders with a graduation ceremony, having fun with Spirit Week, enjoying entertainment at our annual talent show and celebrating with all our families at our end of the year picnic at Heritage Park.

Warm Regards,  
Ms. Lisa

## Office News

A big thank you to all the families for their generosity during Teacher Appreciation Week. It was a wonderful week for the teachers! Thank you for all the delicious treats and gifts! Your support is greatly appreciated!

We are now accepting enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year.

We would like to thank all of the families for filling out our annual parent survey.

If you change your email please contact the office as soon as possible.

## Monthly Happenings

**April 28-May 2**

*Teacher Appreciation Day*

**May 4-May 9**

*Space Camp (5th graders)*

**May 9**

*Casual Day*

*Pastries with Parents –Room 2*

**May 14– May 16**

*Mackinaw Trip (4th graders)*

**May 16**

*Casual Day (Sock Collection)*

**May 19 & 20**

*Nature Camp (3rd graders)*

**May 21**

*PPG– Playground walkthrough*

**May 23**

*Casual Day (Sock Collection)*

**May 26**

*Memorial Day– No school*

**May 27**

*Talent Show*

**May 28, 29, 30**

*Ms. Lisa out of town at conference*

**June 2-June 5**

*Spirit Week*

*Scholastic Book Fair*

**June 6**

*Family Picnic @ Heritage Park*

## *End of the year picnic*

Our family picnic is Friday, June 6th. We're looking forward to a day of fun and games at Heritage park in Farmington Hills. Parents should bring their child to the park and stay for the fun! If you can't attend with your child, please see if you can arrange for another parent to be responsible for him/her. For those children who choose not to participate at the park, please remember that there will not be any staff at the school so please make other arrangements for your child! Heritage Park is located on the west side of Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven mile roads. We will be having our lunch in the pavilion located by the playground and splash pad. The nature center will also be open.



Please make sure all children have their bathing suits to enjoy the splash pad!



## **We Love to Celebrate!**

### **May Birthdays**

Happy Birthday Sajjan  
 Happy Birthday Laila  
 Happy Birthday Zareen  
 Happy Birthday Arun  
 Happy Birthday Zara  
 Happy Birthday Aryana  
 Happy Birthday Dylan  
 Happy Birthday Savitri  
 Happy Birthday Akita  
 Happy Birthday Arnav



## **We Love to Celebrate!**

### **Summer Birthdays**

#### **June**

Happy Birthday Ian  
 Happy Birthday Tejas  
 Happy Birthday Valentine  
 Happy Birthday Inaya  
 Happy Birthday Deven  
 Happy Birthday Tanisha  
 Happy Birthday Anish  
 Happy Birthday Pooja  
 Happy Birthday Rohan  
 Happy Birthday Ria

#### **July**

Happy Birthday Alisha  
 Happy Birthday Evan  
 Happy Birthday Jude  
 Happy Birthday Jacob  
 Happy Birthday Tripp  
 Happy Birthday Mathea  
 Happy Birthday Akash  
 Happy Birthday Morgan

#### **August**

Happy Birthday Charlie  
 Happy Birthday Karishma  
 Happy Birthday Sebastian  
 Happy Birthday Kevin  
 Happy Birthday Sriram  
 Happy Birthday Alexandra  
 Happy Birthday Bryan  
 Happy Birthday Niranjana  
 Happy Birthday Fauzan  
 Happy Birthday Shaeis

## **Kudos**

Thank you to the parent volunteers who helped with our annual bake sale.

## Brookfield Academy is an Emerald School!

This school year the students and staff have been working together to achieve the status of a Michigan Green School. We are very excited to announce for the second year in a row that the West Bloomfield Campus has surpassed being a Michigan Green School and is officially a Michigan Emerald School! A school is eligible to receive an Emerald School Environmental Stewardship Designation if the school or students perform a total of 15 green activities. Please join me in congratulating the students on this great achievement!



## Scholastic Book Fair-BOGO

Brookfield Academy will be holding another Scholastic Book fair June 2nd through June 5th. Let's keep our children reading through the summer! The summer Scholastic Book Fair will be buy one get one free! Please visit our BOGO Book Fair the last week of school!

## SAVE THE DATE: June installment of the Family Matters Webinar Series!

### Family Matters

A Bright Horizons Webinar Series

#### Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer's: Support Strategies for Families

Presented in collaboration with BrightStar Care  
Thursday, June 13, 3:00 pm est

Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease can be both a challenging and emotional experience for families. Managing and scheduling care, understanding your loved one's needs and providing emotional support are important roles of a caregiver that can be challenging to navigate. In this webinar, we are partnering with [BrightStar Care](#) to bring you strategies to provide support for your loved one and family throughout the caregiving process.

BrightStar Care has over 12 years of experience provide home care support for individuals with neurological disorders—including Alzheimer's care, Dementia, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis and more. In this webinar we will provide strategies that will help you care for your loved one, and yourself.

Our conversation will include recommendations regarding:

- Environments**--how to provide a safe and supportive environment for a loved one living with Alzheimer's.
- Activities**--recommended activities you can engage in with your loved one to provide stimulation and comfort.
- Routines**--how to establish routines that will support your loved one by prompting recall, memory and systems for coping with symptoms.
- Abilities**--how to optimize a loved one's abilities, independence and quality of life through familiar and enjoyable activities.
- Support**--how to provide support for your loved one, yourself and your extended family.

## Share the Experience!

### Share Your Brookfield Academy Experience With Friends & Save \$200

Year after year, we continue to welcome new families to our school. An interesting fact is that most of these excellent families tend hear about the school through you – our current Moms and Dads! Because so many are already spreading the word, we wanted to make it easier to reward you for bringing these great families to the school.

Now when you tell a friend about Brookfield Academy you can earn a \$200 tuition credit through our Family Referral Program. Simply invite other families to see all that we have to offer. If your friend enrolls full-time, you will receive a \$200 tuition credit (\$150 credit for part-time). If your friend enrolls they also save \$50 off their registration fee.

Please let families know that whomever they speak with at Brookfield Academy, they need to mention they heard about the school through our Family Referral program.

**Thank you for helping our Family Grow!**



## 2013-2014 Yearbook—Celebrating 50 years!

Time is running out to order the Brookfield Academy - West Bloomfield yearbook. There's only one chance to experience this school year, but the yearbook helps remember it forever. It's now on sale through 6/1/2014.

**Please visit the website:** [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)

## 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.

## 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!



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## 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

## Socks, Socks and more SOCKS!

Bright Horizons Foundation for Children will be collecting socks at our annual Leadership Conference this year. New socks of all kinds and sizes will be collected and then given out to several organizations that support families in need. We are asking families to donate socks for our May Casual Days. I will be taking the socks to the conference to help support our Foundation.



The Bright Horizons Foundation for Children is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization focused on brightening the lives of children, youth, and families in crisis. The Foundation believes that we can make the world a better place by engaging Bright Horizons' employees, clients, families, friends, and community partners, and their passion for meeting the needs of all children. We do this by creating and supporting comforting places for children in crisis to grow and play, strengthening their families, supporting our communities, sharing our knowledge, and encouraging others to join us in making a difference.

## Brookfield Academy's Camp Explorations, A World of Summer Fun and Discovery

Discover the joys of summer at Brookfield Academy. Brookfield Academy offers Summer Camp for preschool & Kindergarten age children. We provide a fun exciting camp with themes based on children's interests. Our camp program is designed to be flexible to meet the needs of individual families. Experienced teachers will introduce campers to fun, adventure, fitness and technology. Let us know if you are interested in registering or learning more.

- 1) Montessori Mornings (9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)
- 2) Awesome in-house guests
- 3) Afternoons filled with outdoor recreation and water play
- 4) Weekly Adventure themes

The West Bloomfield Campus will be offering a Summer Camp this year. Summer Camp information was in your 2014-2015 enrollment packets. If you would like to join us for Summer Camp please fill out the Summer Camp form and return it to the school office. If you sign up for all 9 weeks a discount will be applied.



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## **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 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, May 21st from 5:00-6:00  
Child Care will be provided from 5:00-6:00  
Everyone is welcome!**

### **A Few Agenda Topics:**

Parent group to walk the playground and give suggestions on positive changes to the playground.

Parent group to discuss school hot lunch program.

### **Parent Education Topic:**

**No Parent Education Topic this month.**

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