



BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 167

Serving children in all or part of Chicago Heights, Glenwood, Holbrook, Lansing, Lynwood, and Rural Cook County

Dear Brookwood School District 167:

In the words of John Dewey, 1916, "If we teach today as we taught yesterday; we rob our children of tomorrow." As a result, I am writing to inform you that Brookwood 167 will be offering iPad tutorials to you in preparation for the school district's iPad initiative. This initiative, known as the Brookwood 167 One-to-One (1:1) Pilot Digital Program, will provide iPads to its students in kindergarten and first-grade to take home and use in school. This program is based on a grant written to facilitate twenty-first century learning for our students. The tutorials will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 7, 2015 to September 24, 2015, and will be conducted at the Longwood Elementary School Library.

In preparation for the One-to-One (1:1) Pilot Digital Program, we will ensure that students and families undergo tutorials on how to use the iPad. The Brookwood 167 tutorials are intended to provide basic instruction in the use of the iPad. Students and their parents will learn how to power their iPads on and off, navigate the user interface of the device, charge their iPads, connect their iPads to Wi-Fi, and most importantly, learn how to learn from their iPads. It is believed that if students are confident in using their iPads, they will use them regularly. Regular use of the iPad will result in a greater capacity for learning as the iPad is well suited for this purpose.

As stated earlier, the iPad tutorial program will begin on July 7, 2015. This is the first day of the Brookwood 167 "Technology Tuesday/Thursdays" series. The dates of instruction for the series are listed **on the back of this letter. The A and B Sessions are intended for incoming kindergarteners and first-graders.** At least one parent or guardian must accompany the student and must remain for the duration of the session. Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend at least two of the tutorials to gain greater proficiency with the iPad. The **C-Sessions** in our technology series are for the Brookwood 167 community at large. We have included these tutorials for adults in order for all community members to become engaged with our iPad Pilot initiative.

Tutorial class sizes should not exceed 30 attendants. An attendant is defined as one student with a parent or guardian or one adult Brookwood District 167 community member. To ensure that this number is not exceeded, **a link to a sign-up sheet will be posted on the school district's website to allow parents to choose a day and time for iPad tutoring that is most accommodating to their schedules.**

Our students' education is our highest priority, and I believe that the Brookwood 167 One-to-One iPad Pilot Digital Program is a huge step in ensuring that our students' education is on par or exceeds that of other school programs world-wide. If you have any questions or comments regarding our school district's technology initiatives, please contact me by email at bw-super@brookwood167.org or by phone at (708) 758-5190.

Yours Truly In Education,

Dr. Valorie Moore
Brookwood School District 167
Superintendent of Schools
CEO

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iPad Training Schedule

Day	Date	A-Sessions (Kindergarteners and First Graders Only)	B-Sessions (Kindergarteners and First Graders Only)
Wednesday	July 8, 2015	1:30 - 2:30 PM	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday	July 16, 2015	1:30 - 2:30 PM	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday	July 23, 2015	1:30 - 2:30 PM	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday	July 30, 2015	1:30 - 2:30 PM	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday	August 6, 2015	1:30 - 2:30 PM	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday	August 13, 2015	1:30 - 2:30 PM	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday	September 10, 2015	1:30 - 2:30 PM	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday	September 24, 2015	1:30 - 2:30 PM	6:30 - 7:30 PM

iPad Training Schedule

Day	Date	C-Sessions (For Brookwood 167 Adult Community Members)
Tuesday	July 7, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday	July 8, 2015	10:30 - 11:30 AM
Tuesday	July 14, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday	July 16, 2015	10:30 - 11:30 AM
Tuesday	July 21, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 PM
Thursday	July 30, 2015	10:30 - 11:30 AM

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