



THE [NEW] BROOKWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL



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by Mrs. Onquanette Nowels-Pierce | Principal

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The 2016-2017 school year for Brookwood School District 167 has gotten off to a great start.

I am extremely excited about the **"BEST"** year yet, at the New Brookwood Middle School.

Our team and I look forward to working with each of you. Our dedicated staff continues to focus on providing the best possible educational experiences for our students.

Our goal is to provide students with instruction that will enrich their minds and enable them to solve problems through higher order thinking.

We will prepare students for real world events that they can apply academic values to become productive citizens in their communities and in their professions.

With your help we can prepare our students for the future. Remember the old saying, **"It takes a village to raise a child"**.

At Brookwood Middle School, we have our arms and hearts open to be the village that will partnership with you to prepare our students for a bright future.

We are looking forward to a very productive and rewarding year at Brookwood Middle School, as well as working with you and your family.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached by email at onowels@brookwood167.org or by calling (708) 758-5350. Onquanette Nowels-Pierce, Principal

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."

~Nelson Mandela~



HELP YOUR CHILD SET ACADEMIC GOALS

We encourage our parents to require their child to set academic goals for each school year. Our children need our help to stay focused on their education, to keep going when it gets difficult and to believe that what...

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SCHOOLS + PARENTS = SUCCESS

What happens when parents get involved in their children's education? Grades go up—and behavior improves, too. Whether it's reading together or attending a teacher conference, parent involvement does make a difference! We ask that you check your child's planner and homework daily. Never hesitate to call a teacher if you have questions or concerns regarding your child's progress. Every teacher has a planning period every day and is available to speak to parents during this time. Contact the office for teacher planning times.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO...

You can help your child do his or her best in school by:

- Making sure that your child attends school every day;
- Making sure that your child **READS** every day (readers are leaders);
- Making sure that your child gets a good night's sleep every night – we encourage parents to have their child turn in their cell phones to a parent at a designated time before bed (8:30 p.m.) because students often tell us how they text each other in the middle of the night;
- Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand any directions;
- Setting a good example by respecting and supporting school efforts to support learning;
- Take advantage of museums, libraries, and community resources to enrich learning;
- Limiting television and video game time;
- Encouraging your child's best behavior at school;
- Making sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to study and read;
- Listening.

We expect **100%** participation of parents at our quarterly **Open House** events on:

- November 16th, 2016
- March 22nd, 2017
- May 25th, 2017

As well as **Parent Teacher Conferences** held on:

- November 7th, 2016
- March 23rd, 2017

***Conference Times: 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

BY ATTENDING THESE IMPORTANT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, YOU SHOW YOUR CHILD THE VALUE YOU PLACE ON HIS/HER EDUCATION!

COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

Instructional Support Students will receive intense instruction in an 80-minute Reading Block and an 80-minute Mathematics Block aligned with Common Core State Standards (CCSS). We will be increasing student's minutes of reading in school. We need your help to support this effort outside of school as well. Your child's teacher will be sending home reading requirements for their classroom at the beginning of the year.

[How CAN YOU ASSIST us?] You give your children a tremendous advantage when you read with them, help them with homework, meet with their teachers and attend school events and activities.

NOW TRENDING



BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVICE

[FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH!] Please check the menu ahead of time. If you have to bring a lunch, we ask that you have it in the office by 12:00 p.m. for 5th graders and 11:00 a.m. for 6th graders.



SCHOOL BEGINS AT [8:30 AM]...

It is very important that students are in their homerooms in their seats at the start of the school day, which is 8:30 a.m. Please assist us in helping each student start a non-interruptive day.



AT BROOKWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL WE EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO...

- BE SAFE
- BE RESPECTFUL
- BE RESPONSIBLE

This year we will focus on **Restorative Practices** to assist students with positive outcomes rather than punitive discipline. Restorative Practices focuses on building community, repairing relationships, and restoring a community.

GET INVOLVED

BMS CALENDAR OF EVENTS [SEPTEMBER]

September 1st: 2:00 p.m. Dismissal for Students HB and LW Open House 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

September 2nd: 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for Students

September 5th: **Labor Day – No School**



September 9th: Grandparents Day | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

September 19th: Fall Picture Day

September 22nd: First Day Of Autumn

September 28th: Parent University 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

POWERSCHOOL PRO

Brookwood Middle School will be using PowerSchool Pro this school year. PowerSchool Pro is the first student information management system that connects the school to the home through the Internet.

You will be able to check your child's grades and attendance to keep up-to-date on your child's academic progress.

To log into PowerSchool Pro:

Direct your browser to the Brookwood School District website @ www.brookwood167.org.

Click on "Resources" on the top menu, go down to "PowerSchool Parent Portal" and click on it.

If you have any questions regarding our PowerSchool site or need assistance, please contact:

Mr. Bakari Simmons @ (708) 758-5350

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SEPTEMBER IS...

[LICE PREVENTION] & [SICKLE CELL] MONTH



CELL PHONE USAGE

[No] CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOL ZONE!

BRING GRANDPARENTS TO SCHOOL DAY!

Friday, September 9th, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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