

Board Briefs

The Board of Education Brookwood School District 167

A Word from the Board President

Dr. Pamela Hollich, our current Superintendent, announced her plans to retire at the end of this school year. During her tenure, Dr. Hollich achieved many measurable accomplishments, including the development of a more challenging curriculum, the development of an advanced technology program, installation of computer labs in each school, smart boards in each classroom, an expanded extra-curricular program, establishment of the bilingual program, and maintenance of healthy fund balances. Other notable improvements include standardized testing results. The ISAT scores have improved dramatically over the past eight years. We are grateful for her determination to propel the district's goals to a higher achievement level. Please join me in wishing Dr. Hollich well and plan to attend any of the three remaining General School Board Meetings prior to her departure.

The Board of Education is preparing to make one of the most important decisions bestowed on a local school board, the selection of a Superintendent. The Board began an executive search for the new Superintendent in January. Members of the community were invited to participate in focus groups to give input on the priorities of the district and the requirements for this replacement. The Board reviewed the results and is in the process of finalizing the search. The Board is prepared to welcome a new Superintendent to the district in the near future. Please watch for further updates.

In other school business, the full funding for the construction project for the New Middle School was received, and the planning for the building project is in process. A New Construction Committee was formed, and the members will be engaged in each phase of construction for the duration of the project. Please feel free to attend any of the open meetings planned for this project.

You should also be aware of recent legislation introduced to incorporate a new Common Core State Standard Curriculum. This standard was adopted in all but three states across the nation. The new curriculum was developed in an effort to heighten college and career readiness as defined by International Standards. The Illinois Board of Education has determined that most U.S. students will not perform at their respective Common Core grade level, and will most likely perform at two grade levels below the Common Core Standards. The Board of Education will be challenged to prepare our students and teachers for this new challenge and will look for your support in this effort.

Please be aware, four board positions are being sought by candidates interested in serving on the Board of Education. You, the Stakeholder, will determine which candidates will be chosen to sit on the Board of Education for the next four years. Please acquaint yourself with the qualifications of the candidates, and keep the challenges facing the board in mind when you vote on April 9, 2013.

Respectfully,



Board President

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Important Dates

- Apr. 8 Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 9 Election Day - No School
- Apr. 12 Report Cards Issued
- Apr. 18 Longwood Pre-K Screenings
- Apr. 18 Junior High 8th Grade Springfield Trip
- Apr. 19 BMS Family Movie Night
- Apr. 22 BMS Book Fair Begins
- Apr. 23 PTA Executive Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 25 District Fine Arts Festival at BJH 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Apr. 26 Half Day School Improvement - 11:30 a.m. Dismissal



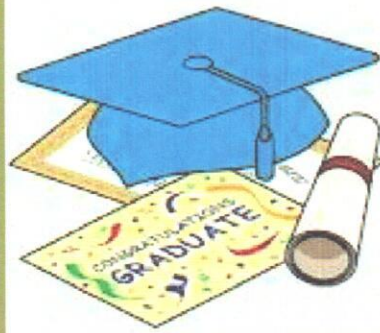
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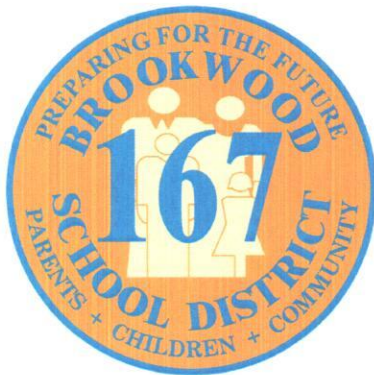
Class of 2013
Junior High Graduation
Ceremony

June 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.



8:30 a.m. ~ Registration & Breakfast
10:00 a.m. ~ Shotgun Start
3:30 p.m. ~ Lunch

\$100 for a round of golf and lunch. Raffle, exciting games, and prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, contact Jan at 708-758-5190.



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Brookwood School District 167, in partnership with parents and community, will create a learning environment in which all students excel at becoming lifelong learners and decision makers.

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