

# Board Briefs

*The Board of Education Brookwood School District 167*

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## **A Word from the Board President**

June 2013

**“Education is our passport to the future, tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” – Malcolm X**

Congratulations to the Class of 2013!

On June 6<sup>th</sup> parents, teachers, and community celebrated the outstanding academic achievement of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students during the graduation. Students received numerous awards recognizing their excellence. I hope students will continue to choose the most progressive path. Continue to choose education. Continue to choose a sober mind and good health! Continue to choose prosperity! Continue to choose consistency and momentum in bettering yourself. Be the change you want to see in the world. “Education is the Beacon of Light to the World.” It will open doors for you that are normally closed to most. We can definitely ensure that by provisioning to enhance our knowledge base through education that we will have many choices and certain contentments in life which we normally would not if we do not feed our mind with academic knowledge.

As student academic achievement is the Board of Education’s priority, we are pleased the district has over 300 participants in the summer school program, under the leadership of Assistant Principal Ms. Jill Larson. The program consists of:

### **Core Program (Mandatory):**

- 88 hours of instruction
- Each four hour day consists of the following sessions:
- Two 45 minute sessions with Achieve 3000 Information Literacy Instruction
- One 60 minute session of mathematics instruction (grades 1-4 will receive instruction from the classroom teacher, grades 5-6 will participate in a pre-algebra warm up and students in grades 7-8 will participate in an algebra warm up)
- One 60 minute session of language arts which ties into the Achieve 3000 Program
- One 30 minute activity session (changes every week)

### **Enrichment Program (Voluntary):**

- Achieve 3000 Information Literacy Instruction (Grades 2-7)
- Spanish
- Pre-Algebra Warm-Up (Grades 4-5)
- Algebra Warm-Up (Grades 6-7)
- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Robotics
- Video Broadcasting

**“We cannot continue to accept that doing more with less is OK. We cannot provide a world-class education with third world funding.” – Martha Fluor**

**SCOPE Report-** Member Lorrie Wheeler shared with the board and community the importance of contacting state and federal legislators regarding the inequity in education funding. Everyone must take an active role in helping our children become lifelong learners and decision makers. Encourage others to visit Springfield or contact your legislators and demand educational equity.

**Board Focus Group** – The June 4<sup>th</sup> focus group provided an opportunity for parents, students, and community members to share ideas regarding the design and features of the new middle school through a series of activities. Thanks to all participants.

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The Board Policy Handbook is now available on line at [www.brookwood167.org](http://www.brookwood167.org).

*Save the Date*  
**School Registration**

Monday, August 5, 2013  
8:00a.m. ~ 2:00p.m.

And

Tuesday, August 6, 2013  
2:00p.m. ~ 8:00p.m.

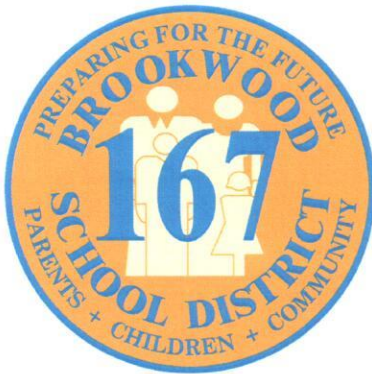
**Golf Outing-** On Thursday, June 20, 2013, The Brookwood School District 167 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing benefitting the district's Educational Foundation will be held at Glenwoodie Golf Course. The purpose of the Educational Foundation is to provide an opportunity and vehicle for contributions made by the friends of Brookwood. Funds will generate interest revenue to help students become technologically proficient for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Please come out and join us.

With a healthy fund balance, small class sizes, foreign language, fine arts, and extra-curricular activities, our district continually strives to prepare students to become lifelong learners. I encourage you to work with us preparing our students for excellence in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I envision our District being a model for others and you can help us achieve that goal.

**"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."** – Margaret Mead

Educationally yours,

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**Mission Statement:**

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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