

# Board Briefs

*The Board of Education Brookwood School District 167*

## A Word from the Board President

**“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”** Anthony D’Angelo

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Education approved the Targeting Achievement through Governance (TAG) Program. The program is funded by a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. The grant provides the resources to enable the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) to offer free services and board development opportunities to school boards in districts that are in Corrective Action Status. I believe the Board should lead the charge in education. The Board has taken the leadership role in learning by voting to participate in a series of TAG workshops, board development opportunities, and coaching focused on the school board’s role in student achievement with a particular focus on the effective use of data and board policy-making. The Board will receive more than \$4,200 worth of services and training at no cost to the District.

**Technology** - The Board viewed a great presentation of students creating and producing the weekly newscast highlighting school and community events. I commend technology instructors Mr. Trakas and Ms. Baker, students and principals for being trailblazers in newscast technology. I encourage you to visit the district website to view the students’ wonderful work.



**Glenwood Junior Women’s Club** - The Board is greatly appreciative of the time and commitment of the organization supporting the District’s Fine Arts Program. Mrs. Rebecca Morton received the Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the organization. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the organization will have students’ work on display at the Glenwood-Lynwood Library. Please check out the display.

**“There is a brilliant child locked inside every student.”** - Marva Collins

**Curriculum** - Data from the Education Town Hall meeting revealed stakeholders’ concern that improved curriculum be a top priority. On Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Bragg, the Director for Curriculum and Instruction will present the district’s curriculum, test data, ISAT preparation, and address other concerns. Your voice is welcomed as we focus on our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. We are not striving for mediocrity but for superiority in our curriculum. We do not want to become content but consistent in our striving to produce substantial citizens in the area of academia and overall contribution. I encourage each one to bring one.

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### Important Dates

- Feb. 29 District Parent Advisory Council at Brookwood Junior High
- Mar. 5 No School - Casimir Pulaski Day Observance
- Mar. 12 Board of Education Meeting
- Mar. 16 End of Third Quarter - 2:00 p.m. Dismissal
- Mar. 21 Spring Arrives!
- Mar. 23 Report Card Pickup
- Mar. 27 PTA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at BMS
- Apr. 5 Early Dismissal at 11:30 a.m. for School Improvement
- Apr. 9 Board of Education Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 26 District Fine Arts Festival 6:00 p.m. at BJHS



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The Board Policy Handbook is now  
available on line at  
www.brookwood167.org.

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 life long 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,

*Deborah Birmingham, M.Ed.*  
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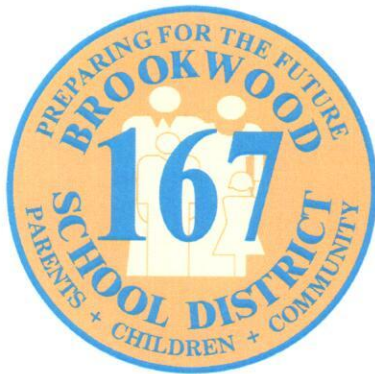
*Save the Date*

**Thursday, May 31, 2012**  
**Birdies for Brookwood Golf Outing**  
**Glenwoodie Golf Course**

**\$125 for a round of golf, lunch, and dinner.**  
**Raffles, exciting games, and prizes.**  
**The registration form will be mailed in mid-March.**



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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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