

# Board Briefs

## The Board of Education Brookwood School District 167

### A Word from the Board President

***"If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."*** – Benjamin Franklin

Education! Education! Education! was the reason many residents stated they moved to the district over 25 years ago. They believed the district offered a high quality education. I believe this is a reasonable expectation.

For the past few years, I've done an informal survey of children attending school outside of the Brookwood 167 School District. Our district student population encompasses Glenwood, sections of Lynwood, Lansing, and Chicago Heights. I've discovered that many of our elementary grade students attend private schools. Parents seek private schools for smaller classrooms, foreign language, a challenging curriculum, and an overall academic balance.

This year, the Board has taken on several new initiatives through actively engaging stakeholders in the creation of new ideas, opportunities, implementation of developed initiatives, and helping to champion the objectives of the school district's mission. The Board continues to seek parent input in the overall student curriculum. Our district is financially strong

### First Tee National School Program

The Village of Glenwood is graciously sponsoring the First Tee National School Program for students in grades K-6 at Hickory Bend, Longwood, and Brookwood Middle School. The program will provide a curriculum to teach students the fundamentals of golf, developmen-

and affords us the opportunity to offer smaller classrooms, more foreign language programs, the challenging curriculum, and interventions. The Brookwood School District has the capacity to offer a well-versed and engaging education for all district children while being an example of excellence throughout the neighboring communities.

I envision a school district that other communities strive to model. I strongly believe in this community. We have the most qualified and capable educators, we have the most talented and visionary students, we have the most diligent and concerned parents. These are the most effective ingredients for success while preparing our students to become dynamic leaders of tomorrow. Our children's education is too important to be left solely with educators. Parents are the first teachers. Grandparents and other family and friends are also instrumental in helping children achieve academic excellence. Though some may have children who are "grown and gone", there remains a responsibility to the children in the community. Contact the schools and offer your time and talent. "Success is not built on what we accomplish for ourselves. Its foundation lies in

tally appropriate instructional materials, and staff development for teachers. In addition to learning how to play golf, there is an emphasis on teaching students to appreciate diversity, to develop speaking skills, to manage emotions, to plan for their future, to resolve

what we do for others." - Danny Thomas

Our children are our future!

To be life long learners empowered to compete in this global economy, students must be equipped for academic success. Parents must lead by positive example, and the community must embrace assisting our children as teachers build on what was instilled within the home - our future depends on it.

As the Board continues to embark upon future endeavors, I am continually appreciative to those who have devoted their time and talent. I will seek others as the district continually strives for academic excellence.

I encourage you with the words of Michael Jackson –*"take a look in the mirror. If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself, and then make a change."*

Change for Our Children- Our Future

Educationally yours,



Deborah Birmingham, M.Ed.

conflict, and to set step-by-step goals. P.E. teachers will receive training in November. The program is scheduled to begin with students during the second half of the school year.



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### Points of Interest:

- The Board has taken on new initiatives to inform and involve the community in planning for the future. See *A Word from the Board President*.
- The Village of Glenwood sponsors the First Tee National School Program for District 167.
- The Band/Choir concert at BJHS on October 13 will honor our veterans. The concert will start at 6:00 p.m. All community members are welcome.
- Save the Date! The district will host a golf outing on May 31, 2012 at Glenwood Golf Course.
- Mark your calendars! See important dates for the PTA, MPAC, PAC, and board committee meetings on page 2.

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The Male Parent Advisory Council  
will meet on September 29 at  
6:30 p.m. at BJHS.

**Concert to Honor Veterans**

The Brookwood Junior High Band and Choir will be dedicating the October 13 concert to our nation's veterans. Our musicians will perform patriotic selections; veterans in the audience will be honored; and light refreshments will be provided. Our goal is to honor as many veterans in the community as possible. If you are a veteran, please plan on attending this special concert. Please pass this invitation on to any veteran who may not have received it. The concert starts at 6:00 p.m. in the gym at the junior high.

**Important Dates**

**Sept. 27** - PTA Meeting at BMS at 7:00 p.m.

**Sept. 28** - Parent Advisory Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. at BJHS. All residents are welcome.

**Sept. 29** - Male Parent Advisory Committee Kick-off at 6:30 p.m. at BJHS. A light supper will be provided.

**Oct. 3** - Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Admin Center.

**Oct. 6** - Personnel Committee 5:30 p.m. at Admin Center

**Oct. 13** - Policy Committee 6 p.m. at Admin Center  
October 13 Band and Choir Concert at BJHS at 6:00 p.m.

**Oct. 14** - End of 1st Quarter



**Save the Date!**

**School District 167**

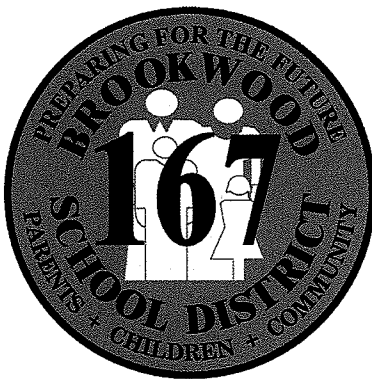
**Golf Outing**

**May 31, 2012**

**Glenwoodie Golf Course**

*We need volunteers.*

*Please contact Debbie Young at 708-758-5190 if you wish to help.*



**Mission Statement:**  
*Brookwood School District 167, in partnership with parents and community, will create a caring environment in which all students learn. This partnership shall empower all students to become responsible learners and decision makers as they prepare for the future.*

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