

Board Briefs

The Board of Education Brookwood School District 167

A Word from the Board President

"No one who achieves success does so without the help of others.

The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude." - Alfred North Whitehead

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During this season of thanksgiving and sharing, I am thankful for the education opportunities afforded to the children of the United States. Millions of children around the world are not fortunate to have education opportunities that many take for granted. Education is the oxygen of the world - it is needed for survival. In order for our rapidly changing global economy to survive, we must provide high quality education. We must provide innovative, challenging and risk taking curriculum to prepare students for professions that have yet to be created.

I am thankful to the principals, teachers, and staff who give tirelessly to our children. They understand the urgency of quality education needed for our children's success. I am thankful to parents and guardians who understand they are the 'first' teacher and must send children to school with a positive attitude in order to reach a limitless altitude.

I am thankful to every committee member who faithfully gives of their time and talent to assist the Board of Education in championing initiatives. This year, committee members were extremely diligent with new school tours, reviewing finance, updating policy, developing district personnel appreciation ideas, and providing exciting mentoring activities for our children.

I am thankful to community and business leaders who attended the August 15th round table. They understand the vital importance of engagement with the school district. They understand that children are our most precious commodity and it takes a village to prepare them for the 21st century global economy.

I am thankful to Fire Chief Kevin Welsh and the Glenwood Fire Department for sharing their time and expertise with our Male Parent Advisory Committee and students. Over 40 students were treated to a tour of the fire station and given the opportunity to explore fire trucks and equipment used to provide safety to our community. Such engagement may inspire our children to become the next generation of firefighters.

I am thankful for the Board's participation in the Illinois Association of School Boards 100th Annual Conference. Hundreds of school boards throughout Illinois engaged in workshops providing valuable insights and resources to enhance members' abilities to effectively serve children and taxpayers.

I am thankful to new Supt. Dr. Valorie Moore for working diligently with the Board making student achievement the priority. On Dec. 11th, the community is invited to the district's Curriculum & Instruction night.

Lastly, I am thankful to work with outstanding board members with diverse viewpoints but the best interest of children and taxpayers at heart. The Board voted to go out to bid for an architect for the new Brookwood Middle School. In the upcoming weeks, the community will be invited to come and hear the updates and timeline for the building project.

I firmly believe Brookwood School District 167 can serve as a model for success by 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 missions.

Educationally yours,

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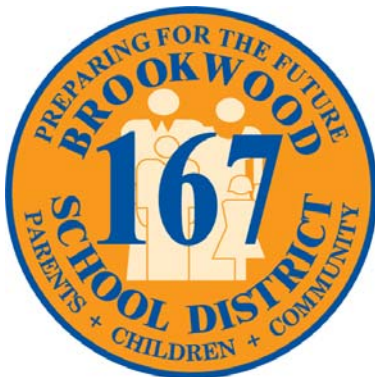
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 4, 2013	—	Hickory Bend Winter Concert, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 9, 2013	—	December Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11, 2013	—	Middle School Gingerbread Workshop, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Curriculum Night, 6:30-8:00 p.m., BJHS Gym
Thursday, December 12, 2013	—	Middle School Winter Concert, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18, 2013	—	Junior High Band & Choral Winter Concert, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 19, 2013	—	Longwood Holiday Sing-a-Long, 1:30 p.m. Hickory Bend Winter Parties, 1:45-2:45 p.m., Caroling 10:00 a.m. BJHS Winter Dance
Friday, December 20, 2013	—	Half-Day School Improvement, 11:30 a.m. District Dismissal
Monday, December 23, 2013 to Friday, January 3, 2014	—	Winter Recess/No School
Monday, January 6, 2014	—	School Resumes



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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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