

Board Briefs

The Board of Education Brookwood School District 167

A Word from the Board President

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“Education is the steam engine that drives a community forward.” – Deborah Birmingham, M.Ed.

In a world where educational challenges are daily realities for many communities, the Board continues to strive to provide a quality education for our students - our precious commodity, our productive future. The Board continues to share the mission and collaborate with parents and community to provide a world class education to prepare and empower our children so they can have a viable future with substance.

We believe:

- Families shape their children’s motivation, confidence, and academic success by being interested and involved in their overall development.
- All students are unique and should be challenged to the highest level of academic and artistic excellence.
- In the importance of staff development opportunities, based on best practices and educational research.
- In educating our children in a safe and nurturing environment.
- The school system should teach students to think critically enabling them to become contributing citizens in our global society.
- In continuous improvement in all aspects of the school system to foster a culture of excellence, accountability and integrity.
- In state of the art technology.
- In responsible stewardship of financial and physical resources.

The Board welcomes Mr. Rene’ Santiago, Assistant Superintendent of Learning, Data, and Assessment.

In the upcoming weeks, the district will host a curriculum night and share vital information regarding curriculum, Common Core standards and assessment.

Curriculum & Instruction - In an effort to reach out to parents and students, the committee created a survey to get input from students and parents. The survey will be available during the November 7th Parent-Teacher Conferences. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Male Parent Advisory Committee - Way to go!!!! The committee began this year of activities with a magnificent kick-off on September 27th with over 100 in attendance. Thanks to Mr. Charles Price for the extraordinary martial arts presentation. October’s meeting had 60 in attendance and guest speaker Jason Thomas, M.Ed. gave a presentation on life choices and college preparation.

New Brookwood Middle School - On Wednesday, October 23rd, the district’s real estate attorneys and architect presented methods of building construction for the Board’s consideration.

On Thursday, October 24th, the Board and community members had an opportunity to talk with architects and construction management companies at the Vendors Fair regarding the building of a new school.

Research shows a successful school district is comprised of stakeholders taking ownership. I firmly believe 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 mission.

Educationally yours,

Deborah Birmingham, M.Ed.

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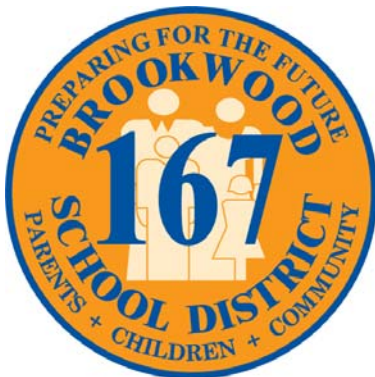
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 7, 2013	—	Parent/Teacher Conferences, Noon-8:00 p.m./No School
Friday, November 8, 2013	—	Teacher Institute, Parents Welcome, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m./No School
Monday, November 11, 2013	—	Veteran's Day Observance/No School
Thursday, November 14, 2013	—	Hickory Bend 2nd/3rd Grade Concert 1:45 p.m. and 6:00 pm./Fall Fun Night, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Friday, November 15, 2013	—	Junior High Parent Visitation Day, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 18, 2013	—	November Board of Education Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 19, 2013	—	PTA Meeting, Middle School, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	—	Middle School Parent Visitation Day, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 27, 2013	—	No School
Thursday, November 28, 2013	—	Thanksgiving Day/No School
Friday, November 29, 2013	—	Thanksgiving Day Observance/No School



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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