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Principal*

March 2014

Brookwood Middle School News

Principal's Corner

It's about that time. Next week our District will be administering the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). The testing dates are March 10- March 21, 2014. Data collected will be analyzed for school and district accountability determinations using the new performance levels.

You can help your child do his or her best on the test by:

- **Making sure, if possible, that your child attends school on the days of testing and arrive to school on time. We cannot let a child enter their class if a testing session has begun.**
- **Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep the night before testing;**
- **Providing breakfast on the mornings of testing or encouraging your child to eat a breakfast at school;**
- **Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he or she does not understand test directions;**
- **Letting your child know that you have confidence in his or her ability to do his or her best;**
- **Advising your child not to worry or stress out about the test and just do the very best he or she can.**
- **Bringing (3) #2 pencils daily**
- **Bring a water bottle daily**



Mrs. Pierce, Principal



Youth Art Month
March is.....

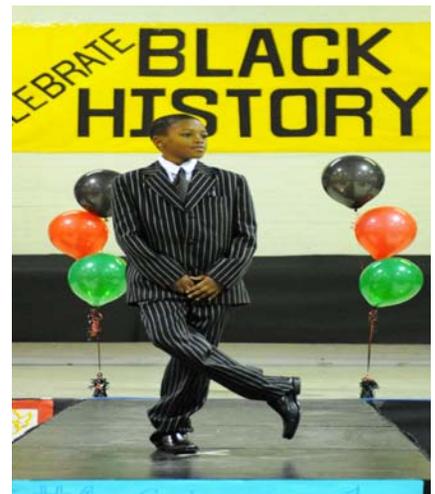
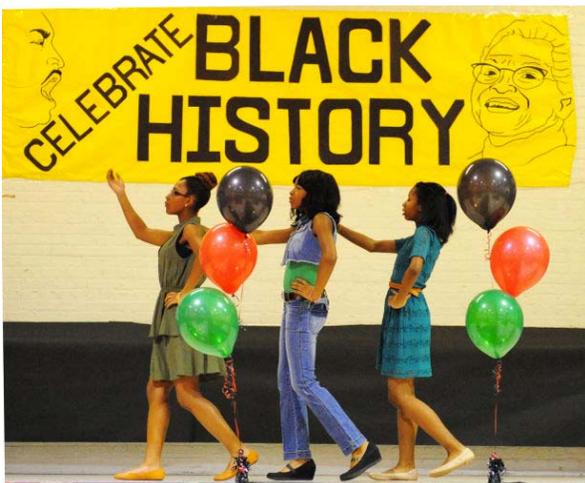
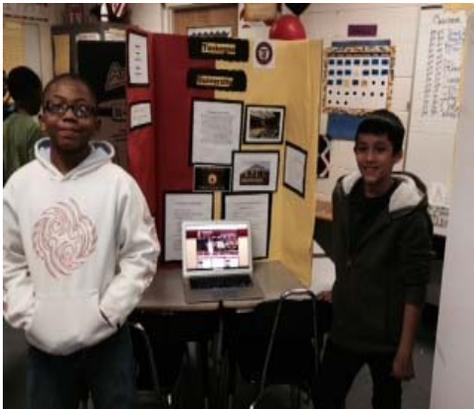
Youth Art Month

Open House
March 12, 2014
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
at the Glenwood-Lynwood Library

Artwork created by our children will be on display starting on March 12, and lasting through the rest of the month. Come enjoy!

Black History Month

This month students learned a lot of information about African American pioneers, inventors, engineers, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the founding of Black Fraternities and Sororities. Many classes exhibited their understanding with various projects and multidisciplinary design. The music class learned about Jimi Hendrix and how he revolutionized the electric guitar. Students learned about an African American pioneer each day on the morning announcements. Mrs. Hollimon's class presented a College Fair. Students researched different Historically Black Colleges and Universities and presented among their peers as why the school was a good pick. (See Below) Students also had a fun filled time walking the runway for our Black History Program. Student's dressed in themes of the decade and strutted their stuff down the walkway and across the stage. Thank you to Mrs. Hollimon, Mrs. Brewster and Mr. Herald for collaborating and making sure our school had a program in place. We are honored to have a host of young talented individuals.





Social Work Corner

By: Audrey Davis

March is Conflict Resolution Month

This month students will be participating in classroom sessions on Conflict Resolution taught by the School Social Worker. At this aged students are conflicted on how to handled problems or issues that arise in the school

- Enable children to respond nonviolently to conflict by using the conflict resolution problem-solving processes of negotiation, mediation, and consensus decision-making.
- Mobilize community involvement in violence prevention through education programs and services, such as expanding the role of youth as effective citizens beyond the school into the community.

The Rainbows program has begun at BMS. This program is a grief and bereavement program. It helps students in different areas such as family changes, family lost, loss of relative. Students are able to meet once a week in a group to provide support to one another.

Lost and Found



Our Lost and Found Bin is overflowing with nice quality items that your child may have misplaced. Please ask them to visit the lost and found to check. Parents are welcomed to come check anytime during the school day for items you think your child have lost. We would like to clear out these items before Spring Break.

Half-Day School Improvement

Friday, March 14, 2013 11:30 Dismissal

Social Media Sites for Parents to Review

ooVoo

Free Video Chat

Parents should always be aware of who their children are chatting with online.

Women's History Month

"Someone You Should Know"

Aja Evans



US Bobsledding Olympian

Chicago Native

U of I Champaign Graduate

Born May 12, 1988

Highlights:

- B.S. Sports Science
- Track Runner
 - Shot Put
 - Sprinting
- Family Background in Sports
- Attended UNLV prior to U of I.
- Scored 794 out of 800 on her combine test.
- Earned winning medals at different competition nationwide

Parent-School Connection



Story time

Reading is very crucial to a child's livelihood. Here are some suggestions you can do at home.

- **Read regularly-**
Try to read with your child everyday. You might aim for 10-15 minutes of bedtime reading for a peaceful end to the day. Plan read-alouds into the time when dinner is in the oven or curl up together with a book when you get home from work.
- **Take turns choosing books.**
Your child may want to hear old favorites again and again. Use your turn for new titles and variety (nonfiction, poetry, newspaper, magazines).
- **Let him/her participate.**
Ask your child to turn the pages while you read. Read at a steady pace so they have time to understand the story and look at the illustrations.
- **Be playful.**
You can use different voices for different characters (a high, squeaky voice for a chicken or a deep, boom voice for a horse). Substitute your youngster's name for the main character's name, and use family members' name for other characters.

*Note: You don't have to be an expert reader. Your child will love it when you read aloud because it's you.