

West Bloomfield Campus



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BROOKFIELD ACADEMY BULLETIN

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FEBRUARY 2009

CALENDAR

February

2/2 Groundhog Day

2/12 Abraham Lincoln's 200th
birthday!

2/13 Denim Day #6

2/14 Valentine's Day

2/16-20 Mid-Winter Break

2/24 After-School Brookfield Theater



A look ahead . . .



March

3/3 After-School Brookfield Theater

3/4 Lower El Science Fair

3/5 Upper El Science Fair

3/6 NO SCHOOL

Dear Families,

I want to draw your attention to the front entrance. I will post notices on the front windows. This has always been done, but I want everyone to be sure to check the windows when you come to pick up your child. For instance, we will always announce when monthly lunch and pizza orders are due. Remember, as we are teaching our children there are deadlines in life that must be met, our example can start here at the Academy. Thank you for your cooperation!

We have seen the number of **tardies** increase. Please remember that school starts promptly at 8:30 AM for elementary and 9:00 AM for Children's House. Reversely, we have an increase of children being dropped off **early**. Elementary children dropped off before 8:15 AM and Children's House students who are dropped before 8:45 AM must be enrolled and paying for Club. We need to be sure there is staff to watch all children and without notification (programs 2, 4, 6, 8) we risk being out of ratio. If you are not sure of your program, please call the office.

Finally, I want to invite you to visit our website. I have worked on the West Bloomfield campus section and it can only improve! Our school calendar is posted along with each monthly newsletter. Note: this is also the website to confirm whether school is in session or not. *Have a "sweet" Valentine's Day!*

~ Mrs. Randazzo



Important Reminders



Calendar Note

Our campus will be closed for Mid-Winter Break from Feb. 14—22.

Have a safe vacation and we will hope for better weather!

Labels

Our Parent Handbook clearly states that all articles of clothing must be labeled. Our Lost & Found is full of gloves, mittens, hats, boots,

sweaters, sweatshirts and other various items. If your child is missing something, please check the Lost & Found today. Thanks!

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CLUB BROOKFIELD

Yeah, I'm in Club!

While the year is new, the fun at Club is the same! Please be sure you have brought all of your child's outdoor clothing back to school so they are ready for Club fun!

Please be sure everything is labeled with your child's name. If you are missing an item, please check our Lost and Found. See Ms. Andrea for its location.



Along with the fun in the snow, comes winter traffic. Please be sure you take into account the added time you'll need to pick your child up on time from Club.

Late fees after 6:00 will be assessed.

1-15 minutes late: \$10.00

16-30 minutes late: \$20.00

31-45 minutes late: \$30.00

46-60 minutes late: \$40.00

While we appreciate parents who call to let us know they are on the way, this does NOT dismiss them from incurring the late fee. We appreciate your cooperation in this manner. *As always, drive safely.*

Reminders and Alerts



VALET/PICKUP: These times are the busiest for our campus. Our children's safety is of the utmost importance. I appreciate the parents who are waiting until 3:30 to come into the building to pick up their children. I am working on making Valet fast, easy, and of course, safe for our students. One of the ways to help is if your child is normally a Club member, please call the school office ahead of time so that we may have your child ready for you. Waiting in line for a child backs up our Valet line and your child feels hurried to leave.



CLASSROOM VISITS: *Anyone entering the building MUST STOP in the office.* This applies to parents who are dropping off late children, forgotten lunches, and homework left on the kitchen table. Also, our parent handbook reads: *If you would like to observe in a classroom, you must register at the office before the particular observation. Observations are limited to 30 minutes.* For the safety of our students and respect for the educational process, we thank you for following this policy.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP GROUP (PPG)

The PPG will be holding a fundraiser selling Little Caesars Pizza Kits. Information and order forms went home last week. Please make all checks out to: BROOKFIELD ACADEMY PPG. Please support our school and order today!



Are you a new parent and want to get involved? Would you like to suggest a fundraising event? Would you like to be a part of the school picnic planning committee? Come to a PPG Meeting and let your voice be heard! The next meeting will be February 11th at 6:00 PM in Room 5. **SEE YOU THERE!!**

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ART CLASS



Children can express themselves in many ways: academically, athletically, and artistically. Our children are working with Ms. Jema to allow their creativity come through their art work. Our hallways are now full of valentines and friendship. Why not come in and “stroll the art gallery” with your child today?

COMPUTERS



Remember “Home Row”? Our Lower Elementary students are learning about home row as they begin their typing lessons. In these technology advanced times, proper hand placement and typing speed will fare our children well. In Upper Elementary the children should be increasing their speed and using proper hand placement. Want to challenge your child to a “typing test”? I dare you!

MUSIC



Wow! We are all impressed with Ms. Smith and the winter music concert! The children did a fantastic job under her guidance. Thank you to all families who showed their appreciation with applause, laughter, and cheers! Now Ms. Smith and the children are working on our Spring Concert! Wow! Time flies!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Children’s House - ball handling skills & animal walks.
Early - basic locomotor skills, working with 9 inch gator balls.
Lower El. - working very hard on volleyball and agility skills
Upper El.– participating in volleyball drills, games, agility, and balance skills.

SPANISH *Saludos*

Children’s House –Dino y Pollito (puppets), song: Corazon de melon
Early— Learning animals and the song: Yo tengo un amigo and Corazon de melon.
Lower El.– basic conversation, animals, nouns, and adjectives.
Upper El. - basic conversation, card for Valentine’s Day, and song: naranja dulce.

RE-ENROLLMENT

Please remember that enrollment contracts for the 2009-2010 school year are due Feb. 13. Submitting your contract by this date guarantees your child a place at our campus next school year. Brookfield has been recognized for excellence throughout our history. For more than 35 years, the Academy has served children of preschool, kindergarten, and elementary age. Our high standards of excellence are in large measure the result of our unique, individualized process of education and meeting our student’s needs, growth, and development.

~ STUDENTS & PARENTS! ~

A lot of questions that parents ask me are answered in our newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to read each copy!

The first person to e-mail me the ‘number of Valentine’s sent each year’ after 7:00 P.M.

Feb. 12 will win a \$25 gift card to Build-A-Bear Workshop! Good luck!



We all need to wash our hands more often. It keeps us, and others, safe. It is now believed that President James Garfield died not from the bullet fired by Charles Guiteau,

but because the medical team treated the President with manure-stained hands causing a severe infection that killed him three months later. Germs... Yuck!

NEW!

PARENTING TIPS

Shhh! You're getting sleepy!

"Mommy! I'm tired!" Sleep is vital to human beings. Is your child getting the recommended amount of sleep each night?

3-6 years: 10—12 hours

7-12: years: 10—11 hours

Statistics show that school achievement difficulties were found more often among poor sleepers compared to good sleepers. Young children who have difficulty sleeping become older children with more academic problems. *Crawl in bed and cuddle tonight!*



You make my HEART race!

February is healthy heart month. Below are some suggestions from the *American Heart Association* of how to keep our children healthy and free from heart disease.

- **Get the whole family active.** Plan times for everyone to get moving together. Take walks, ride bikes, go swimming, garden or just play hide-and-seek outside. Everyone will benefit from the exercise and the time together.
- **Limit TV, video game and computer time.** These habits lead to a sedentary lifestyle and excessive snacking, which increase risks for obesity and cardiovascular disease.
- **Make dinnertime a family time.** When everyone sits down together to eat, there's less chance of children eating the wrong foods or snacking too much. Get the kids involved in cooking and planning meals!
- **Stay involved.** Make sure your children's healthcare providers are monitoring cardiovascular indicators like BMI, blood pressure and cholesterol.



“quoted”

“All children are gifted.
Some just open their presents later than others.”
Author Unknown

