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Brookview School Community Newsletter Back-to-School Edition



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A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Brookview Community:

The new school year is right around the corner! The teachers are already back to school and are hard at work preparing for the arrival of your children. We look forward to seeing current Brookview parents at Back-to-School Night, Tuesday, September 6, at 6:00 PM.

As a reminder, the first day of school for children is Wednesday, September 7.
Enjoy the final days of summer!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Spikner

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September 1: Board Meeting, 6:00 PM.
September 6: Parent Orientation, 6:00 PM.
September 7: First day of school

Space still available for the Parent/Infant Class beginning September 16

Brookview School will be offering a 6-session class for parents to attend with their child, age 18 months or younger. This class will be held on Friday mornings, from 8:30-9:30 AM and will be led by Brookview School's Infant Room Directress, Maggie Bischoff. Now in her tenth year at Brookview School, Maggie holds a Bachelor's Degree in Family Studies and Infant-Toddler Montessori Teacher Certification.

Class Session Information:

September 16: Orientation

September 23: Gross Motor Development

September 30: Fine Motor Development

October 7: Language Development

October 14: Sensorial/Art Materials

October 21: Practical Life Skills

Fee: \$100 for all six sessions. Total is due at first class session.

Class Limit: 6 children with accompanying parent

This program offers parents a unique opportunity to accompany their young child into a Montessori classroom. Parents will be encouraged to interact with their child while observing and gaining a deeper understanding of their child's development. The time spent in the Parent-infant class is designed to be relaxing and fun for both the child and the parent!

For more information, contact us at info@brookviewschool.org or call 269-925-3544.

The Secret Garden

Brookview School staff, parents and children joined forces with the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, The Twin City Players, The Iron Gate, and Clifford's Vines and Perennials to create a spectacular set for the August 6 Musical Production of *A Secret Garden*. Although the rain may have made the volunteers a little soggy, it only served to keep the flowers cool, moist, and beautiful for the evening event. Nearly one thousand people attended the performance, which was held at Shadowland Pavilion and starred Brookview alum Aiden Ankli in the role of Mary Lennox.



The Latin Festival



Children and adults alike enjoyed the Brookview School Activity tent at the Latin Festival. The event was sponsored by the Whirlpool Hispanic Network and

featured food, music, games, and activities.



Remembering Snowy



Brookview School's sheep, Snowy, died over the summer. During the eleven years she lived at Brookview school, hundreds of children helped to care for her, and learned responsibility through the process. Brookview students learned to card, dye, weave, knit, and felt using the wool from Snowy's fleece. Snowy was fourteen years old.

Thank you Volunteers!

Thank you to Mark and Jennifer Collins for your help with the Brookview Garden and the delicious organic tomatoes!

Thanks to David Ryan and Andy Faust for installing the wiring to hardwire the computers throughout the building!

Thanks to Irma Marrero, Suzanne Knecht, Kim Getz, Dave & Sue Dubar, Karen & Rick Trama, Caroline & Ellis Spikner for volunteering at the Secret Garden Event!

Thanks to Cecilia Aguilera & Maritza Dibkey for helping to set up and run the Brookview Booth at the Latin Festival!

Thanks to our family ambassadors: Britt Smith, Jody Ganum, and Kristin Emanuel for organizing the Family Ambassador program and helping to make our new families feel welcome!

Thanks to John and Tom Horvath for assembling and installing the cabinets in the Infant Room!

"Whoever touches the life of a child touches the most sensitive point of a whole, which has roots in the most distant past and climbs toward the infinite future."
- Maria Montessori

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