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Brookview School Community Newsletter



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An Independent Montessori Community



Full Member School

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Brookview Community:

I hope you are having a wonderful summer!

By now all returning families have received a packet filled with the necessary forms for the upcoming school year. Charlotte would like to send a great big thank you to those of you who have already returned your forms! It helps her so much when



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forms are turned in early as opposed to finding herself buried in forms on the first day of school!

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Take a peek at the calendar below to learn about several upcoming events. We are especially excited to be collaborating with the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra and the Twin City Players this Saturday to build the garden wall for the set of their production of the Secret Garden. We hope to see you there!

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Spikner

On the Calendar...

August 2: SCRIP order will be placed

August 4: Garden Night: join friends from the Brookview community to help weed and tend the garden. 5:30-7:30 PM.

August 6: Free Children's Event: Help build the walls for the set of *The Secret Garden*. 9:00-11:00 AM. See below for details.

August 13: Latin Fest, Shadowland Pavilion. 4:00-10:00 PM.

August 18: Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 PM in the Kitchen.

Toddlers at work



The work of the child consists of creating the human being that it has to become. The adult works to improve his environment while the child works to improve himself.

-Maria Montessori



Special Event this Saturday: The Secret Garden

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA *presents*



Book & Lyrics by *Marsha Norman* Music by *Lucy Simon* Based on the novel by *Frances Hodgson Burnett*

CREATE A GARDEN WALL ~ a free, pre-show event from 9-11 am sponsored by BROOKVIEW SCHOOL

CREATE A GARDEN WALL

Brookview School invites children of all ages to participate in the creation of garden walls on the lawn of the *Shadowland Pavilion in St. Joseph on Saturday August 6, 2011 from 9-11am*. Weave cut greenery and flowers into large frames during this **FREE**, pre-show event that will act as part of the stage set during the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra performance of *The Secret Garden* beginning at 7:30pm. For ticket information visit www.smso.org or call **269.982.4030**.



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Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra
Robin Fountain, Music Director

THE SECRET GARDEN is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.

Brookview Parent/Infant Class begins 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.

Join Brookview at the Latin Festival



Featuring **LIVE Latin music, authentic Latin Arts and Crafts making, beachside soccer tournament and much, much more!**

TICKETS	
\$5 PRESALE	\$7 AT THE DOOR
\$5 Students Children 10 & Under, FREE TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT PARTICIPATING MARTIN'S SUPERMARKET LOCATIONS	



Whirlpool Hispanic Network
presents the 9th annual

LATIN TASTE & RHYTHMS FESTIVAL

Shadowland Pavillion
at Silver Beach
St. Joseph, MI

AUGUST 13, 2011 4PM-10PM

Rain or shine. No coolers admitted.



Jane's List

Thank you to the Knecht-Prange family for the vacuum cleaner!

Thanks to Michele and Jim Allen for the donation of paper and cardstock!

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Secret Garden Event this Saturday morning, August 6, at Shadowland Pavilion in St. Joseph. Please contact Charlotte at info@brookviewschool.org for more information or to sign up.

Volunteers are needed at the Brookview's children's table at the Latin Fest on Saturday, August 13, at Shadowland Pavilion in St. Joseph. Please contact Charlotte at info@brookviewschool.org for more information or to sign up.

Thursday is garden night! Bring your kids, your gardening gloves, and a willingness to pull a few weeds. If you want to make a picnic dinner out of it, then you won't have to go home and cook! A grill is available if you'd like to bring something to throw on the grill for dinner. Garden nights are a great way for you and your kids to connect with Brookview friends over the summer.

Are you looking for ways to volunteer but are short on time? Do you know a family who may be interested in a Brookview education for their children, but you just haven't gotten around to talking with them about it? Refer a family to Brookview. When the family you have referred completes a tour of the school, you will be credited with five volunteer hours!

The garden beds on the playground are in need of some T.L.C. If you'd like to help dig out the crabgrass, let us know at info@brookviewschool.org.

Have you ever considered volunteering through serving on the Brookview Board of Directors? If so, the first step is to attend a Board meeting. Join us at 6:00 PM in the Brookview kitchen on Thursday, August 18 for our next Board of Directors Meeting to see if service on the Board may be in your future.

"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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