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Brookview School Community Newsletter



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An Independent Montessori Community



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Dear Brookview Community:

The holidays are upon us- you can feel it in the air!

Only 2 more days until Chanukah...only 7 more days until Christmas...only 8 more days until Kwanza...only 13 days until New Year's Eve!

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's Winter Celebration a success! It was great to see so many families participate!

If you have purchased a gift for an adopted family through the Readiness Center, please remember that gifts should be delivered by Monday, December 19th. Thanks for your involvement! Contact Ilene Lawrence (574) 249-0874 if you have any questions.

Have a great week!

Jennifer Spikner, Sue Dubar, & Suzie Finster

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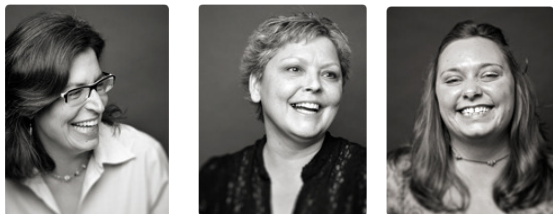
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The Brookview Management Team



On the Calendar...

December 22: Handmade Jewelry Sale by Angi Caldwell, 11:00-4:00 in the Brookview Office. Proceeds benefit Brookview School.

December 26-30 School Closed.

January 2: Infant & Toddler Programs resume.

January 9: Primary & Elementary Programs resume.

Winter Celebration 2011: Passport to Africa and Asia









Pitch In Campaign Results

Many, many thanks to everyone who donated to the 2011 Pitch In Campaign! Thanks to the participation of 98% of current Brookview families, as well as gifts from teachers, alumni, and friends of the Brookview Community, we raised over \$35,000 for Brookview School!

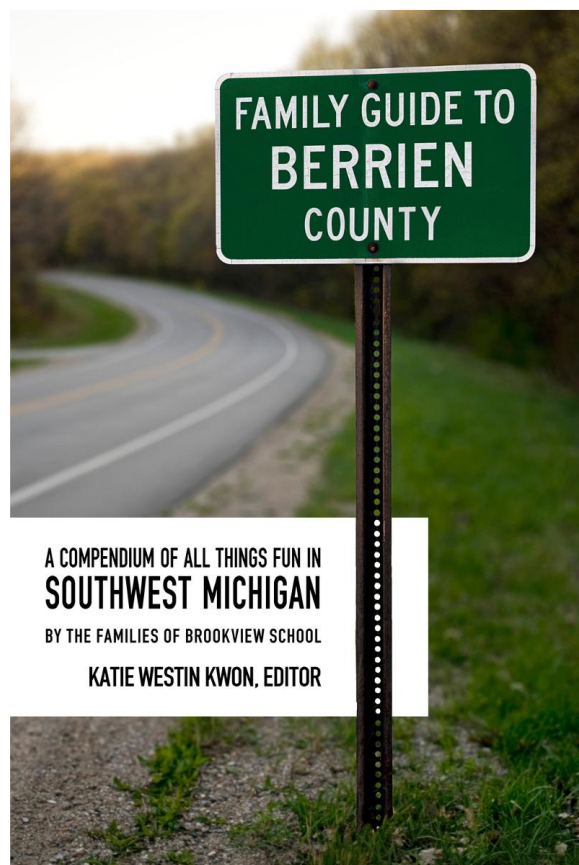


Family Guidebooks make Great Gifts!

Are you looking for a great family gift idea? The *Family Guide to Berrien County* makes a wonderful gift!

Written, edited and produced by Brookview parents, this book is a fabulous resource for finding fun things to do in our area! Books are available for purchase in the Brookview office or online ([Click here!](#)) for \$15 each or at the wholesale price of \$10 each when you purchase 5 or more.

The *Family Guide to Berrien County* makes a great gift for employees, co-workers, or friends. And best of all, with every book you purchase, you are benefiting Brookview School!



Get to Know the Brookview Infant Community

The Brookview Infant Room is a carefully prepared environment designed to meet the needs of the school's youngest students. Warm, caring staff members provide children with guidance and support, while allowing them the freedom to explore the classroom independently. A low child to teacher ratio ensures that the needs of the children are met with a personal approach. The low shelves feature materials which spark the interest and promote concentration, fine motor development, sensorial



awareness, and language skills. Stairs, a carpeted ramp, and a mirror with a sturdy bar attached for pulling up are a few of the activities intended to encourage large muscle coordination. Art activities, experiences in nature, and participation in school-wide special events further enrich the program.

Spaces are available for immediate enrollment in Brookview Infant Community. For further information contact the infant program's Lead Teacher, Maggie Bischoff at mbischoff@brookviewschool.org



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Alumni Updates...Where are those Brookview Kids now?

Jackson Caldwell is a junior at **Indiana University** in Bloomington. He is majoring in Journalism and Ethno-musicology.

Allie Kibler-Campbell is in graduate school in **Washington State** studying Primate Behavior and Ecology.

Ryan Su is a senior at **Kendall College of Art & Design**.

Rob Holmgren is studying Engineering at **Kettering University**.

Annie Cultice is studying Geology at **Grand Valley State University**.

Tory Holmgren is studying History at the **University of North Dakota**.

Mila Moreno is a freshman at **Kalamazoo College**.

David Wegscheid is a freshman at **Michigan State University**.

Devora Gleiber is a senior at **Brandeis University**.

Miram Gleiber is in Graduate School studying Marine Science at **The College of William & Mary**.

Alana Hart is a freshman at **The University of Chicago**.

"Education should no longer be mostly imparting of knowledge, but must take a new path, seeking the release of human potentialities."

- Maria Montessori

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