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Brookview School Community Newsletter



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An Independent Montessori Community



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Dear Brookview Community:

Thank you to the many parents who have offered to volunteer for the Coastline Children's Film Festival! Whether you are volunteering or just taking your kids to the movies, we look forward to seeing you there! Be sure to check the beautiful [CCFF Booklet](#) created by Brookview parent Tom Allen for a complete listing of films, workshops, locations, dates and times. We would also like to thank The New Buffalo Fine Arts Council, The Pokagon Fund, and Chemical Bank for their financial support of the film festival.

Mark your calendar for Math Curriculum Night, coming up on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00. Childcare is available by reservation; contact Charlotte at 269-925-3544 to reserve a space for your child.

Check out the articles in the Quick Links section of this newsletter to read recent articles about Brookview School and Montessori education.

Have a great week!

Jennifer Spikner, Sue Dubar, & Suzie Finster
The Brookview Management Team



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On the Calendar...

February 3-12 Coastline Children's Film Festival

Tuesday, February 7: Curriculum Night

Thursday, February 9: Board of Director's Meeting

One of the best parts of a Michigan Winter: Brookview Tubing Night!



We all had a blast snow-tubing at Five Pines! As we slid down the slopes with the snow in our faces, it was awesome! When we got cold and tired of snow-tubing, we went inside. There were games, food, and lots of things to do. We played to our hearts' content from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. We had the best time ever!

-by Benjamin Almquist & Ainesh Shintre

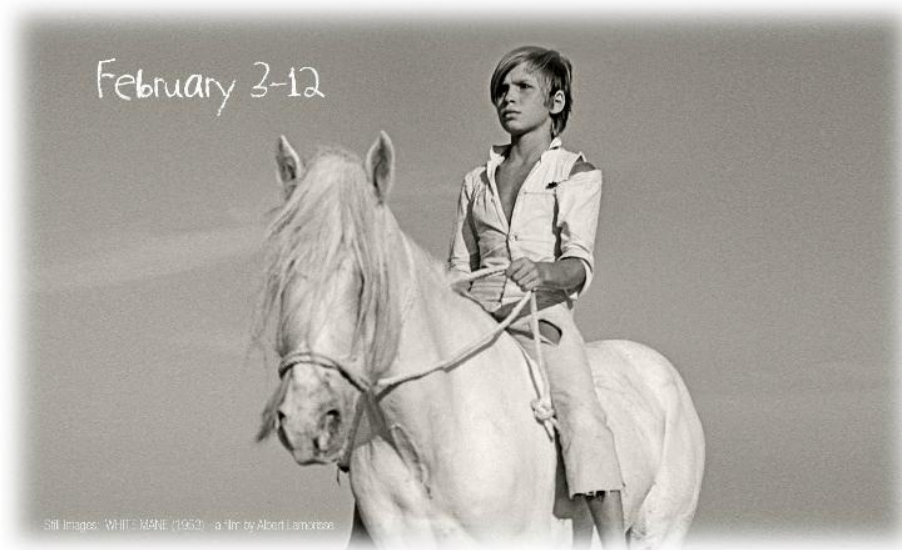
The Study of Ancient Civilizations



These two upper elementary students have been researching ancient Phoenicia. They discovered that the culture created a purple dye from a native rock, and then used that dye to color clothing, particularly for the Kings. They also used it to dye goods that they then traded with the ancient Greeks.

The study of ancient civilizations is an important part of the upper elementary Montessori curriculum. Students research the ways in which humans met their fundamental needs including shelter, clothing, transportation, and food in cultures such as ancient Greece, Rome, China, Egypt and Babylon. Students give presentations to the class on their findings, thus sharing their knowledge of the topic and gaining valuable practice in their oral presentation skills.

Second Annual Coastline Children's Film Festival



2nd Annual Coastline Children's Film Festival

Award-winning Shorts, Documentaries, Features and Workshops

@ the following venues: Acorn Theater, Anna Russo-Sieber Gallery, Box Factory for the Arts, Bridgman Public Library, Citadel Dance and Music Center, Krasl Art Center and the New Buffalo Performing Arts Center.

Call **269 925-3544** or go to **www.brookviewschool.org**

You must pre-register for workshops at: www.annarussoart.com (269-208-4409) or www.krasl.org (269-983-0271)

Admission to films is free/1\$ suggested donation



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Box Tops for Education

Have you ever noticed that little rectangle on the top of the Cheerio's box that says "Box Tops for Education"?

You'll also find them on the bottom of a box of Kleenex. And on Yoplait Yogurt. And Cascadian Farms Granola. And Avery Office Products. And about a thousand other products.

For years I ignored those little rectangles, until I discovered that each one is worth a dime. I would never think of throwing away a dime. So I decided that it would be crazy for me to keep on throwing away those Box tops for Education!



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If you want to go a step further...ask your friends and relatives to save Box Tops for Education for you too! (My son Ellis even asked the neighbors to collect them!)

If you're feeling really motivated, you can get bonus Box Tops for doing little online surveys through this link: Just select Brookview School and they will credit us directly:

[Bonus Box Tops](#)

In addition, the local grocery stores often do promotions which allow you to earn Bonus Box Tops.

By now you're thinking, "Wow! The possibilities seem endless!" (Smile).

Please save your Box Tops for Brookview School.

After all, you wouldn't throw away your dimes, would you?

Thank you...

Thank you to the Dine Family and the Mujumdar Family for their donation of computer monitors.

Thank you to the Allen Family and the Colclough Family for their donation of electrical outlet covers.

"Our aim is not only to make the child understand, and still less to force him to memorize, but so to touch his imagination as to enthuse him to his innermost core."

- Maria Montessori

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