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Brookview School Community Newsletter



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Dear Brookview Community:

What an exciting time it's been for Brookview! Recent days have included a visit from the conductor of the Symphony Orchestra, a wonderfully successful concert for Brookview's own Mr. Larry, a fabulous Trunk or Treat (check out this [Slideshow!](#)), an event of the Sustainable Business Forum right here at Brookview and the Launch of the Pitch In Campaign! Read on to learn more about all of these happenings.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the special event this Thursday night- you won't want to miss Michael Duffy's talk on Montessori math and brain development. I've heard him speak and he is an excellent speaker!

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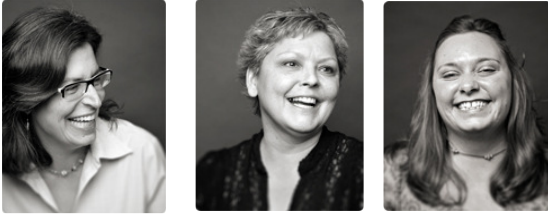
Sincerely,

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

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On the Calendar...

October 25: Picture Day

October 27: Special Parent Education Event-
Michael Duffy, 6:00 PM

October 28: School Closed- Professional
Development for all Faculty and Staff

November 1: SCRIP Order Due

November 3: Creative Movement Class begins for
primary students, 3:00 PM

November 11: New session of Parent-Infant Class
begins, 8:15 AM

Brookview School launches its 2011 Annual Fund Campaign: Pitch In!



Brookview School has launched its Annual Fund Campaign for the 2011-12 School Year. Like most independent schools, tuition alone does not cover the cost of Brookview School's operating budget. We rely on the generous donations of our parents and friends so that we may continue to provide an outstanding education to every Brookview student.

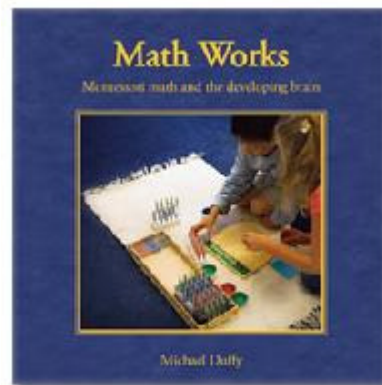
We invite you to *Pitch In!*

Help us reach our goal of \$50,000 and 100% parent participation by making a donation to Brookview School.

Last year, the Pitch In Campaign raised \$92,000 and EVERY Brookview family donated! We are confident that we can achieve our goal this year as well! Thank you in advance for your support!

Join us this Thursday: Building your Child's Brain Power with Montessori Math

Brookview School is excited to present a special parent education event that you won't want to miss! Michael Duffy, Montessori teacher, teacher trainer, and author of the book *Math Works*, will be speaking to parents at Brookview School on Thursday, October 27 on how Montessori math helps your child's developing brain. This event is free of charge, and childcare is available by reservation- just contact Charlotte at the front desk to reserve a space for your child. Join us for a light bite to eat at 6:00 PM. The talk will begin promptly at 6:30. If you can only attend one parent education event this year- this should be the one!



The Citadel comes to Brookview!



Brookview School is thrilled to have entered into a partnership with the [Citadel Dance and Music Center](#) to offer Creative Movement Classes for Primary students beginning Thursday, November 3. The class will take place in the Great Room from 3:00-3:45 on Thursday afternoons through December 15.

Creative Movement is a dance class for children ages 3-6 that explores movement of all kinds and encourages the use of the imagination. Dancers learn how movement relates to music and develop a movement vocabulary that will serve as the foundation for further dance education.

The class will be led by Melissa Schow of the Citadel Dance and Music Center. Melissa has been dancing ever since she could walk and loves every aspect of dancing! She has been on several clogging and dance teams and has performed all over the United States and Europe including performances in the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. After winning several local and national clogging competitions, Melissa started her own clogging group called the Foothill Stompers that has performed throughout the state of Utah.

For further details, or to register your child for the class, please contact Charlotte at info@brookviewschool.org or 269-925-3544.

A Visit from the Maestro

On October 20, Maestro Robin Fountain, conductor of the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra, came to Brookview School to talk about his life and conducting music. He talked about how to hold the baton, some mistakes he has made in the past, and how he checks for mistakes in written works of music. Mr. Larry Schanker wrote a jazz concerto for the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra. Maestro Fountain said that the concerto that Mr. Larry wrote had only two measly mistakes that took hours to find. Professor Fountain is originally from Ireland, but now lives in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. Larry's concerto for jazz piano was performed last night at the Mendel Center along with two other songs for Whirlpool's 100th Anniversary. I attended the concert last night and it was great! Mr. Larry's concerto really made me think- my mind wandered as I heard all the different instruments.

Written by: Oliviana Moreno, Upper Elementary Student

[Click here to read a great article](#) about Larry from Thursday's Herald-Palladium



Brookview School hosts the Sustainable Business Forum

On October 19, nearly 50 business men and women gathered in the Brookview School Great Room to learn how to overcome obstacles to recycling. The event included several speakers, a luncheon, and a recycling expo with vendors displaying products and services to help businesses implement recycling programs in the workplace. Brookview School joined the [Sustainable Business Forum](#) last spring.



Many Thanks!

Thank you to **Nye's Apple Barn** for donating apples to our Slow Snack Program!

Thank you to **Bit-o-Swiss** for donating bread to our Slow Snack Program!

Thanks to the Community Events Team for planning and carrying out a terrific Trunk or Treat: **Britt Smith, Jody Ganum, Payal Dutta, Keith Gavin, Onshonta Dossett, Adrienne White,Carolym Zmrhal, Amy Dienes, Marcy Colclough**

Community Service

[Operation Coats](#), an initiative of the [Women's Service League](#), is collecting coats, warm winter boots, scarves, mittens, hats, and snowpants to help keep folks warm this winter. Please donate your outgrown, gently worn items by placing them in the dropbox in the office during the month of October. Brookview parent Maria Jordan says, "Women's Service League works with the Salvation Army to provide coats each year for members of the community who otherwise might not have any. Children's coats, hats, gloves, etc. are always needed the most."

Stuff-a-Truck for families in need to help make sure every family in our community has food to eat. From October 17 through November 7, a collection box is available in the Brookview office for donations of non-perishable foods. Food will be distributed to families in need in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties free of charge through the [Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency](#).

"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment."

Montessori

- Maria

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