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Brookview School

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Brookview School Community Newsletter

Brookview School is proud to be
a full member of
The American Montessori Society

A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Brookview Community:



The first days of summer have flown by! The school year ended with the traditional "Spanish Immersion Day" for our elementary friends, a fabulous performance of *The Tempest* by Upper Elementary, and of course the Annual Brookview School Picnic put on by the Community Events Committee. Summer is here, and our Infant, Toddler, and Primary Summer Programs are in full swing!

I'd like to welcome the following new families to Brookview School: the Beck family, the Collins family, the Mujumdar family, the Phung family and the Anand family. We're glad you're here!

Please take a moment to check out this article from the [Harvard Business Review](#) on how innovators think.

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It reinforces what we are doing in our classrooms everyday to encourage our children's curiosity.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Spikner

Brookview's Mission

Brookview School exists to educate children based on the teachings of Dr. Maria Montessori in an environment of academic excellence that nurtures each child's growth into a whole, responsible and integrated person. That mission thrives on support from a multi-cultural, diverse and dedicated community of teachers, staff, parents and friends who work together to awaken in each child a spirit of inquiry, exploration, independence, resilience, adaptability, self-esteem, service and respect for all people.

Brookview Picnic Fun for All!

I hope you enjoy this [Slideshow](#) of the Brookview School Picnic. Many thanks to the Community Events Volunteers for putting together this event!

Wishing Tree: A second chance to make a teacher's wish come true



If you were unable to attend this year's Brookview Auction, we want to give you the opportunity to fulfill a teacher's wish. Below are the wishes that were unfulfilled from this year's wishing tree. To make a teacher's wish come true, simply contact Suzie Finster at sfinster@brookviewschool.org to arrange payment. Thanks!!

Ellen Korcek (Toddler 2)

Plant watering \$20.00

set of 12 stainless steel creamers \$48.00

Wooden sorting tray & transfer set \$36.00

Carved wooden animals and wood polishing kit \$60.00

Kim Smith (Toddler 1)

Step Rocking Boat \$50.00

Lori Douglas (PP3)

Set of three insect puzzles (wasp, fly, dragonfly) \$45.50

Lifecycle of the ant work \$25.00

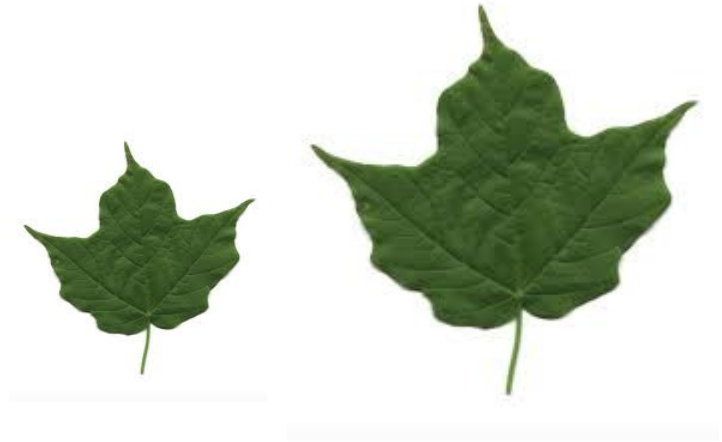
Dee Krzysiek (PP2)

Metal insets \$50.00

Stands for metal insets \$35.00

Kim Getz (PP1)

Child-sized push broom and rake
\$40.00



Spanish Immersion Day: A Brookview Tradition

Brookview Elementary students participated in a variety of activities led by Spanish speaking volunteers. The key to the event: only Spanish is spoken during Spanish Immersion Day! Thank you to Paolo Sartini, Aida Qiroz, Cecilia Aguilera, Viviane Puente, Caroline Spikner and Maria Paz Astaburuaga for making the day such a success!









Local Libraries Offer Children's Summer Reading Programs

One World, Many Stories

One Library, Many Readers!

The Benton Harbor Public Library invites

you...

to participate in the summer reading



and attend lots of fun events, too!

Come in anytime on or after **JUNE 1st**
to read and win prizes!



....and starting the week of June 20th

**Mondays are "Kids Activity Afternoons" 2:00
-5:00**

(crafts, movies, stories, games!) *Last Monday morning of the month is Toddler Story-Time at 11:00

**"Tuesdays at Two" are family events from
2:00-3:00**

(balloon tying, multicultural programs, Harry Potter Party, John Ball Zoo animals, and more!)

**Wednesdays are for "ABCs & Me Story-
Time" 2:00-3:00**

*Book clubs and Parent Films are held once a month at 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays are "Teen Times" at 2:00

(crafts, movies, and special event programs!)

"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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