



Brodnicki Parent Newsletter October 2016



Dates To Remember

October

October morning Math Club-Tuesdays & Wednesdays unless specified below

- 3 Gr. 4 & 6 CoGat testing all week/
Fire prevention week/Beginning Band
& Orchestra starts this week/Brodnicki
Choir 2:40–3:40
- 4 EDI
- 5 EDI/Math Explorers 2:30–4:10
- 6 Chess Scholars 2:40–3:40
- 10 NO SCHOOL—Columbus Day
- 11 EDI/Brodnicki Choir 2:40–3:40
- 12 Math Explorers 1 - 2:30–4:10/EDI
- 13 Chess Scholars 2:40–3:40
- /Gr. K–4 Fire Prevention Contest due
- 14 PICTURE DAY/District 109 Parent
Roundtable Discussion Meetings/Kdgn.
walking field trip to the Justice Police
and Fire Department
at The Bridgeview Library 1:00–2:00
- 18 Gr. 4 field trip to Pilcher Pk. Rms.
203 & 303/Brodnicki Choir 2:40–3:40
- 19 Gr. 4 field trip to Pilcher Pk. Rms.
302 & 305/End of 1st grading period
/Last Math Explorers 1–2:30–3:40
- 20 Chess Scholars 2:40–3:40
- 23 Resurrection Mary 5K Run 8:00 a.m.
- 24 Brodnicki Choir 2:40–3:40
- 25 EDI
- 26 EDI/Math Explorers 2 2:30–4:10
- 27 NO SCHOOL P/T Conf. 1:00–8:00/
Report cards issued/Fundraiser pickup
- 28 NO SCHOOL P/T Conf. 11:00–5:00
- 31 Early Dismissal 11:15/Halloween
Parade & Parties in the morning

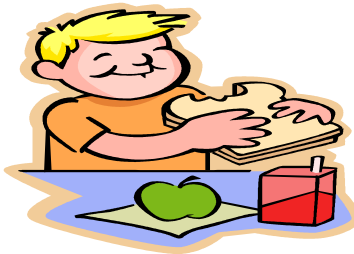
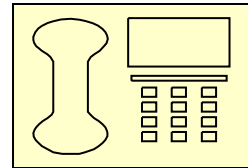
Reminders

Just a reminder:

- No cans or glass bottles in the lunchroom even, if it's juice
- No soda pop of any kind
- No gum chewing at school
- When sending in lunch money for your child, please put the money in an envelope with the child's name and room number on it, and mark it lunch money. The office receives many envelopes with no names or room numbers. If you are sending in a check, please put the child's name in the memo part of the check.

Attention Parents

- Please call if your child will be absent for any reason at 496-8716.
- Please call in the morning or send a note with your child if he/she will not be taking the bus home, or if there are any other after school transportation changes.
- Please notify the office if a child is leaving early or going on a vacation.



Register NOW! Resurrection Mary 5K Run/Walk

Resurrection Mary 5K Run/Walk is to benefit the Indian Springs School District
#109 Scholarship Fund

- When: Sunday, October 23, 2016, 8:00 A.M. Start
- Where: Commissioners' Park, Justice, Illinois
- Registration: www.rm5k.com
- \$30.00 for adults
- \$15.00 for students
- *All students in K-5th grade MUST participate with an adult

All proceeds to benefit the Indian Springs District #109 Scholarship Fund.
Catch the Spirit ... Run with the Legend!!!



Brodnicki Mission Statement

Brodnicki Elementary School, in partnership with families and the community, will provide a safe and positive learning environment where students: Acquire and apply skills for lifelong learning and develop self-worth and appreciation for others in order to contribute productively to the world in which they live.



Art News

Thank you to all the parents who helped with our Artsonia online gallery's upgrade in their privacy policy! With the help of you and your family members, Brodnicki School now has over 1000+ fan club members! Students are now visiting the Artsonia website directly in art class to enter their artist statements and view comments made by family members! This is a very important step in meeting the national core art standard for presentation, responding, and making connections through the arts! Please note that if you have not updated your child's account this school year, the artwork will no longer be visible on the school art gallery. Please contact Mrs. O'Hanley at hohanley@isd109.org for any questions concerning our online art gallery.

Job Opportunities

Indian Springs School District #109 is looking to add to the list of available substitute teachers and substitute paraprofessionals. If you are interested in being a substitute in our School District, please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Hotzfield, School District Receptionist, at (708) 496-8700. The eligibility requirement to be a substitute teacher is to possess a teaching license or a substitute teacher license (the substitute teacher license requires a Bachelor's Degree). The eligibility requirement to be a substitute paraprofessional is to possess a paraprofessional license. Feel free to contact Mrs. Hotzfield for further details.

Student Council

Welcome back to another fun-filled school year! This year, Ms. Weir and Ms. Shilka are the teachers that are going to be running Student Council. We are very excited for the Student Council year to begin. On September 15th, the candidates for Student Council officer positions gave their speeches at an assembly! The students casted their votes on Chromebooks.

The winners are:

President—Daniel Fournier

Vice President—Jacob Gromadzki

Secretary—Chloe Ziccardi

Treasurer—Waffa Ali

Room Rep winners are: Jayvon King, Nela Sedlarova, Aleksa Lobas, Christina Johnson, Rachel Ramirez, Jacquelyn Zamora, Tahjae Thompson, Daniel Flores, Lilee Czerwin, Michael Nino, Jake VanAllen Keslyn Barnish, Benjamin Szczech, Maribell Flores, Ava Osinger, Nicholas Baranek, Maya Mavrenovic, Diana Villarreal, Caitlin Carrasco, Xander Jones, Jada White, Diego Diaz, Nick Soto, Nancy Murillo, Sophia Sanchez, Simon Haden, Demetrius Flug, Trayvell Lyons, Johathan Walker, Agnes Dramarz, Demario Evans, Lauriana Corgwell, Mike Zamora, Nora Deak, Patrick Turza, Emielina Astorga, Mario Tinoco, Yara Hajeissa, Nathaneals Allen, Bart Obrochta, Jayla Avila, Terangie Eskridge, Anna Guzy, Paulina Szczypta, Albert Komar, Nora Suhail, Julia Kuzma.

Congratulations to all!!

Math Club News

Brodnicki's Math Club, Math Explorers, is in full swing under the direction of Mrs. Sarna. This year, there will be 2 fall sessions. The response for this club is overwhelming. We are so proud of the fact that our students enjoy math so much that they will stay afterschool to explore math even more. The club features technology explorations and hands-on methods for learning concepts. Puzzles and experiments through science and art are included. Every meeting proves that math can be exciting and fun!!



News From The Office

When visiting our school for various functions or just bringing or picking up your children, please refrain from smoking on school grounds. It is a State Law.

Parking in the small circular lot is prohibited due to bus traffic utilizing that lot this year. Also please do not use the Holy Cross Church lot or the District Office parking lot for dropping off or picking up your child from school. This is a serious safety issue. There is no supervision in these areas.

Please be sure to stop in the office when visiting to get a name tag. Thank you.

From the Health Office

Mrs. Moran and I would like to welcome all the returning and new students to Brodnicki School. We both look forward to everyone having a healthy school year. As we prepare for the upcoming fall and winter seasons, we would like to share a few suggestions to keep your children healthy during the cold months. Please make certain that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. They will need heavy coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots as the weather turns cold. It is also important that all children eat a good breakfast before they come to school. If your child is having any symptoms of cold, flu, sore throat, or fevers, please make certain you keep them at home. They will not feel like participating in class when they don't feel well. It is the Policy of District 109 that children must be fever-free (less than 100 degrees) for 24 hours before they can return to school without Tylenol or Motrin. If your child requires any medication during the school day, you must have a Medication Authorization Form completed by your physician. The Health Office cannot dispense any medication without a physician order. If you need a form, please pick one up in the office.

We will also have a visit from the Smile Dental Program. The forms have already been sent home with all the children. If your child still needs a dental visit as part of the state requirements, the Smile dental visit will meet that requirement. If at any time you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact either one of both of us.

Sandy Zagorski and Tammy Moran





P.E. News

We would like to welcome Mrs. Taylor to Brodnicki School. She will be teaching P.E. here and at Wilkins Elementary.

This month, 3rd through 6th grade students will be finishing up soccer and working on football skills. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will also be working on their soccer skills. Please remember to wear gym shoes or put shoes in your back pack so you can change into them for class.



TEAL PUMPKIN AWARENESS

Join FARE's Teal Pumpkin Project and help make Halloween safer for all!!! **The Teal Pumpkin Project** promotes safety and inclusion for those children managing life threatening food allergies, as well as children whom candy is not an option. Did you know that 1 in every 13 children currently manages a life threatening food allergy? By making a small gesture and offering some non-food treats you will no doubt be making a child's day! To get involved, all you need to do is paint a pumpkin teal (or print out a sign from FARE's website) and offer some fun non-food items to trick-or-treaters.



Box Tops



Wow! Our summer contest got off to a fabulous start! SO many students remembered to collect Box Tops over the summer! Awesome! The October collection sheets will be going home soon, and remember your child can always get more sheets outside of Room 210! For each sheet they return they will receive a sucker and the classes with the most Box Tops brought in per quarter will earn an extra big treat! Let's continue to help our school—Box Tops, Gotta Catch Them All!

REMINDER TO PARENTS



Just a reminder that it is illegal to use a cell phone while in a school zone. This includes talking and texting while driving to pick-up and drop off your child/children. For the safety of **all Brodnicki Students and Staff**, please refrain from using your cell phone during this time. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Library News



Welcome back to the Brodnicki Library for the 2016-2017 school year! All students have started to check out books, including our new kindergarten students. Parents, please remind your child to take good care of the library books and return them on their assigned library day. We have received many new books and they will be on the shelves as soon as they are catalogued. Also, our Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the first week in November. The students will receive more information about the Book Fair during the last week of October. Also, our new sixth grade students will be receiving information about our Battle of the Books in the coming weeks. **HAPPY READING!!!!**

"FOOD ALLERGIES "

Food allergy is a growing public health issue that impacts almost every school across the United States. Brodnicki School has policies, protocols, and procedures in place to manage food allergies appropriately, including information on handling medical emergencies and taking preventative measures to avoid a student's exposure to a known food allergen. Physicians, families, and school staff work together to formulate reasonable plans that will keep students with food allergies safe.

Our District website has a safe snack list which you can check to see which food items, snacks, and treats are safe. Communication formats (i.e., newsletters, notes, websites, e-mail/phone conversations, and translators) are also utilized by the individual classroom teachers as well as other Brodnicki School staff members. Our priority is to keep all children safe. If you are unsure, or have questions about any food items, please contact your child(ren)'s teacher(s), the Health Aide, the School District RN, or the school office for help and information.

Band & Orchestra News



Welcome back band and orchestra students! We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning and music-making. After school rehearsals are well underway for both the Intermediate Band and Orchestra. Band and Orchestra students have already had their first lesson of the year. A friendly reminder that **Beginning Band and Orchestra after school rehearsals start the week of October 3rd**. Beginning Band rehearses on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Beginning Orchestra rehearses on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students will be bussed over from their home schools and dropped off at the Wilkins School cafeteria. We rehearse from 3:00—3:45 and dismiss shortly after. We dismiss from the south end of the school (door #37). Students may walk home if they are within walking distance, take the bus, or be picked up.

Polo shirt order forms are due October 13th. This is a requirement for all Band and Orchestra students to have the polo shirt as part of their concert uniform. Cost is an even \$23.00 for both youth and adult sizes. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Ms. Garcia and Mr. Kent

ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES

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We need to stress the importance of getting your child to school each day. Each day of absence means your child misses valuable lessons and learning experiences. The typical student may miss four or five days of school in a school year. We realize that students do get sick from time to time and need to stay home from school. Research and experience tell us that students who are frequently absent do not learn as much as their peers. They achieve less, get lower grades, and do not score as well on tests. When students are absent from school, they lose important instructional time. This puts them at a disadvantage. Your child's future success in life reflects good attendance habits formed when they are young. It is very important that children attend school regularly. State law authorizes us to refer your family to a social service agency if your child(ren)'s absences do not improve. The agency will work with you and your child(ren) to correct this problem. Regular school attendance is of utmost importance for a student to benefit from the instructional program. Every student shall be expected to be present in each of his/her assigned classes during the school day. Unexcused absences from any class, or from part of any class, shall be considered a serious offense. If the parents and/or guardians do not cause the student to attend school, they may be found guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.



TARDIES

We need to stress the importance of getting your child to school on time each day. When students enter school late, they lose important instructional time for themselves and their classmates as well as disrupt their class. Teaching children to be on time sets forth an important work ethic that they need to follow throughout their lives. Prompt attendance shall be the responsibility of the student and his/her parents and/or guardians. Because it also affects the rights of others, promptness shall be considered a necessity in school. If a student becomes chronically tardy, it shall be the responsibility of the administration to confer with the student and his/her parents and/or guardians in an attempt to implement corrective measures. Students must be in the classroom **before the 8:15 a.m. bell rings.**

Legal Reference: Illinois School Code—Chapter 122 26 et seq.

Pupils—Compulsory Attendance 10-20.5 Rules

“Whoever has custody or control of any child between the ages of 5-16 years needs to have the child attend a public school in the district wherein the child resides and the entire time it is in session during the regular school term.” It is the parent's responsibility to get them to school both regularly and punctually.

Lawn Care Application Notice



Parents/Guardians should be aware that School District #109 applies lawn care products in order to maintain a beautiful campus of which all of us can be proud. With that being said, by law, our school must maintain a registry of all parents/guardians of students that wish to be notified prior to the application of pesticides to school grounds. Should you wish such notification, please contact our school office at your convenience.

Indian Springs School District #109 Parent Roundtable Discussion Meetings

Please join us for the Roundtable Discussion Meetings, which are scheduled monthly. The focus of the discussions will be established by parents, each session. Topics shall be based on everyday issues families encounter, with regard to family relationships, family/school relationships, and child rearing. The goal will be to leave each session feeling positive, and to take along new ideas that will build and strengthen family and school relationships. This is designed as a share and learn opportunity with no homework!

All Roundtable Discussion Meetings will be held at the Bridgeview Public Library. The time will be 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Dates will be as follows: 10/14/16, 11/18/16, 12/16/16, 1/13/17, 2/17/17, 3/17/17, 4/21/17, 5/5/17.

***Please call to register for these meetings: If you would like to have translation services, we will need to know that when you register. We will be happy to try to accommodate your request. Contact Anne Whiting at Lyle School (708) 496-8722 for assistance.

Childcare will be available through the kind service of the Bridgeview Library Staff. Please indicate if you will need childcare when you register. We look forward to your participation in these open and collaborative discussions.

