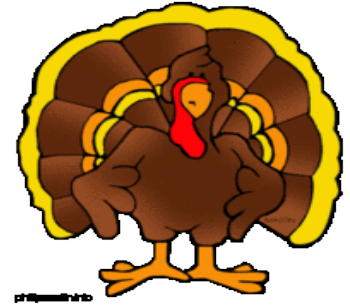




# Brodnicki November Newsletter



## Dates To Remember

### November

- Nov. 1 Choir 2:40–3:40/EDI
- Nov. 2 EDI/Student Council 2:30–3:40/Mobile Dentist/Math Explorers 2:30-4:10
- Nov. 3 Chess Club 2:40–4:10/Mobile Dentist
- Nov. 4 Mobile dentist
- Nov. 6 Turn clocks back
- Nov. 7 Choir 2:40–3:40
- Nov. 8 EDI
- Nov. 9 EDI/Student Council Meeting/ Math Explorers II
- Nov. 10 Chess Club
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day—No School
- Nov. 14 Gr. 4 & 5 Musical 6:30/Choir 2:40–3:40/ American Education Week/Book Fair in Library all week
- Nov. 15 Parent Visitation 9–11 & 1–2/EDI/Book Fair
- Nov. 16 EDI/NO Student Council/Book Fair/ Math Explorers
- Nov. 17 Parent Visitation 9–11 & 1–2/Chess Club 2:40–3:40/Book Fair
- Nov. 18 Grandparents Bingo 6:30/Book Fair 5:00–6:30/DJ Dance Party/Roundtable Discussion Meeting @ Brdvw Library 1:00
- Nov. 21 Gr. K field trip to Children's Museum 8:30–11:30
- Nov. 22 EDI/Limo Lunch/Papa John's Pizza Night
- Nov. 23 Early Dismissal 11:15/EDI/NO Math Explorers/No Student Council/ Progress Reports Issued
- Nov. 24 No School—Thanksgiving
- Nov. 25 No School
- Nov. 29 EDI/Band Concert 6:30 at WJH
- Nov. 30 St. Council Mtg./Last Explorers II/Orch. Concert 6:30 at WJH/EDI

## Reminders

Just a reminder:

- No cans 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. Often-times we get many envelopes sent to the office with no name or room number. If you are sending in a check please put the child's name in the memo part of the check.

Thank You!



## 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.



## Resurrection Mary 5K Run News

Another year and another successful Resurrection Mary 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Indian Springs School District #109 Scholarship Fund. Clear skies and brisk weather were the perfect combination for more than 300 runners and walkers to participate in our annual event. We even had runners from South Dakota and Iowa.

A big thank you to all our sponsors including the Village of Justice, Village of Bridgeview, Bridgeview Bank Group, Justice Park District and Ingredion. Please visit our website [www.rm5k.com](http://www.rm5k.com) for a list of all sponsors.

**Catch the Spirit... Run with the legend end.**



## From the Principal

It's difficult to believe November is here, but it is always a signal that both winter and American Education Week is around the corner. Parents are both invited and encouraged to visit the classrooms on either Tuesday November 15th or Thursday November 17th, anytime between

9–11 am, or 1-2 pm. It's a great way to actually observe up close what is taking place in your child's classroom. Seeing your child, their classmates, and the teacher in action is a rewarding and memorable experience, and the kids love to see mom or dad at school.

Thanks for celebrating your child's success at Brodnicki School and we value you as our partners in their education.



## 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 life-long learning and develop self-worth and appreciation for others in order to contribute productively to the world in which they live.*

## Fall Fundraiser Results

A BIG thank you to all the students and their families who participated in the Savory Sweets Fundraiser.

Congratulations to Kayla Gray, in Ms. Poole's 1st grade class for being the top seller. Kayla will receive an iPad at the DJ Dance Party which will be held on Friday, November 18th. All other winners will receive their prizes at the DJ Dance Party as well. There was a contest amongst the teachers this year. The top selling teachers are: 1st place winner was Mrs. McKeough. She will receive a \$75.00 gift card. 2nd place goes to Ms. Poole. She will receive a \$50.00 gift card. The third place winner was Ms. Riplinger. She will receive a \$25.00 gift card!

Great job everyone!

Our top grade level winners are:

- K - David Guinee & Sebastian Szeliga
- 1 - Kayla Gray
- 2 - Tyler Gibson
- 3 - Joshua Cooper
- 4 - Natalia Szczypta
- 5 - Alexis Davern
- 6 - Demario Eddins



Congratulations to all!!!

## News From The Office

Parking in the small circular lot is prohibited due to bus traffic utilizing the lot. 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. Thank you.

## Choir News

Ms. Loeffler is heading up a choir group this year. They will be performing at the 4th and 5th grade fall musical on Monday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m.

They will also be part of the Chicago Wolves pre show on Saturday, November 19th.

## Music News from

The 4th & 5th grade Fall Musical will be held on Thursday November 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. We hope to have a smashing turnout. Thanks in advance to the parents for their help. DVD's are available for \$3.00 each, forms are available in the office.



November 6th ends Daylight Savings Time.

Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5th.

## Student Council Taffy Apple Sale

Under the direction of Ms. Weir and Mrs. Zabelka, Student Council sponsored a taffy apple sale during the month of October. It was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents and students who supported this event.

The student council members also did a great job at Parent /Teacher conferences selling taffy apples.



## From the Health Office

Fall has arrived and the weather has changed. Make certain that your children are dressed appropriately for the temperature outside. Shorts and tank tops should be replaced by jeans and sweaters. They need to have warm clothes for outdoor recess, jackets, scarves, gloves and boots. If you have warm clothes that your children have outgrown we could use them for emergencies and also for donations in the community. Fall and winter is also the time for colds, coughs, fevers and the flu to occur in our school. Children should be kept home from school if they are coughing productively, running a fever, vomiting or have diarrhea. Children have a hard time understanding when they don't feel well. If your child is sent home from the Health Office with a fever, remember they **may not return until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication.**

Mrs. Zagorski, District RN

Mrs. Moran, Brodnicki Health Aide

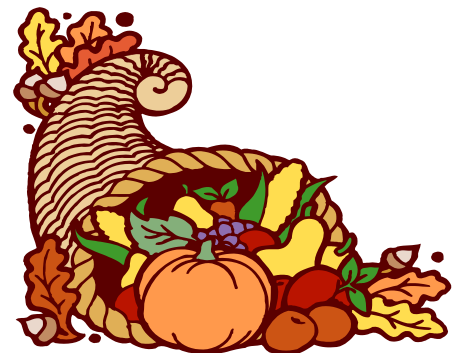


## Library News



The Battle of the Books has started for all sixth grade students. Each team of 4 students will collectively read 20 books by April 2017. At that time, a single elimination tournament will be held. Good luck to all the sixth grade teams!! We also have a large variety of new books for all of our students to check out and read. Please encourage your child to read every night.

**READERS ARE LEADERS!!!**



## Job Opportunities

Indian Springs School District #109 is looking to add to its 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 requirements to be a substitute teacher are to possess a teaching certificate or a substitute teacher certificate (the substitute teacher certificate requires a Bachelor's Degree). The eligibility requirement to be a substitute paraprofessional is to possess a paraprofessional certificate. Feel free to contact Mrs. Hotzfield for further details. Job openings are also posted in our school near the office. Applications are available at school or the district office.

## Math Club News

Brodnicki's Math Club, Math Explorers, is in full swing under the direction of Mrs. Sarna. This year there are two 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!

Session 2 started October 26th.



## BOX TOPS

Brodnicki School continues to impress me with their terrific collections! First quarter has ended, and the Box Tops are currently being counted. "Whooo whooo" will win the Box Top treats for the quarter? Stay tuned to find out! November collection sheets will be going home soon, and remember that extra sheets are always outside of Room 210. Please check expiration dates when gluing or taping on Box Tops. Thank you for all your help in making our Box Top program a HUGE success!



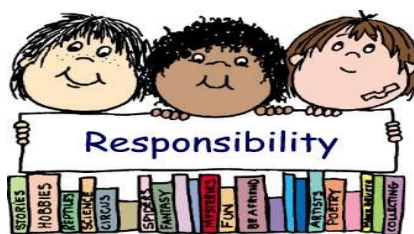
## Bullying Prevention

Here at Brodnicki, we implement a Bullying Prevention Program. One of the components of this program is classroom meetings in which bullying topics are discussed and different activities are implemented. These meetings create a safe environment for students to discuss ways to prevent bullying in school and ways to react when bullying occurs. As part of our commitment to prevent and address bullying, Mrs. McTighe and Ms. Young attended a conference on the topic at Northern Illinois University last year and are committed to helping Brodnicki School continue to research interventions and resources. One of the key takeaways from the conference was the importance of creating a school-home partnership that is focused on promoting a climate that prevents bullying rather than just figuring out the appropriate action when it occurs. The presenters also stressed the importance of parent support when dealing with issues that occur both in and outside of school. Included below are some parent resources for information on bullying topics and also for evaluating social media websites and apps that students today may be using.

[www.stopbullying.gov/communityguide](http://www.stopbullying.gov/communityguide)

-This training module provides information on bullying prevention, including the definitions, statistics, best practices, and common myths or misdirection.

[www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org) - This web resource helps families and schools make smart media choices. It offers the largest, most trusted library of independent age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music. This is an excellent resource for finding information on the various social media apps that many students today are using.



## F.Y.I. 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 of. 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.



## Fire Poster/Coloring Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the Fire Poster/Coloring Contest.

Gr. K - 1ST- Mohsen Ahmed  
2ND-Arayek Mira  
3RD-Austin Mejia

Gr. 1 - 1ST-Kacper Topor  
2ND- Sylwia Machaj  
3RD- Natalia Machaj

Gr. 2 - 1ST- Sophie Yasin  
2ND-Isabella Ogorek  
3RD- Monika Bednarczyk

Gr. 3 - 1ST- Emily Mniszak  
2ND- Joanna Ramirez  
3RD- Sebastian Obrochta

Gr. 4 - 1ST- Fatima Suhail  
2ND- Cloe Marie Coleman  
3RD- Payton Wetzler

Congratulations to all our  
Winners !!!





## P. E. News

Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Wyderski will be working on the Fitness Gram with grades 3 thru 6. Mrs. Taylor will also be starting Volleyball and Mrs. Wyderski will start Basketball. Our lower grades will work on dribbling and cardio stations.



## District 109 Vision Statement

Each learner is honored. The rich diversity of the student population is recognized, celebrated, and enhanced. Each learner is nurtured and inspired to learn at high levels in a climate that is personalized, caring, and respectful. Every student is and feels safe and valued. Students, families, and educators have a unique and personal bond. Each learner in the community, whether child or adult, is viewed as a unique contributor.

## Grandparents Bingo

Brodnicki Grandparents Bingo will be held on Friday November 18, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in our school gym.

Please be sure to return your flyer to reserve tickets for students and their grandparents. Your must have a ticket to enter.

There will be prizes, raffles and food to enjoy by all.

Also when coming to Grandparents Bingo make sure you visit our Book Fair. Our theme this year is Pirates. Please visit our Book Fair with your grandparents.



## BAND & ORCHESTRA NEWS

The Bands and Orchestras have been hard a work preparing for their concerts in November. The Elementary Band will have their first concert of the school year on Tuesday, November 29th and Elementary Orchestra on Wednesday, November 30th. Both concerts will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Wilkins North Gym. Concert dress is Indian Springs #109 polo with black dress pants or floor length skirt, shoes (no gym shoes please), and socks. Please note that polo shirts will be arriving in November.

The Intermediate Band will be performing at the Lakeview Junior High School in the Winter Invitational on Saturday, December 3rd in Downers Grove. More information will be sent very soon. Please be on the lookout for that information to come home. We will be looking for a few parent chaperones to accompany the trip. The Wilkins Junior High Symphonic Winds and Strings will also be performing at this festival so come out and support the music department! As a friendly reminder, all concert dates can be found in your child's handbook which was passed out at the beginning of the school year.

We are in the midst of planning our annual fundraiser. Keep a look out for new information to come home.

## 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 Brodnicki School. 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.

## Attendance & Tardies

**ATTENDANCE**—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 in school. Your child's future success in life and work reflects good attendance formed when they are young. It is very important for the health and well-being of your child and their success in school that they 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 student attendance is of utmost importance for a student to receive 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 life. Prompt attendance shall be the responsibility of the student and his/her parents and/or guardians. Because it reflects the rights of others, promptness shall be considered as 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.**

