



Brodnicki Parent Newsletter December/January 2016-2017



Dates to Remember

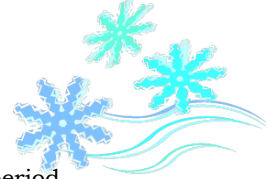
December



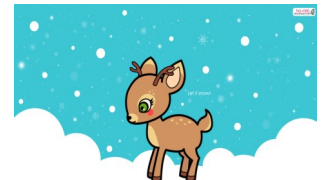
- Dec. 1 Chess Club 2:40—3:40
- 2 Picture Retake Day
- 6 EDI
- 7 EDI/NO Student Council Mtg.
- 8 Last Fall Chess Club
- 10 Justice Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. in front of the Justice Village Hall
- 13 EDI/Yearbook Cover due
- 14 EDI/Student Council 2:30—3:40/Title 1 field trip to Moraine Valley/WJH Band & Orch perform for students 8:30
- 15 Winter Chess Club (2nd session) 2:40—3:40
- 16 Yearbook Cover voting/Parent Roundtable Discussion Mtgs. 1:00—2:00 @ Brdvw Library
- 17 Santa's Secret Shop/Breakfast 9:00—12:00
- 19 Gr. 6 field trip to Drury Lane/Santa's Secret Shop (daytime)/Yearbook Cover Winner announced
- 20 Santa's Secret Shop (daytime)
- 21 Santa's Secret Shop (daytime)/Student Council 2:40—3:40
- 22 Chess Club 2:40—3:40
- 23 Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m./Holiday parties in the classrooms (a.m.)
- Dec 24—Jan. 8 Winter break



January



- Jan. 9 Classes resume
- 10 EDI
- 11 EDI/End of 2nd grading period
- 12 WJH Spelling Bee 6:30 p.m./Chess Club
- 13 Parent Roundtable Discussion Mtg. 1:00—2:00 at the Bridgeview Library/G.R.E.A.T. begins for 6th graders
- 16 **NO SCHOOL**—Martin Luther King Day
- 17 EDI
- 18 EDI
- 19 **NO SCHOOL** Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:00—8:00
- 20 **NO SCHOOL**
- 23 Report cards issued/Gr. 6 Sports Club 2:40 to 3:40
- 24 EDI
- 25 EDI
- 26 Chess Club 2:40—3:40
- 27 G.R.E.A.T.
- 30 Gr. 6 Sports Club
- 31 EDI



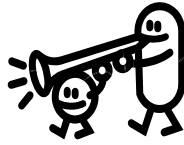
Morning Procedures

1. With the onset of colder weather, help us be safe by abiding by our drop off procedures in the morning. Arrival time is between 7:55 & 8:10 a.m.
2. There is no supervision before 7:50 a.m. Tardies are issued for students not inside their classroom when the 8:15 tardy bell sounds.
3. Pull your vehicle forward to maintain a steady stream of traffic. Do not leave your vehicle. Students get out of the car on the passenger side only.

Thanks for keeping us safe!



Band and Orchestra News



Below are some upcoming dates to be on the lookout for.

- Saturday, December 3, 2016: The Intermediate Band and Wilkins Junior High Symphonic Winds and Strings will be performing at the District 66 Winter Invitational at Lakeview Junior High in Downers Grove. The Intermediate Band will perform at 11:45 a.m. and the Junior High Symphonic Winds and Strings will perform at 1:00 p.m. Come out to watch these groups perform and support the music department!
- Saturday, February 25, 2017: Solo and Ensemble at Wilkins School. Time TBA. **ONLY** Intermediate Band, Orchestra, and Junior High Band and Orchestra Students.
- Tuesday, February 28, 2017, Elementary Band Winter Concert 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins School in the north gym.
- Wednesday, March 1, 2017: Elementary Orchestra Winter Concert 6:30 p.m. at Wilkins School in the north gym.

During your winter break, make sure to keep playing your instrument! Here are some helpful tips:

- **Aim to practice every day.** Make it a part of your daily routine. A little bit of practice is better than no practice.
- **Make your practice area comfortable.** Make sure the area is free of distractions, has good lighting, has a music stand, and a sturdy chair to sit in.
- **Reward yourself.** If you have worked hard and learned a piece of music or an exercise, go reward yourself by playing your favorite video game or watching a favorite TV show.
- **It is OK to have fun!** Go back and play your favorite pieces you learned when you were younger just for fun and see how much better you have become as a musician.



Thanks P.F.E. !

Thanks to the P.F.E. for sponsoring the Limo Lunch. It took place on Tuesday, November 22nd. Close to 75 students qualified for the limo lunch based on their fundraiser sales. The students were transported by a limo to and from McDonalds for lunch. We would also like to thank the New Image Limo Company located in Hickory Hills for supplying the limo at a very reasonable rate!

Thanks to Mrs. Nino and all her helpers for all their hard work!!



P. E. News

After school sports club will be starting on January 23rd for 6th graders. We will meet on Mondays for 5 weeks. Students meet after school for an hour in the gym from 2:40—3:40. The 5th graders will start in March. A permission form will need to be signed by a parent for a student to participate. The forms for the 6th graders will be given out in January when we come back from break. We only can take 30 students so please hand in your form as soon as possible.

With the approach of winter weather, students should keep their gym shoes in their book bag so they can easily change from their boots to gym shoes on gym days.

Box Tops



December is here and that brings holiday parties and get togethers. Hopefully, that will mean a lot of Box Tops for our school! As you are preparing your holiday meals, please remember to keep an eye out for those Box Tops! The results of the Quarter 1 Box Top contest are in! Congratulations to the winning classrooms for bringing in the most Box Tops for their grade level! Each of the winning classrooms will receive a special treat.

December sheets will be going home soon, and extra sheets are always outside of Rm. 210. Remember, your child will earn a candy treat for each completed Box Top sheet they return, and that each sheet is worth \$1.00. It may seem small, but they add up quickly. Thanks for all you do to help the Box Top program be successful.

From the Principal

The accomplishments and outstanding performance our students displayed in the first quarter was fabulous.

Thanks to all families that attended Parent/Teacher Conferences, Student Programs, and other school activities during the first months of school. We are proud to be at Brodnicki working with wonderful students, great families, and such a supportive community. Mark your calendars for the breakfast and shopping with Santa on Saturday, December 17th. We will also have Santa's Secret Shop (during the school day) on Monday, Dec. 19th, Tuesday, Dec. 20th, and Wednesday, Dec. 21st. Our holiday break begins on Friday December 23rd with an early dismissal that day at 1:30 p.m.

We look forward to January as it marks poetry month across the District. Our Staff is dedicated to providing a challenging and standards-based curriculum focused on positive learning outcomes that will pave the way for your child's success. Our school's mission statement reads: 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.



Student Council

Student Council would like to thank everyone who purchased Taffy Apples! Our fundraiser was a success. On November 23rd, Student Council sponsored an "Out of the Blue" movie day. Classroom teachers were given money to spend on a movie or snacks. All students enjoyed this extra treat before the Thanksgiving Break! We would also like to remind you to please continue to send in your box tops as well as old ink cartridges and electronics that will be sent for recycling. If you have any questions on what to send or what is accepted, please contact Ms. Weir.

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 school 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.**



BOOK FAIR NEWS

The Book Fair did very well this year. The Book Fair brought in another \$6,320.42 in Scholastic Dollars. We want to thank the families for donating to All For Books. The donations totaled over \$1500.00 and 175 new books were purchased for our classrooms. The Book Fair committee chairpersons helped organize the use of our “Scholastic Dollars” by allocating a percentage of “Scholastic Dollars” to each classroom teacher (including: Specials—Art, Music, P.E., Band/Orchestra and all Interventionist—SpEd, ELL Title I, Social Work) to purchase books, games and/or resources for their classrooms.

The following students won a poster at the Book Fair Raffle. They are:

Kacper Topor	Alex Castro	Alex Gomula	Milan Tran
Victoria Gonzalez	Gia Lewis	Patryk Czaja	Sebastian Krzanowski
Rami Ali	Sofia Fries	Mia Gutierrez	Victoria Kruk
Sophie Finke	Kayla Tewell	Natalie Hvizdos	Piotr Kubacki
Daniel Zavala	Arthur Custard	Julianne Early	Gabriel Drelich
Karolina Bukowski	Jake Van Allen	Amiyah Kastner	Nathaniel Szaflaroski
Marino Vidro	Gianna Bautista	Jessica Hoffman	Katie Kustwan
Julia Gibala	Zander Lacny	Sonia Kiwan	Francisco Aristimuno

The winners of the Book Baskets were:

Patrick Chochel and Jacob Van Allen



Congratulations to all!!!

We would like to thank Mrs. Bernardoni, Mrs. Daly, and their many helpers for a job well done!

Fourth Grade Gives Back

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all of the fourth graders of Brodnicki School for their generous donations for our veterans! Because of our wonderful students, we were able to donate sixteen care packages made up of donations from our fourth grade families, along with a \$150.00 monetary donation donated by @Properties (through the contact of a Brodnicki parent Ms. Asma Omar) to the Manteno Veteran’s Home in Manteno, IL. In addition to the care packages, over 100 letters and cards were written and distributed. It was amazing to see all of the students and their families come together to support such an important cause. We are so proud!!!

