

SPIRIT of BROOKWOOD

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167 NEWS

Winter Issue 2019

*Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more,
but those giving more. —H. Jackson Brown Jr.*



Greetings Brookwood School

District 167 School Community and Parents

On behalf of Brookwood School District 167, we extend our best wishes for a happy holiday season and a New Year filled with peace and happiness.

We hope that each of you enjoy the holiday season and the opportunity that this time of year provides for us to share and give the gift of love with our family and friends.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS

Dec. 20	11:30 a.m. District Dismissal
Dec. 23	Winter Break Begins
Jan. 6	Teacher Institute Day
Jan. 7	School Resumes for Students
Jan. 13	Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.
Jan. 16	Hickory Bend Bedtime Story Night
Jan. 20	No School—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance
Jan. 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Feb. 4	Bilingual Parent Ed Meeting 6 p.m. @ Longwood
Feb. 19	Family Math Night @ BJHS

SAVE THE DATE

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, Jan. 30

11 a.m.—7 p.m.

All Community Members and Parents are Invited to:

Soup with the Superintendent

When: Every Thursday in January and February
(excluding 1/2/20) from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Why: To receive district information from the Superintendent, ask questions, and provide input/feedback

Where: Brookwood SD 167 Administrative Center



Winter Camp

Champions will be hosting full day programs over Winter Break when school is not in session on December 23rd-27th & Dec 30th-Jan 3rd. No program will be held on Tues 12/24, Wed 12/25, Tues 12/31 & Wed 1/01. Children will be provided a lunch. The program will run from 6:15 am-6:00 pm. The cost per day is \$39 per child.

Families can enroll in the Winter Break camp through the online parent portal:

www.DiscoverChampions.com



Brookwood 167 Students ages 5-12 are welcome! The program will be held at Hickory Bend Elementary School.
(Door 15)
Site Phone #: (971) 212-4343



BROOKWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL AND BROOKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TEAM UP TO OFFER STUDENTS A SATURDAY ACADEMIC CAMP

As part of the School Improvement Plans for BMS and BJHS, we will be engaging students in a Saturday Academic Camp. The Saturday Academic Camp will take place in January and February. This camp will offer students in Grades 5-8, 1 hour of Reading, 1 hour of Math, and 30 minutes of Fitness for 6 weeks. We will be utilizing data to differentiate instruction for students in targeted areas of need.

Each session will begin at 9:30 am and end at noon. The dates for this meaningful academic camp are listed below:

- January 18
- January 25
- February 1
- February 8
- February 15
- February 22



BMS WHEEL OF WISDOM

Brookwood Middle School kicked off Red Ribbon Week with an interactive game show, *Wheel of Wisdom*. Red Ribbon Week is a drug prevention awareness week that focuses on educating our youth on the dangers of drug use.



LONGWOOD'S DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE



***PARENT
ENGAGEMENT
AND
INVOLVEMENT
MATTERS!***



BJHS Students Help Out

On 11/26/19, Brookwood Jr. High School's NJHS students and Student Council Members, traveled to the Food Pantry in Chicago Heights to provide help in preparation for their annual Thanksgiving meals for needy families.

Students learned that food banks can supply several meals for just \$1.00, and that they also collect non-food items. Students had a great time helping out during this service project for the school year.



The Illinois 5Essentials Survey: We are Seeking Parent Feedback!

Please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>

to take the parent survey

Parent feedback will be used for our school improvement plans

Hickory Bend "Dream Chasers"

Congratulations "Dream Chasers" on a terrific season!

Throughout this season, our Dream Chasers (male mentoring program) participated in exciting challenges and showdowns to help build confidence, develop character and inspire teamwork! Their passion and commitment helped them to realize their potential to overcome obstacles in pursuit of a dream. Thanks for a great season and an awesome End of the Season Dream Chaser Challenge on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019 at Hammond Sportsplex.

Keep Chasing Greatness!

We would like to give a huge shout out to Coach Burras & Coach Menos for all their hard work and dedication to the Dream Chasers program! Dream Chasers Participants: **Ayden Fonseca, Khadari Lee, Tyshawn Smith, Donovan Jones, Leland Davis, Daniel Cisneros, Landon May, Joshua Patino, Conner Allen, Milton Calvin, Gabriel Crosby, Emmanuel Cortes**



3rd Grade Student Wins 2nd Place in Art Contest

Hickory Bend third graders entered a holiday card contest sponsored by STR Partners LLC. The theme was "How will the holidays be celebrated in 50 years?" since the firm celebrated 50 years in business. The students designed cards representing various winter holidays. Over 1,000 students entered. One of our students, Illiana Gonzalez, won second place. Congratulations to Illiana and all our third graders for trying their best.



Chicago Wolves Hockey

The Sensational Singers performed at the Chicago Wolves Hockey Game on Sunday, November 10th. They performed a Veteran's Day Song with other choirs in the Chicagoland area. Following the performance, the singers were able to enjoy watching a hockey game! Great job Sensational Singers! And thank you to all the parents and staff that came out to show their support.



Brookwood Junior High Family Reading Night



**Women's Professional
Basketball Player
Linnae Harper
Visits BJHS**

On Tuesday, 12/10/19, former Chicago Sky Women's Basketball Guard, Linnae Harper, visited BJHS and spoke with our 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams. Linnae Harper, professional basketball player, completed her college education, playing for two years at Kentucky University and she finished her college career playing at Ohio State University. Harper was named to the 2017 USA Women's U23 National Team and she helped the USA claim the inaugural U24 Four Nations Tournament Title, with wins over Australia, Canada and Japan in Tokyo. She is a local girl who completed her high school education at Whitney M. Young High School in Chicago. Ms. Harper spoke to our girls about the importance of working and training hard, working together as a team, and the importance of staying in school. She spoke to students about her strong work ethic and explained how as hard as it gets for her, she never gives up.




BMS Family Literacy Night with Bats



BJHS 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Teams

IESA REGIONAL CHAMPS

The 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team won their division IESA Regional Championship Game defeating Roosevelt Junior High School 34-12. In the first game of the Regional Tournament, they played and beat Calumet City Schrum 39-15. The second game they played, they defeated Calumet City Wentworth 46-26. The 7th grade team advanced to the IESA Sectional Tournament.



The 8th grade girls basketball team won their division regional championship game defeating Heritage Junior High School 36-34. In their first game of the regional tournament, they played Calumet City Wentworth 46-6. The second game they defeated Calumet City Schrum 52-20. The 8th grade team advanced to the IESA Sectional Tournament.



Brookwood School District 167 Bilingual Parent Education Meetings

Brookwood School District 167 conducts parent/family engagement activities/programs for our bilingual families. These meetings are held quarterly. On December 3rd, we held our 2nd Quarter Meeting and families engaged in interactive educational games. The next BPEM Meetings will be held on February 4th and April 7th.



**Brookwood School District 167
Excited to Launch
our 1st Annual Wellness
Institute for All Staff**

Research shows that by investing in the health and wellness of our staff, there is a direct correlation for improvement in teachers' classroom management, curricular implementation, and stronger, more positive relationships with students. Additionally, to better serve others, our staff must be well. Our Wellness Institute will be held on Jan. 6th and will offer a variety of sessions that address stress management, self-care, healthy eating, and mindful awareness practices.



EMERGENCY CLOSING CENTER™

Tune in to:



Our District understands that the decision to open or close schools in bad weather has a big effect on families. The safety of our students and staff is our top priority in making a decision to keep schools open or closed during bad weather.

NOTIFICATION

There are several ways to find out if school is closed (or open on what seems like a bad weather day.)

- Listen for our automated phone messaging call.
- Visit our website: www.brookwood167.org where information will be posted on the home page.
- Visit www.EmergencyClosings.com
- Tune into CBS, NBC, ABC, WGN, Fox, CLTV
- Listen to local radio: WGN (720 AM)



A PARENT'S DECISION

Although the District does its best to make the decision that is best for everyone, we know that often no perfect decision exists. If you do not feel it is safe for your child to attend school, we respect your right to keep your child at home.



ANNUAL DISTRICT-WIDE SPELLING BEE

Where: Longwood Elementary School Library

When: Friday, January 10, 2020

Time: 10:45 AM

Please come and support our school-wide champions from Longwood Elementary School, Hickory Bend Elementary School, Brookwood Middle School, and Brookwood Junior High School as they compete for the District championship!

*Please Note: The 10th Regional ISC Scripps Spelling Bee will be held on February 20, 2020 at McClure Junior High



Mr. Mark
Myers
Board Member

In Memoriam

Board of Education Member

Mark Myers

(12/10/60—10/11/19)

*There are special people in our lives
that never leave us even after they
are gone.*

As a Board Member, Mark supported many initiatives that benefitted our students. Mark put students first and cared deeply about every staff member. Mark demonstrated that public service is noble and necessary, that one can serve with integrity and hold true to the important values like faith and family.

We will dearly miss Mark Myers!

School Administrative Team Presents
ISBE School Report Cards at the
Board of Education Meeting
on 12/9/19



pictured above from left
Reggie Patterson, Principal (Longwood)
Jill Larson, Principal (BJHS)
Pam Marcus, Assistant Principal (BJHS)
Rosia Mitchell, Assistant Principal (BMS)
Onquanette Pierce, Principal (BMS)
Shawn Jackson, Principal (HB)

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