

# MARCH NEWSLETTER

## BROOKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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**Brookwood Junior High School**  
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Glenwood, IL 60425

**School: (708) 758-5252**  
**Absentee Line: (708) 757-2115**  
**Ms. Jill Larson, Principal**

# A Message From The Principal Ms. Jill Larson

Spring is in the air and the month of March brings many important events at Brookwood Jr. High School. Our students are gearing up for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) state testing starting on March 11th thru March 27th. 8th grade students will also be taking the Illinois Science Assessment on March 30th, 31st and April 1st. Our teachers have been working hard to ensure students are ready for these important assessments. We are excited about the progress our students are making in the classrooms and are certain that we will achieve all of our goals during testing.



March is also our college and career month. Many field trips are scheduled for during the first week and a half of March. 7th & 8th graders took a college & career interest survey and we have scheduled field trips to match our students' interests.

In our efforts to keep you informed of the activities at bjhs, we will continue updating our website in addition to monthly newsletters, i will also post important events and activities on my ClassDoJo. Please take note of all the upcoming events in march i have included in this newsletter. I know how busy you are, but your dedication shows how committed you are to education. With all of us working together, we will certainly achieve all of our goals and finish this year out strong.

Ms. Jill Larson  
Principal, Brookwood Junior High School



"Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life. Remember that fear always lurks behind perfectionism." --David M. Burns



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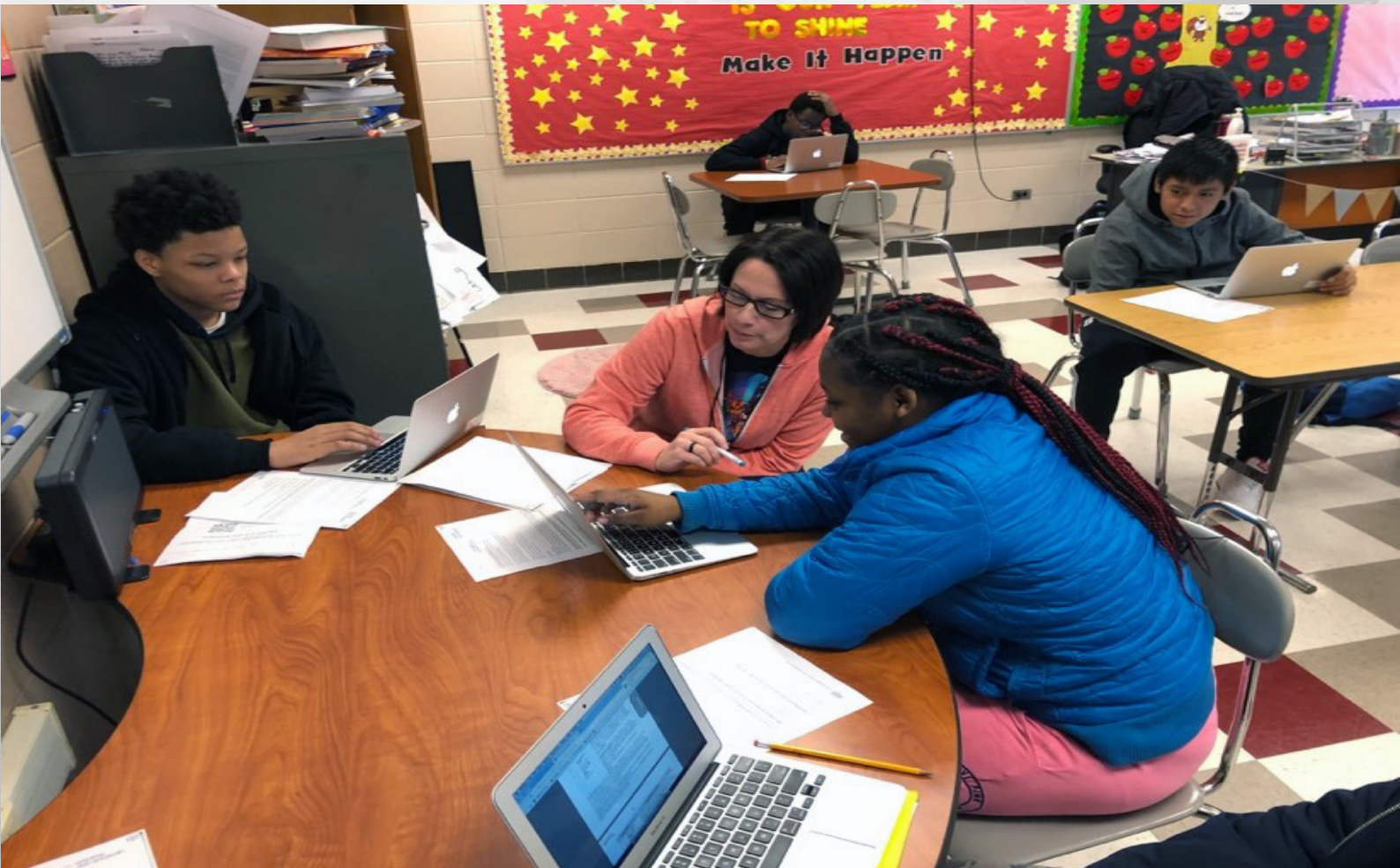
## CLASSDOJO

CLASSDOJO IS ACTIVELY USED IN 90% OF U.S. K-8 SCHOOLS

ClassDojo is a free app that helps build amazing classroom and school communities. Teachers give feedback to students for any skill, like "**WORKING HARD**" and "**BEING CURIOUS**." From the mobile app, parents view their child's feedback, message directly with teachers and school leaders, and see beautiful photos and videos of classroom moments. Please join my ClassDojo so you can stay informed on what is happening at BROOKWOOD JR. HIGH. We have mailed home invitations to you, specific with your child's class code. If you would like to join, and misplaced, the code, please contact the school at (708) 758-5252. All you will need to provide is your cell phone number or email address.

**GET INVOLVED AND STAY INFORMED!**





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# GET INVOLVED!

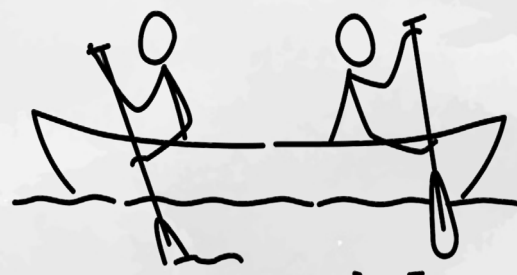
PARENTS, PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HOMEWORK AND PLANNER EVERYDAY!

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING...

Conflict Resolution Training for all 7th Graders!

Research shows that when conflict occurs in middle school environments, students affected often lack the developmental maturity and interpersonal skills necessary to ensure healthy outcomes without adult guidance.

Our hope that once trained, students will have the needed skills to help resolve any conflicts they might encounter throughout life.



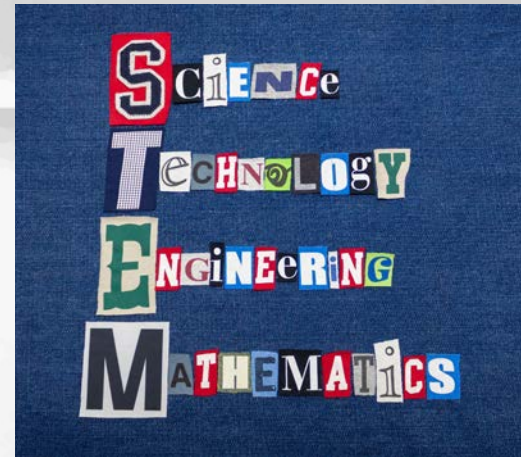
## STUDENT TUTORING...

EVERY MORNING FOR MATH IN GRADES 7TH AND 8TH FROM  
8:00 A.M. / 8:30 A.M. | LIBRARY

EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MORNING FOR ALL  
SUBJECTS FROM 8:00 A.M. / 8:30 A.M. | ROOM 14

DURING 7TH GRADE & 8TH GRADE LUNCH

AFTER SCHOOL TUESDAY & THURSDAY FROM  
3:10 P.M. / 4:30 P.M. | LIBRARY



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## SPORTS PHYSICALS

Any student planning on participating in a sport (\*) must have a current physical on file.

THE RONALD MCDONALD MOBILE CARE VAN CAN HELP!

Please contact the district nurse, Ms. Knowles if you would like to sign your child up. The van comes right to the school and students receive their complete physical that day! Nurse knowles can be reached at (708) 758-5252 or by e-mail at [kknowles@brookwood167.org](mailto:kknowles@brookwood167.org).



March 26th | Hickory Bend

April 30th | Middle School

May 21st | Junior High

# STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS IN ATTENDANCE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

March 11th IAR State Testing Begins- 8th Grade Math  
March 12th IAR State Testing 8th Grade Math  
March 13th IAR State Testing 8th Grade Math  
March 16th IAR State Testing 8th Grade ELA  
March 17th IAR State Testing 8th Grade ELA  
March 18th IAR State Testing 8th Grade ELA

## 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

March 19th IAR State Testing 7th Grade Math  
March 20th IAR State Testing 7th Grade Math  
March 23rd IAR State Testing 7th Grade Math  
March 24th IAR State Testing 7th Grade ELA  
March 25th IAR State Testing 7th Grade ELA  
**March 27th \*\*IAR Make-Up Testing**

## ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT ISA (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY)

April 1st ISA State Testing 8th Grade Science  
April 2nd ISA State Testing 8th Grade Science  
April 3rd ISA State Testing 8th Grade Science

## ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT ISA MAKE-UP (8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ONLY)

April 6th **\*\*ISA State Testing 8th Grade Science**  
April 7th **\*\*ISA State Testing 8th Grade Science**

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# ABSENCE REPORTING

To report absences please call the attendance line at (708) 757-2115. Please call the school before 8:30 a.m. to report your child absent. Please leave the following information:

- Students full name with spelling of the last name
- Reason for absence/tardy/early release
- Your name and relationship to student
- Please call the main number (708) 758-5252 at least (45) minutes **PRIOR** to early dismissal.

In order for your student to be **EXCUSED** you must sign them in and out in the main office or their absence will be marked as unexcused.

# ATTENDANCE POLICY

All students are expected to be in regular attendance in accordance with the compulsory attendance requirements as established in the School Code of Illinois. Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/26-2a considers an absentee/tardy rate of more than 5% of the last (180) days to be excessive.

Parents or legal guardians must call the school before 8:30 a.m. if their child is to be absent that day. An auto-answer service is available (24) hours. The number to call is 708-757-2100 ext. 5400. Call the school direct, 708-757-2100, between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Parents who do not call school will receive a telephone call at home or at work to verify their child's absence.

In the event no one can be reached, a call may be placed to the local police to visit the residence to assure your child's safety. This is done for the safety and welfare of each child and is required by the School Code of Illinois.



In the event of a prolonged illness or contagious disease, a permission slip to return, signed by the child's physician, is requested.

Perfect attendance awards are issued to those students who have not been absent throughout the school year. To qualify, a child must have been enrolled for at least one (1) semester. Attendance is defined as each and every day school is in session. Students who are frequently absent often miss important information being taught, fall behind, and lose interest in school. An improvement in attendance may help a child achieve better grades and feel better about himself/herself.

**PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME EACH AND EVERY DAY.**

# IAR STATE TESTING

BEGINS MARCH 11TH - MARCH 27TH



**ILLINOIS**  
Assessment of Readiness

What is the Illinois Assessment of Readiness?

The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) is the Illinois state achievement test. All public school students in grades 3 to 8 must take the IAR. The IAR is given every Spring (you can view the specific administration dates for the IAR on the District's standardized testing schedule). The IAR is fully aligned with the Common Core State Standards. The IAR is taken on a computer and is designed to provide information about student progress toward the long-term goal of college and career readiness.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has a section of its website devoted to the IAR. You can access the ISBE website clicking ISBE IAR Resources.

The National PTA has also posted information for parents about state assessments on its website.

## HOW CAN PARENTS HELP TO PREPARE THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE IAR TEST?

The IAR/PARCC website offers some suggestions to parents:

- Read a combination of fiction and non-fiction aloud or with your child. Look for subjects of interest—from sports heroes to dinosaurs;
- Discuss and “do” real-life math with your child. Help him/her know basic math facts;
- Discuss the new tests with your child. Make sure he/she is not scared or anxious going into the new tests;
- Explain to your child that the tests will initially be more challenging. Tell your child to do his/her best on the test and that you are there to help every step of the way;
- After the test, review the results with your child. Bring the teacher into the discussion as needed;
- Provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home and make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast before a test;
- Above all, be positive and encouraging about the tests.

# MISSION STATEMENT

## BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167 | MISSION STATEMENT

Brookwood School District 167, in partnership with parents and community, will create a learning environment in which all students excel at becoming lifelong learners and decision makers.

### WE BELIEVE:

- Families shape their children’s motivation, confidence, and academic success by being interested and involved in their overall development;
- All students are unique and should be challenged to the highest level of academic and artistic excellence;
- In the importance of staff development opportunities based on best practices and educational research;
- In educating our children in a safe and nurturing environment with access to state of the art technology;
- The school system should teach students to think critically enabling them to become contributing citizens in our global society
- In continuous improvement in all aspects of the school system to foster a culture of excellence, accountability and integrity;
- In responsible stewardship of financial and physical resources.

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# VISION STATEMENT

## BROOKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 167 | VISION

Our overall vision is to improve the achievement of all students, regardless of race, socio-economic status, gender, or ability levels (disabilities). We share the accountability of student achievement throughout the school. We believe in using research-based practices to achieve our goals. We promote school and community involvement because we believe that these partnerships help us meet the needs of all of our students.

### WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- Providing students with highly qualified teachers;
- Providing our staff with professional development.



MORE WAYS TO KNOW  
BEFORE YOU GO!



# EMERGENCY CLOSING CENTER

Call: (847) 238 1234 | Online: [www.emergencyclosing.com](http://www.emergencyclosing.com) | Email: [emergencyclosings@wgnradio.com](mailto:emergencyclosings@wgnradio.com)

Tune In (AM):



TV:



8:30 a.m.  
- 3:10 p.m.

School  
Hours

“FREE”

Breakfast/  
Lunch



Play, Learn and  
Grow... Together!

## THANK YOU PARENTS!

### BROOKWOOD JR. HIGH SCHOOL HAD 63% OF OUR PARENTS TAKE THE 5ESSENTIALS SURVEY!

The 5Essentials Survey has been administered to more than 7,000 students, teachers and parents in over 6,000 schools across the country!

This survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:



Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at Brookwood Jr. High School and help us guide improvement.

#### Culture and Climate

5Essentials data helps school leaders build capacity for school improvement efforts and leverage their 5Essentials Survey results to create improvement plans that strengthen the organizational conditions linked to long-term school and student success.



# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



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We [**EXPECT ALL**] students to participate in extracurricular activities at BJHS. We have no cuts for our sport teams, any student wanting to participate will make the team. We offer the following sports and clubs:

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|----------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Cross-Country* | Gospel Choir    | Basketball*      | Speech/Debate |
| Volleyball*    | Cooking         | Wrestling*       | Chess         |
| Track*         | Student Council | Cheerleading*    | Vex Robotics  |
| Band           | Broadcasting    | Drumline         | 3D Printing   |
| Mathletes      | Art             | Creative Writing | NJHS          |
| Yearbook       | Speech          |                  |               |



March 2nd	NO SCHOOL - Pulaski Day	
March 3rd	Boys Volleyball @ Parker	3:30 p.m.
March 3rd	College and Career Week	
March 3rd	iHeart-WGCI Radio Field Trip	
March 3rd	Pipefitters Local 597 Field Trip	
March 3rd	Severe Weather Drill	10:00 a.m.
March 4th	IESA 7th gr.Girls Volleyball Regionals at Columbia	4:30 p.m.
March 4th	Governors State University Field Trip	
March 4th	Museum of Broadcast Field Trip	
March 4th	Illinois College of Optometry Field Trip	
March 4th	Prairie State University Field Trip	
March 4th	Boys Volleyball @ Home Vs.Crete	3:30 p.m.
March 5th	Bulls/Sox Academy Field Trip	
March 5th	Prairie State University Field Trip	
March 5th	Boys Volleyball @ Columbia	3:30 p.m.
March 6th	IBEW NECA Field Trip	
March 6th	Brookfield Zoo Field Trip	
March 7th	Girls STEAM Ahead Field Trip	
March 7th	IGSMA Choir Contest	
March 9th	Morraine Valley Community College Field Trip	10:00 a.m.
March 9th	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m. @ District Office
March 10th	Apple Store Field Trip	10:00 a.m.
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March 17th	IAR State Testing 8th Grade ELA	
March 17th	District Crisis Meeting	
March 18th	IAR State Testing 8th Grade ELA	
March 18th	New Student Support Meeting	
March 19th	IAR State Testing 7th Grade Math	
March 19th	School Improvement Planning Meeting	
March 19th	SSJHSA Meeting	
March 20th	IAR State Testing 7th Grade Math	
March 23rd	IAR State Testing 7th Grade Math	
March 24th	IAR State Testing 7th Grade ELA	
March 25th	IAR State Testing 7th Grade Math	
March 25th	SEL Committee Meeting	
March 26th	IAR State Testing 7th Grade Math	
March 27th	IAR Make-Up Testing	
March 27th	End of Quarter 3/SIP - Dismissal	11:30 a.m.
March 30th	Illinois Science Assessment Begins (8th Graders)	
March 31st	Robert Crown Health Education On Site	

# FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Under the direction of their ELA teacher, Mr. Walsh, 7th grade students participated in **Poetry Night** at the Glenwood-Lynwood Library to Celebrate Black History Month!



On February 28th, 7th & 8th grade students showcased their talents in our Black History Program, titled, "We Have A Dream" under the direction of Ms. Ross.



## CPR/AED TRAINING WITH GLENWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT

On February 24th and 25th, 8th Grade students at Brookwood Jr. High School in partnership with the Glenwood Fire Department, participated in CPR training during health class. We had (138) 8th graders participate and receive CPR/AED Certification. We will have a make-up training day in April for any students who were not in attendance on the two days to ensure all 8th graders receive this important life-saving training.



### MALE MENTORING PROGRAM: LUNCH WITH THE LAW

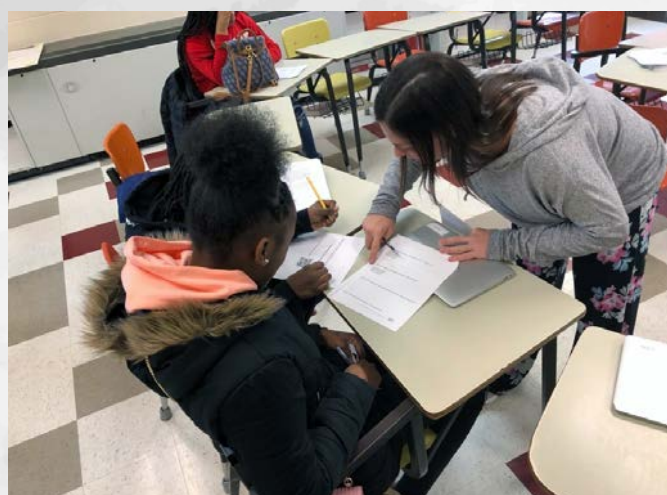
On Wednesday, February 26th, (20) twenty 7th & 8th grade boys met with a group of male officers and the Chief of Police from the Glenwood Police Department during lunchtime. The students and officers ate pizza and shared stories about life as a police officer, making good choices, and staying in school. The students and officers are part of our community outreach **Male Mentoring Program: Lunch With the Law**. Everyone involved had a great time!



**Saturday Academic Camp** was held at Brookwood Jr. High School for students in 5th thru 8th grades and it was a great success!

During these (6) six sessions, students received academic support and instruction in the areas of Reading (ELA), and Math. Students also participated in a physical fitness activity and were treated to hotdogs, chips and juice each week. Students also had an opportunity to earn McDonald Gift Cards each week for completing Math and ELA assignments with integrity.

At the last session on February 22nd, students participated in a pizza celebration! These sessions were important, as they helped prepare students for the state assessment starting on March 11th.



# We ♥ Our Volunteers



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