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Brook Park News

January 2018

LOOKING AHEAD

1.25	Music Program (1st/2nd)	5:30 pm	Various
1.27	Basketball—Boys	4:30 & Girls 5:30	LECC
1.29	Read-a-thon begins		
2.3	Basketball—Boys	12:30 & Girls 1:30	LECC
2.5	PFO Meeting	6:00 pm	Conf Room
2.6	CROWN Mentoring	After School	
2.9	Read-a-thon ends		
2.9	PFO Parents Night Out	TBD	

Principal's Corner

We have had a wonderful start to the 2017 school year! We have been able to implement some school-wide systems and really make some shifts in the learning environment. We have the same behavior system running in all classrooms now and we have seen far fewer behaviors in the office, which means more learning is taking place! We are excited to break down student results and plan both whole group and small group based on what each student needs to be successful.

Thank you for supporting us on this journey as we work together to make Brook Park a success for all students. Thank you for trusting us with your children each day. We are looking forward to a variety of fun and educational experiences this summer.

How can I help?

When schools and homes work together, everyone wins! Here is a list of ways you can support your student educationally:






1. **Attend Parent Teacher Conferences.** Since ours have passed, request a conference with the teacher to better understand progress.
2. **Visit school and be sure to access Skyward and our school webpage often.** This is the best way to have up-to-date information you need to know.
3. **Support school expectations:** daily assignments and behavior as well as homework. Read 20 minutes each night and practice math facts as a minimum.
4. **Send students to school on time and ready to learn.** Tell them how important school is!
5. **Help students be organized so they can focus.**
6. **Help students study for assessments.** If you are unsure of how to help them study; call the teacher and they will provide you guidance.
7. **Know our behavior system and how it works.** I will be sending information home soon about our new system. Keep this information in an easy to locate place.
8. **Get involved!** Our PFO meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM
9. **Take attendance seriously**—they must be here to learn.
10. **Make time to talk with students about school.**



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WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Ogry and Korman, 1982.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

District News

High Ability Testing for Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5

The district is currently accepting parent requests for High Ability Testing for students in grades 1, 3, 4, and 5. Requests may be submitted between January 8, 2018 and January 26, 2018. The testing will take place on February 21st, 2018 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. for students in grades 1 and 4 and February 22nd from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. for students in grades 3 and 5. Testing will take place at the Lawrence Education and Community Center (LECC) located at 6501 Sunnyside Road. If you feel your child might be a candidate for placement in a high ability classroom for the 2018-2019 school year, then please visit the district's website at Itschools.org for more information.

Preschool Enrollment

Preschool enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year is now underway. Please call the Office of Early Childhood Education at 317-423-8363 for information.

Making the Most of Middle School

Plan to join us on February 21st at 6:30 pm at Fall Creek Middle School for our Parent Engagement Series, Making the Most of Middle School, to learn about all of the exciting opportunities our middle schools have to offer your child!

7th Grade Transfer Request

Students entering 7th grade in the fall may submit a request to attend a middle school other than the school currently serving their attendance boundary. The deadline is February 11th. See the Announcement on the website for details.

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