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# NEWSLETTER MIDDLE SCHOOL



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## From The Principal...

On behalf of the staff at Brookwood Middle School, I am happy to **[WELCOME]** you to the 2018-2019 school year!

I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer vacation.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential.

We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school.

We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's

education.

As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our best to carry out our responsibilities.

**We ask that you guide and support your child's**



**learning by ensuring that he/she:**

- Attends school and arrives on

time, ready for the day;

- Completes all homework assignments;
- Reads daily to improve literacy skills;
- Informs you if he/she needs additional help.

With your help we will have a successful 2018-2019 school year.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Pierce,  
Principal*

7:30 a.m.  
- 4:00 p.m.

School  
Hours

} "FREE" }

Breakfast/  
Lunch }



Play, Learn and  
Grow... Together!

# Fire Prevention Week

**"Look-Listen-Learn! Be Aware!** Fire can happen anywhere," worth to remind us that fires can and still do happen- at home, as well as in other locations and that there are basic but important steps people can take to remain safe.

## PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY AS A FAMILY



Family "togetherness" will never be more important than in the event of a fire and your family is forced to escape from the home!

In the event of a fire, all members of your family must react immediately if they are to have the best chance to escape unharmed.

Preparing and practicing a **[Family Escape Plan]** will assure that all members of your family know what to do if ever faced with a fire within the home.

## TOP TIPS FOR FIRE SAFETY



- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.
- Talk with all family members about a **[Fire Escape Plan]** and practice

**IF A FIRE OCCURS IN YOUR HOME, GET OUT, STAY OUT AND CALL FOR HELP! NEVER GO BACK INSIDE FOR ANYTHING OR ANYONE!**



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COLUMBUS DAY | NO SCHOOL!



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REPORT CARD PICK UP



## Back-to-School Bus Safety Rules

- Stand on the same side of the street as the bus stop.
- Don't play around while waiting and stay on the sidewalk.
- Be alert to traffic.
- Always walk in front of, not behind the bus.
- Don't rush for the bus. Move toward the door only after the bus stops, the door opens and the driver gives the okay to board.
- Hold the handrail when getting on and off the bus.
- Never stand up or walk around while the bus is moving.
- Always obey the bus driver.

# Assignment Notebooks...

**Please look through your child's assignment notebook every night.**

The assignment notebook not only should contain your child's nightly homework assignments but also important reminders made during announcements and /or notes from the teacher.

Helping your child learn school organizational skills will help him/her be more productive in school.

Assignment notebooks can be purchased in the front office at any time for \$8.00.





# Arrival/ Dismissal Procedures...

## PARENT(S),

Students should arrive no earlier than 7:50 a.m. Since there is no supervision before that time, students arriving by car are to be dropped off on the south side of the building at the main entrance.

Keep in mind the pick-up / drop off area is a one way street. To accommodate as many parents as possible after school we ask that cars pull forward to the orange cone.

Please do not form double lines. Parents are required to stay out of the bus drop off / pick up area on the north side of the school building (Glenwood-Lansing Road).

Students who walk or ride bicycles must cross the street only where safety crossing guards are located. Any violations will be first a warning, second a conference will be requested to discuss safety concerns.

Parents should instruct children to go directly to and from school.



If your dismissal plans are different than what you listed during registration, you must write a note to your child's teacher.

Safety is extremely important to us, we rely on written directions from you to keep your child safe during dismissal time.

Calling the office to change a dismissal plan may only be done in an extreme emergency.

Please communicate directly with your child's teacher.

Thank You!

Mrs. Pierce



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PARENT/TEACHER CONF. | NO SCHOOL



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THANKSGIVING BREAK



## We Need Your Help...

Physical/Dental Records  
Must Be On File!

In accordance with Illinois law, all students entering the 6th grade **[MUST]** have physical and dental exam on file by **October 15th, 2018.**

Nurse Jackson

## Change Of Information...

Parents/Guardians are required to notify the school immediately of any changes in name, address, home, work or emergency telephone numbers; a change in the emergency contact person, changes in guardianship, etc.

Any information that might be pertinent to school records or contacting parent/guardian in case of an emergency.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

We are off to a great start of the 2018-2019 school year. Our students have demonstrated their Mighty Timberwolf spirit with a positive attitude and an energetic spirit.

As the staff of BMS works to keep you informed, here are a few reminders for upcoming events:



Sept 3rd No School | Labor Day

Sept 4th MAP Testing Begins

Sept 7th Grandparents Day

Sept 10th Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Sept 17th Picture Day

Sept 18th BMS Bus Evacuation

Oct 5th Early Dismissal @ 11:30 a.m.

Oct 8th No School | Columbus Day

Oct 15th Physicals Due \*

Oct 19th Early Dismissal @ 2:00 p.m.

Oct 22nd Red Ribbon Week

\*Our after-school activity routes are slightly different than the regular bus routes.

We are currently working with First Student to roll out additional routes for our after-school activity bus.

The changes will be taking effect immediately as added. Drivers are out practicing the routes and Principal Pierce and Assistant Principal Guzman have been riding so that students get home safely.

Please know that we are staying focused and we will not stop until every problem is resolved.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing patience as BMS works with our bus providers to resolve these service issues as quickly as possible.





# Parent Portal Access Information...

If you are new to Brookwood District 167 or cannot log in:

Click on "Create an Account" the first time you login for the school year (**DO NOT just type in the access ID and Access Password on the main screen as it will not work**).

The portal will ask you to put in your name, email, and your password (you will be able to make up your own user name and password for ease of use as well).

Next, complete the "Link Students To Your Account" section. Add your children(s) access ID and Access Password data from below. There is a limit of seven (7) children per login.

Access ID: XXXX Access Password: XXXXX

Finally, continue adding other children from your family

from grades 1-8 if needed. When completed, press the "Enter" button on the bottom left hand corner of your current page.

**Note:** Your Username and Password is unique to your child, please keep these logins confidential so that only you and your child(ren) can access their information.

This portal is a great way to discuss school and the classes that your child is taking this year.

Grades are posted to the [Parent Portal] by the teachers. The teacher's grade book is a "snapshot" and does not always accurately reflect the student's overall progress or performance.

Grades can have different values in weighting and will vary by particular courses. Please remember that all assignments will be put up as soon as possible by all teachers but some

projects will take longer to assess and post depending on their size.

If you have questions regarding an assignment, you can always email the teacher.

Please go to the icon called [Email Notifications] and set up any reports you would like to receive from the parent portal. You do not have to use this, but it's a great way to have information sent to you on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the PowerSchool Parent Portal, contact your child's school at (708) 758-5252.



## CLASS DOJO

- Join the Principal's and your child's classroom community...

TODAY!



## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS...



- Make sure children go trick-or-treating with an adult;
- Make sure children wear costumes that allow them to see and hear perfectly;
- Make sure children wear a costume that fits, as this could be a tripping hazard;
- Make sure children carry a flashlight

## After-School Activities...

ALL students are expected to participate in extra-curricular activities. We have no cuts for our sport teams, any student wanting to participate will make the team. We offer the following sports and clubs:

- Anime Club
- Student Council
- Yoga
- Band
- Volleyball\*
- Girls Club
- Basketball\*
- Gospel Choir
- Art Club
- Yearbook
- Craft Club
- Random Acts Of Kindness
- Cheerleading
- Robotics

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

## Glenwood-Lynwood Bookmobile Dates

Any student with a Glenwood-Lynwood library card in good standing may check out books from the Bookmobile.

Please send a copy of your child's library card for participation.

September 19th | October 10th | November 7th | November 28th



## Useful Numbers



MIDDLE SCHOOL  
School Office  
708 758 5350

BROOKWOOD 167  
DISTRICT OFFICE  
708 758 5190

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FAX  
708 757 4528

BROOKWOOD 167  
FAX  
708 757 2104

ABSENTEE  
LINE  
708 757 2110



## REPORTING OF ABSENCE(S)

Parents must call the school to report their child absent before 8:30 a.m. When calling, please identify yourself, give your child's name, grade and reason for being absent. If you are aware at the time you are calling how long your child will be absent, please indicate the length of absence in your message.