

Brookwood Junior High News

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November 2014

The first quarter is now officially over! We did many things in the month of October. The 7th graders went to the Mississippi River Museum and the 8th graders went to Madison. There was many new things learned on these trips and student feedback showed that they had a great time. We also had the opportunity to listen to Bob Lenz, a motivational speaker, talk about bullying and self-worth. The students really enjoyed this and had a chance to come back to school that night for more of Bob Lenz, a band, and a movie. We are looking forward to awesome opportunities for students in November as well.

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Important November Dates!

November 6-7: Parent Teacher Conferences at the school.
Week of Nov. 10th: Voting for Junior High Student Council
November 11th: Veterans Day Program in the Classic Gym starting at 10:30. ALL Veterans and their families are welcome to attend!
November 12th: Blood Drive at school from 9:30-3:30pm. If you can donate please call the high school office at 337-4401.
November 14th: matinee showing of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" (high school production) for 6-8th grades.
November 25th: Early Release
November 26-28th: No School!

Cheese Puff Raffle Winner!

Jimmy Barlow was the winner of our Cheese Puff Raffle in October. Congratulations Jimmy!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Veteran's Program
- ◆ Blood Drive
- ◆ Play production
- ◆ NO SCHOOL!

Winter Sports

Now that the fall sports season is over, the Winter sports season has started up! Boys Basketball is in full swing. If you would like to see a schedule of game times and dates please access the Athletics page on the school website. Girls Basketball will be starting December 29th and Wrestling will begin on January 5th. If your child wants to participate in a winter sport and was not involved with a fall sport, make sure that your student has all the paperwork filled out before the first practice. If you are not sure what the paperwork is please contact Mr. Clinton at the school.

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Colder Weather

As the temperature continues to go down it is very important that junior high students come to school dressed for the weather. The junior high tends to be one of the coldest areas in the school. With that, we suggest that you have your child bring a sweatshirt to school and leave it in their locker for when it is needed. Please make sure that the sweatshirt comes home often for washing. The student handbook makes it clear that students are not allowed to wear their coats in the classroom. This is a safety issue. That is why sweatshirts are their best option. Students will also be going outside during the lunch period in the fall and winter. We ask that they have coats, gloves and hats for this as well.

Tips on Keeping your Student Organized!

There is a great article on-line titled, "How to Get Middle School Kids Organized" by Sandy Fleming. As your child's teachers, we find this to be the biggest area of concern. Here are some of the tips discussed by Sandy in her article. By working together we can help all students be successful. Here is the URL for the article if you want a more detailed look at it: <http://www.livestrong.com/article/83140-middle-school-kids-organized/>.

Set the Stage for Success at Home

Step 1: Set up a homework area supplied with common items such as paper, pens, white-out and so forth.

Step 2: Create a routine for homework that is followed each night.

Step 3: Get a large calendar. Post it in a visible spot.

Step 4: Set up a specific place to put completed assignments and other supplies for the next day.

Set Up Success at School (We do many of these things at school already)

Step 1: Help your student set up a filing system using folders or notebooks for each class. Teach him to put all notes, papers, worksheets, graded tests and other materials into the filing system when finished with them.

Step 2: Create a folder for current assignments, worksheets and study guides. Encourage your student to put each day's work in it for transport home and completed assignments in it for transport back to school.

Step 3: Help your student organize her locker.

Provide Parental Guidance

Step 1: Check the student's planner frequently.

Step 2: Monitor the filing system. Check your student's backpack, locker and room for misplaced papers that should be filed.

Step 3: Keep an eye on grades for each class. Watch for missing assignments or consistently low test scores. Consult with the child's teacher to develop strategies to deal with problems before the report card shows a failing grade.

Step 4: Develop a step-by-step plan to complete large projects with due dates for each step before the project is due at school. Monitor progress on the project and follow through on the plan frequently.

Accessing Homework Assignments

We have noticed that only a small amount of parents and students are taking advantage of the text messaging and Facebook updates available for accessing assignments. We do more than that! We will post pictures from our trips, experiments, and school activities. We also will put reminders of important dates and activities. If you have not signed up, we strongly encourage you to do so. The junior high will continue to post homework updates and announcements on the Facebook page...

"Brookwood Junior High Falcons." Text messages are grade specific; either 8th Grade or 7th Grade. If you are interested in signing up to receive text messages about your child's homework assignments or announcements, here is how.

1. Open up a "New Text Message"
2. In the spot "To" type 608-579-2960
3. In the "Message" type....

For 7th grade homework and announcements- @grade7hw

For 8th grade homework and announcements- @8thgradehw