# BROOKFIELD BROADCAST

"Create Your Tomorrow"

Brookfield Public Schools Monthly Newsletter

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## INNOVATIONS & LEARNING

### World Language Lab



The Brookfield High School (BHS) Language Lab platform has provided the World Language and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) teams with a multitude of ways to effectively communicate with students while promoting cooperative learning. Teachers facilitate language learning as they provide individualized, targeted instruction and feedback for students to improve upon their proficiency and advance their learning. Teachers also deliver interactive lessons to build students' interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational communication skills in French, Spanish and English (for our English Language Learners).

The Language Lab has also been utilized to provide students with opportunities to participate in the National French and Spanish Language Exam Contests. The technology used in the Language Lab offers a personalized language learning environment that is well aligned with our French and Spanish programs. With the success of the Language Lab at BHS, we are looking forward to implementing a World Language Lab at Whisconeir next year.

## WORLD LANGUAGE

### Adding American Sign Language to the BHS Program



On December 5th the Board of Education unanimously approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an additional World Language to be offered at Brookfield High School. Mrs. Kemen Holley, World Language/ELL Curriculum Leader, presented a detailed analysis of over 1,200 survey responses from parents, students and other community members which revealed ASL as the overwhelmingly preferred choice. Still in its exploratory phase, Mrs. Holley will continue to examine successful ASL programs in West Hartford and Greenwich to determine curricular requirements and best practices. Our Superintendent, Dr. Barile, has requested one ASL teacher in the 2019-2020 school year budget. Mrs. Holley's presentation can be found online at **bit.ly/holleyASL**.

## NEWS WITH NUMBERS

**2,648** total students enrolled in Brookfield Public Schools

**111** English language learners in district

**22** languages spoken by students in grades K-12

**223** BHS students will play winter sports

## NEW SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

On December 5th, the Board also announced plans for a communication campaign that will include online initiatives, large display boards for frequented town locales, special events and small group presentations. The Board urges everyone to follow the New School Project's Facebook page **@bpsnewschoolproject** and to watch the short, detailed video at **bit.ly/bpsnewschoolinfo** for additional information. A Town Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2019 to vote on moving the project to referendum.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| 12.14.18 | Bock & Blu Concert |
| 12.19.18 | BOE Meeting @ 7pm |
| 1.15.19 | Town Hall Meeting on New School Project • BHS Auditorium @ 7pm |
| 1.16.19 | Public Hearing on Superintendent Spending Plan • BHS Media Center @ 6pm |

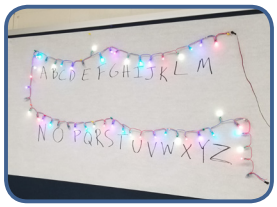


# "Brookfield's Best" COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Mr. Distasio Classroom Escape Room



BHS Math Teacher, Mr. Distasio, recently planned a special activity for his class. Students used a combination of teamwork, communication, and content knowledge to complete a "Stranger Things" themed escape room style mission based on the Netflix show. Students worked to solve content specific puzzles to lead them to the upside down, where the final part of their mission was to free Eleven and escape the upside down.






## Veterans Day Celebration

On Monday, November 12th, all four schools honored those who have served our nation by holding several celebrations and hosting many Veterans as they shared stories and facilitated discussions with our students.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## 2019-2020 Budget Proposal from Dr. Barile

The Board of Education received the first presentation of the Superintendent's recommended budget for the 2019-2020 school year. The budget reflects a 4.4% increase which includes 1.4% in additional needs over the status quo budget with a 3% increase for contractual and mandated costs. Dr. Barile presented two weeks earlier than in years prior, allowing the Board additional time to dissect all items in preparation for a more thorough discussion at its next meeting Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Dr. Barile's presentation can be viewed online at **bit.ly/boebarile125.**

## New England Association of Schools and Colleges Visits Brookfield High School



On Sunday, December 5th the New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) Visiting Committee began their week length visit with a an overview presentation of Brookfield High School from Principal Blanda, Dr. Barile, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Malatesta. A panel discussion with students and teachers followed the presentation. During the remainder of the week student, board member, teacher and administrator interviews followed.

# BHS ATHLETICS

## Brookfield Athletics Announces New Head Football Coach



Bryan Muller (Brookfield High School Class of 1997), member of the first undefeated and BHS State Championship Team (1995), has been named Head Football Coach at Brookfield High School, succeeding longtime Coach Rich Angarano.

# BROOKFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION (BEF)

***Thank you for all you do and a wonderful gala on November 17, 2018 at the Candlewood Inn.***

