



BROOKFIELD BROADCAST

Brookfield Public Schools Monthly Newsletter

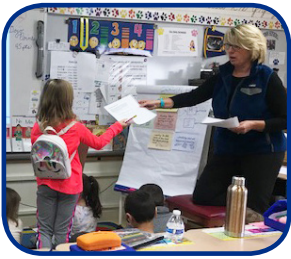
"Create Your Tomorrow"

October 2018

INNOVATIONS & LEARNING

Gradual Release of Responsibility Framework Introduced

The Brookfield Schools Leadership Team has identified the Gradual Release of Responsibility (GRR) Framework as a guide for classroom instruction throughout the district. The GRR model aligns with the Common Core of Teaching, creating an active learning environment that encourages both student collaboration and independent thinking to problem solve. Faculty will continue to learn skills for implementing the GRR model throughout the school year. Since adopting the model, the administrative team has conducted 305 walkthroughs to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of GRR professional learning and instructional leadership. Information gathered from the walkthroughs will be used to identify trends, strengths, and areas of improvement. These walkthroughs have also provided a wonderful opportunity for the teachers to connect with administrators and for children and administrators to get to know one another.



NEWS WITH NUMBERS

1,190 district Facebook followers

305 classroom walkthrough visits by administration this fall

57 years- the age of Huckleberry Hill

80 years - the age of Center School

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

On October 16, the Board of Education presented an overview of the new elementary school project to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) and Board of Finance (BOF). Approximately 100 Brookfield residents attended the meeting and had the opportunity to ask questions and provide input about the project to our elected officials. The BOS and BOF will meet respectively in November to further discuss the details of the project.



Did you know?

- **We plan to build an early learning center for our PreK-1 students.** This area of the school will have a separate entrance, bathrooms within the kindergarten classrooms which are much larger than the current primary classrooms and many amenities to meet the developmental needs of our early learners.
- **Modern safety principles are being considered** including: ballistic film on windows, bollards on sidewalks, and intentional sight lines to enhance security.
- If an addition is added to the current Huckleberry Hill School, the 60 foot baseball field will be eliminated. **A benefit of building the new school is that the 90 foot and 60 foot baseball fields and soccer field will be reestablished on the site as brand new fields.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Conferences - Early Dismissal

Grades K-4	10.29.18	Evening
Grades K-4	11.01.18	Evening
Grades K-4	11.02.18	Daytime
Grades 5-8	11.14.18	Daytime
Grades 5-8	11.15.18	Evening
Grades 9-12	11.14.18	Evening
Grades 9-12	11.15.18	Daytime



Stay up to date on the new elementary school project!

Visit the website: bit.ly/BPSNewSchoolProject OR
Search "BPS New School Project" on Facebook

“Brookfield’s Best” COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

INSPIRING ART

Some inspiration from “Human Day” in May, inspired BHS student Gabby to paint a mural at Whisconer Middle School. Gabby, Victoria, and Grace took their art a step further and painted inspirational messages on the bathroom walls in the middle school.



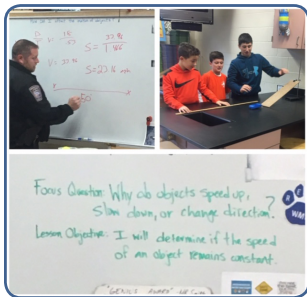
(L to R) Gabriella Muscatello, Victoria Androsz, and Grace Collins

Mrs. Docherty - BHS Business Department

Seeing a need for an authentic task for her Marketing 2 class, Mrs. Docherty volunteered her students to take over the event planning for the annual Homecoming Carnival. Students recruited clubs and activities to sponsor booths, developed advertising to publicize the festivities, and revamped the children’s activities in the gymnasium. Students were responsible for all facets of the event, start to finish, and did a fantastic job.



Rebecca Moen and Natalie Rossi celebrate Homecoming 2018.



Science with Officer Flynn

Officer Flynn visited Mr. Petrino and Mr. Smith’s science classes to participate in a real life application of how weight affects the motion of an

object. Officer Flynn is pictured demonstrating how science helps him when he investigates a car accident.

SOCKTOBER

Socktober is a sock drive for local shelters before the cool weather arrives. Socks are often on shelters’ *must-have* donation list and the third grade team at HHES thought this project would tie perfectly into their Community Unit. HHES families have donated new socks during the month of October.



SUPERINTENDENTS MEET WITH LEGISLATORS

The Western CT Superintendents Association (WCSA) sponsored a meeting with State Legislators, legislative candidates, and the media on Tuesday, October 23rd at Danbury High School. Superintendents from across the region discussed priority educational issues, including collaboration on regional efficiencies and the impact of unfunded mandates on school districts in western Connecticut.



(L to R) Dr. Sal Pascarella, Danbury Superintendent; Dr. Thomas McMorran, Easton, Redding & Region 9 School Districts Superintendent; Dr. John Barile, Brookfield Superintendent; Dr. Christine Carver, Bethel Superintendent; Dr. Jeffrey Kitching, EdAdvance Executive Director

A group of superintendents in the area have formed a Western CT Regional Efficiencies Workgroup, as an outgrowth of the Western CT Superintendents Association. In less than a year, the workgroup has been able to accomplish significant cost savings for districts throughout the region in technology procurements and special education transportation.

Dr. John Barile, our Brookfield Superintendent, currently serves as President of the Western CT Superintendents Association.

