



# BROOKFIELD BROADCAST

Brookfield Public Schools Monthly Newsletter

*"Create Your Tomorrow"*

Winter Edition  
**February 2019**

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 2.15 Teacher & Admin PD (No school for students)
- 2.18, 2.19 Winter Recess
- 2.20 BOE Meeting @ 7pm
- 3.5 Referendum for New School Project

## Spring Conferences

- HHES & CES 3.21, 3.22
- WMS 3.12
- BHS 3.14



## SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY

The Brookfield Public School District has instituted a strategic approach to school safety and security, based on national and state best practices. It is our goal to maintain a welcoming school environment while concurrently implementing effective safety and security measures for all students and staff.



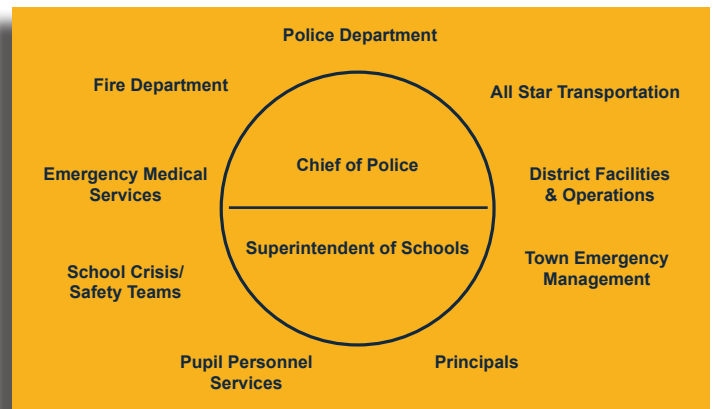
Some examples of our enhanced safety and security measures include:

- Exterior doors in all school buildings are locked from outside entry, and all visitors must present a photo ID and sign-in before they are able to gain access to the school.
- We are using a driver's license scanning system connected to the federal sex offender registry for enhanced screening of all visitors and volunteers.
- We have increased our communications channels with the town's Emergency Communications Center.
- Exterior and interior video surveillance systems are in place at all schools, which are accessible to first responders.
- We have instituted measures such as numbered doors and colored corridors to assist first responders in an emergency situation.
- At the school level, we have organized Crisis, Safety, and Climate Teams that meet regularly to identify safety needs and recommend improvements in each school.
- Our Board of Education established a Security Task Force to review district-wide security measures. Thus far, the

Task Force has reviewed each school's response protocols, infrastructure and technology, and has begun discussions regarding threat assessment.

The District and schools use a Unified Incident Command System. This promotes efficient and effective communication not only within our school community, but also with emergency responders and families. The District's All Hazards Manual and Emergency Response Action Plan guides decision making. The school level safety teams, headed by each Principal, regularly review emergency plans and procedures with faculty and staff; each school conducts monthly emergency response drills. After each drill, school teams hold a debriefing session to collaboratively identify strengths and areas for improvement.

### District Safety Team



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## NEW SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

The referendum to vote on the New School Project has been set for March 5, 2019, from 6 am to 8 pm. Voting locations are Huckleberry Hill School and Brookfield High School. Both the Democratic and Republican Town Committees have endorsed the project.

Visit [bit.ly/Jan15TownMeeting](http://bit.ly/Jan15TownMeeting) to view the recent Town Meeting Presentation. Additional updates on the New School Project can be found on our Facebook page [@brookfieldps](#) and [newschoolproject.brookfieldps.org](http://newschoolproject.brookfieldps.org).

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# “Brookfield’s Best” COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

## Ernesto Davila - BHS Spanish



Through use of the BHS world Language Lab technology, students are exposed to multiple oral, written and visual sources; are able to converse with multiple people; and able to present their understanding to the class. This interactive environment facilitates active participation within a 45-minute

lab session. This technology has also allowed Mr. Davila to efficiently administer performance assessments in the style of AAPPL and AP Spanish, providing multiple opportunities for our students to become prepared for these tests.

## Center School Technology

At Center School, Mrs. Heidi Natalino (First grade teacher), Mrs. Joyce Zaldo (library/media specialist), and Mr. Steve Clark (media technician) have been modeling professional collaboration as they work to build our youngest students’ understanding of and ability to use technology as a tool for learning. These are mindsets and skills that students will need throughout their academic careers and as they prepare to “Create Their Tomorrow” beyond BPS.



## BHS Athletics



For the first time in the history of BHS, the ski racing team has officially placed with the CISL! This accomplishment is the result of dedication and perseverance on the part of the students and coaches. The entire district is extremely proud of these wonderful athletes!

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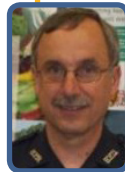
### Did You Know...

Survey results indicated community support for building a new school and a need for facility improvements. The costs for repair and replacement of the existing infrastructure at the two schools is an estimated \$20 million dollars over the next ten years. Additionally, the portables that currently house the fifth graders at WMS would cost an estimated \$900,000 to demolish and replace.

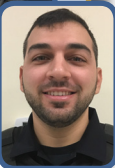


Nearly 80% of Brookfield students would be positively impacted with the building of a new Pre-K to 5 school. Our fifth graders will be able to relocate from the outdated portables at Whisconier. This relocation also “right sizes” the middle school for the three grades (6-8) it was designed to accommodate. Several classroom spaces will now be available at WMS for new and enrichment programming. Corridors and stairwells will be less crowded, promoting a safer environment. Furthermore, our Pre K-5 learners will benefit from the many advantages of an intentionally designed and constructed Elementary School.

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Local and school-based police officers are integral members of the school safety teams and serve as our first responders. In our elementary schools, Youth Officer, Gary Gramling (left) is supported by enhanced local police patrol presence, which are positioned for onsite response. The School Resource Officers assigned to Whisconier Middle School (Sean Flynn, top right) and Brookfield High School (Steve Rountos, lower right) serve in a similar capacity. They have become a part of our school community.



We are grateful to our entire school community for their ongoing commitment to safety & security for our students and staff!