



BROOKFIELD BROADCAST

Fall 2023

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Brookfield Public Schools Welcome Back Newsletter

**IT'S FINALLY HERE!!
WELCOME TO CANDLEWOOD LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!**

The new Candlewood Lake Elementary School is a celebration of Brookfield and Community. The design of the school are intended to relate and live within the natural outdoors to allow the community to experience the building in more ways than just being a school. Materials were selected as a nod to our Town such as the heavy timbers, Connecticut field stone, and iron spot brick. Restoration of streams and walking bridges adorn the site to help create a welcoming and inviting environment for our students and community. Throughout the school, images from town such as the Happy Landings windmill, birch tree forest, Hop Brook, and Lake Lillinonah are highlighted along with boulders and other natural materials. The aesthetics are heightened in various ways such as the Still River terrazzo floor at the main entry and canopy forests in the Lower Cafeteria & Gross Motor Skills room.

The individual classroom wings are themed to represent various ecosystems as follows:

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| PreK- Ponds | 3- Rainforests |
| K- Forests | 4- Reefs |
| 1- Oceans | 5- Tundra |
| 2- Grasslands | |

Graphic wall panels and highlighted sculptures replace institutional looking hallways as natural light floods the entire building creating support for an enhancement of human health and general well-being. Highly engaging instructional approaches are enhanced through the design and implementation of various technologies and spaces within the new school. From outdoor amphitheater classrooms, breakout spaces, interactive wall and floor displays, and by providing flexible spaces for activities and teaching; the only limit will be our own.

The goal of the new school project has always been to show our community what a building can be and how it can better our students and their well-being through innovative design and planning. We are excited to share and celebrate our new school with everyone. [Click here to view the latest CLES picture updates.](#)

A Message from Dr. Barile....

I would like to welcome everyone back and add a warm welcome to all of our new students, families, faculty & staff for the 2023-2024 school year!

A very special thanks must go out to the administrators, secretaries, nurses, teachers, para-educators, technicians, and custodial/maintenance team who have worked extremely hard this summer to make all of our summer projects & programs successful! This year we are focusing on creating tomorrow today!

**New School Start Times to Begin for the
2023-2024 School Year**

WMS/BHS - 8:00 am to 2:45 pm
(WMS students and BHS students will NOT ride the bus together)

CLES - 8:50 am to 3:35 pm



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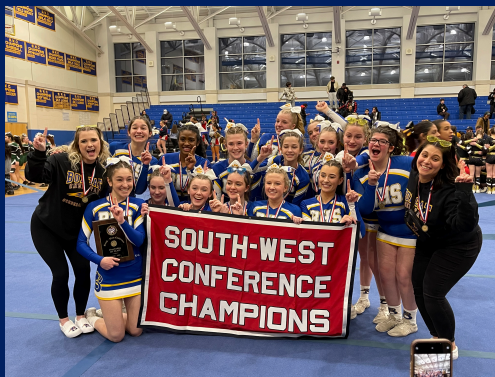


Vision	<i>Create a world-class school district that cultivates learning and growth</i>			
Mission	To inspire, challenge and prepare all students to live meaningful and productive lives.			
Brookfield C's	COMMUNICATORS	COLLABORATORS	CREATIVE & CRITICAL THINKERS	CHANGEMAKERS
Strategic Actions	Develop the Pre-K through Grade 12 standard definition of the Brookfield Portrait of the Graduate	Incorporate authentic, assured, immersive and personalized instructional practices PreK-12 that align with the Portrait of the Graduate.	Invest in district technology & training that prioritizes digital learning tools to enhance curriculum and support the Portrait of a Graduate.	Continuously improve District Systems & Structures in alignment with the Portrait of the Graduate to ensure school operations best support quality education.
Objectives 2023-2024	Develop Standard Portrait of the Graduate (POG)	Incorporate Instructional POG Practices	Integrate Technology to Enhance Learning Experience	Support a Culture of Continuous Improvement
Initiatives District Implementation Plan: By 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - POG is clearly defined Pre-K through Grade 12 - POG is explicitly integrated into curriculum at all grade levels and across all subject areas - POG is assessing at necessary checkpoints (Grades 5, 8, 11 with an opportunity at Grade 12) - Students will show growth over time in each disposition of the POG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professional development for all district staff, specific to connecting POG to classroom/school experiences and roles, is designed and implemented - Rigorous, aligned, standards-based curriculum has been designed and will further be incorporated into the POG - Research-based instructional and assessment practices that are assured for each student are designed and implemented - Universal, real-world community connections are in place across the curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital tools will be incorporated into curriculum - Regular feedback from all staff is collected to evaluate technology programs and platforms - Majority of professional learning will have digital tools for learning - Every educator will have an external learning opportunity regarding technology utilization - Budgets will have digital learning tool components 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Well controlled financial & operational management - Continued development of technology infrastructure capacity - Efficient & well maintained facilities - Timely & user friendly communications - community & staff engagement - School Security - continuously enhance protocols and facilities - Board policies that support teaching & learning

Thank you to all of the stakeholders who developed our Strategic Plan (parents, students, teachers, paraeducators, administrators, BOE members). The Strategic Plan will help prepare the district for the future, guide district actions, provide district stability, serve as a common framework to provide and support district alignment in curriculum, instruction, and assessment as we fulfill the development of the District's **Portrait of a Graduate**. The Strategic Plan articulates a roadmap to **define the Brookfield C's or Portrait of the Graduate**: what it looks like to display **Critical & Creative thinking**, how **Collaboration** is measured, in what ways **Communication** can be demonstrated, and what are the possibilities for positive **Change**. This plan of action will strengthen our foundation for academic achievement, student support, professional development and accountability.



**BHS FIRST TIME EVER-
Baseball Class L State Champs!!**



**BHS FIRST TIME EVER-
SWC Cheerleading Champs!**

A Fond Farewell.....
Mr. Ken Post will be retiring after 7 years as the Director of Finance & Business Operations for the Brookfield Public Schools. Mr. Post was instrumental in developing transparency and credibility as the district transitioned to the MUNIS financial platform with the Town among many other key school district initiatives. Thank you Ken!



Informational Links:

- [Brookfield Public Schools Facebook Page](#)
- [Security at the Brookfield Public Schools Video](#)
- [Security Presentation- 8/17/2022](#)
- [CLES School Safety Slideshow](#)
- [Welcome to the Brookfield Schools Video](#)
- [State of the District, Spring 2023](#)
- [Brookfield Public Schools Website](#)
- [2023-2024 School Lunch Update](#)

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Updates

Illustrative Math: This year, teachers of 4th through 8th grade students will be using Illustrative Math materials and instructional approaches to engage students in problem solving and critical thinking. Information on IM can be found [here](#).

New K-3 Reading Universal Screener

The first step in transitioning to incorporating the CSDE required K-3 reading initiative, Brookfield Public Schools will be using a new universal screener for students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade. This year, mClass Dibels will be used as the universal screener in reading and mClass math as the universal screener for math. In the same fashion as STAR was administered, both assessments will be completed by all students in grades K-3 at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year. You may find more information about [mClass Dibels](#) and [mClass Math](#) by clicking the hyperlinks.

BHS Curricular Updates

Along with updated textbooks and revised curricula in a variety of courses for the 2023-2024 school year, BHS will also be offering an additional advanced placement course- AP World History: Modern. This course is a 10th grade offering.

New Technology to Explore in 23-24

- The state of the art **LU interactive gymnasium system** will be ready for students at CLES when they arrive! Learn more about this system here: <https://play-lu.com/>
- During the summer, the IT Department began implementation of a **new districtwide phone system**. This project will be complete and fully functional to begin the school year. A communication regarding changes in school phone number extensions will be forthcoming. The main phone numbers will not change.
 - Brookfield High School- (203)-775-7725
 - Whisconier Middle School- (203) 775-7710
 - Candlewood Lake Elementary School- (203) 775-7675
 - Town School Office- (203) 775-7700
- Later this fall, the **district website will undergo a major upgrade**. The website will have a more modern look with more user friendly navigation. Updates will be provided as we prepare for this upgrade.

Important Dates

First Day of School - Tuesday, September 5 (Full Day)

<p><u>Open Houses</u></p> <p>CLES –</p> <p>PreK, K, 1 - 9/18</p> <p>Grades 2&3 - 9/19</p> <p>Grades 4&5 - 9/20</p> <p>WMS – 9/21, 9/27 & 9/28</p> <p>BHS – 9/14</p>	<p><u>September Dates –No School</u></p> <p>Yom Kippur- 9/25</p> <p><u>2023-2024 School Calendar</u></p>
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Help with technology... who do I contact?

Scan the QR code to send a message to the Brookfield Public Schools IT Department.

