



## Candlewood Lake Elementary School

The opening of Candlewood Lake Elementary School will be an exciting and memorable experience for our students, families and faculty.

As you may know, at the October 19, 2022 Board of Education meeting, the Municipal Building Committee (the "MBC") updated the Board on the construction progress of Candlewood Lake Elementary School relative to the targeted January 3rd move-in date for the Huckleberry Hill students & staff. The Municipal Building Committee shared that there have been supply chain issues (especially flooring) and subsequent construction timing issues regarding the finished floors installation that will delay the transition.

On December 14, 2022, the Board of Education will receive an update from the town's construction contractor, O&G, regarding the new construction finishing schedule and its impact for the students and staff to move into CLES. We will continue to keep you updated as we progress towards this exciting time!

[Initial Playscape Design](#)

[Progress Photos from the 11/30 BOE meeting](#)

### IMPORTANT DATES!

#### DECEMBER 14, 2022

Superintendent's Budget Presentation to the Board of Education. Brookfield High School Media Center, 7:00 p.m.

#### DECEMBER 22, 2022

Professional Development Day- No School for Students

#### DECEMBER 23, 2022-JANUARY 2, 2023

Winter Recess- Classes Resume Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

#### JANUARY 4, 2023

Public Budget Hearing- BHS Media Center- 6:00 p.m.  
Board of Education Meeting- BHS Media Center- 7:00 p.m.

#### JANUARY 18, 2023

Regular Board of Education Meeting- BHS Media Center- 7:00 p.m.

#### JANUARY 31, 2023

Board of Education Budget- Submission due to the First Selectman

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

#### *A Message from Dr. Barile....*

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a healthy and happy holiday season. We will begin the 2023 year with continued commitment to our students, families, faculty and staff as we enthusiastically create opportunities for each member of our learning community to become their best selves.

Gratefully,  
John

### SCHOOL SECURITY

Safety and security remains a top priority of the Brookfield Public Schools. Since the beginning of the school year we continue our efforts to ensure safe and secure learning environments for our students and staff. We share the following updates:

Our Security Task Force continues to meet regularly. In addition to the establishment and hiring of additional SRO's and security monitors, the Task Force is now finalizing plans for the structural enhancements for implementation at both WMS and BHS. [Please click here to see the 11/16 BOE Security Task Force Meeting Update](#)

[Please click here](#) to view the video which introduces viewers to some of our safety protocols and to some of our school resource officers.



### CYBERSECURITY

The District's Technology Team continues to take proactive approaches to protecting all of our network resources. Recently, the district obtained a Cybersecurity Insurance policy. Some of the factors that led to our ability to obtain such a policy include current capabilities for:

- Multifactor Login Authentication for all staff computers, email, and other resources
- Limited VPN remote network access managed by Technology staff
- Comprehensive Backup and Disaster Recovery Solution
- Necessary Security patches and updates installed as available

**CABE COMMUNICATIONS AWARD!**

Congratulations to the Brookfield Public Schools for winning the **CABE Excellence in Communications Award** for its “Going Green” category and the Brookfield Broadcast Newsletter, School Calendar, and last year’s COVID-19 Opening Plan!

**Newsletters & Videos**

[School & District Highlight Videos](#)

[Winter Weather Letter- November, 2022](#)

[Assistant Superintendent’s Newsletter- November, 2022](#)

[Director of Special Education Newsletter- November, 2022](#)



**STRATEGIC PLANNING**



Our team of educators, students, parents and Board members has been diligently collaborating for the past three months to help determine the direction of our school system for the next five years. Areas including the vision, portrait of the graduate, goals for learning & subsequent measures, learning strategies, leading change, building capacity and the impact of outside factors are being thoroughly explored and developed. We plan to meet again this December and then after the winter recess to refine the plan. The District Technology Committee is also continuing its work on our Technology Plan. Throughout the summer and fall, the committee participated in a state cohort with [Future Ready Schools](#) to provide support and guidance as we develop the plan in alignment with the District Strategic Plan.

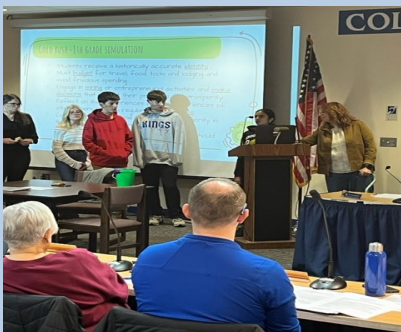
**ATHLETICS**

The Brookfield High School Athletic Department continues to be a leader in the State of Connecticut for High School sports. On November 17, 2022 BHS Athletes attended a Leadership Conference at the Aqua Turf in Southington where BHS was awarded the **Michaels Cup Award for having one of the top Athletic Programs in Connecticut.** The Michaels Cup Committee recognized exemplary athletic programs for their willingness to subscribe to the Class Act Sportsmanship standards, empowering students to take an active role in their school climate, and their continued support for community service. BHS is one of 6 schools to have received this award in 5 of the last 6 years.



**INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING**

The instructional coaching team has been hard at work this fall collaborating with teachers, working directly with students, and leading curriculum reflection and design. Instructional Coaches work to support strong instructional practices through collaboration with classroom teachers. They can serve as the lynch pins between curriculum, instruction, and assessment that can help inspire innovation within classrooms, schools and entire districts. Throughout the fall, our Instructional Coaches have led professional development, organized student assessments, conducted data reviews, collaborated on curriculum revision and writing, worked directly in classrooms with students on specified lessons and units, and presented at Board of Education meetings to help demonstrate some of the wonderful learning experiences that are taking place within the Brookfield Public Schools.



*Dr. Heather Batchelor, Instructional Coach for Social Studies, helps students present their project based learning experience of the gold rush to the Brookfield Board of Education at the November 16th meeting.*



**Winter Concerts!**

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - BHS Winter Concert - 7:00pm in the BHS Auditorium.**

**Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>- WMS Band Concert - 7:00pm in the BHS Auditorium (snow date- January 12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> - WMS Chorus Concert - 7:00pm in the BHS Auditorium (snow date- January 19<sup>th</sup>)**

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**BHS Spring Musical, Little Shop Of Horrors, March 16-19, 2023**

