

Brookside Briefs

JANUARY 2012

CALENDAR

Note: I am continuing to do my best to list the dates of BPS events each month. Those listed are the ones I know are firmly in place for the month of January. As dates are confirmed during the month, I will send out information via email.

1/2 School Reopens after holiday break
1/3 Lunch tickets sold
1/5 DARE Graduation Grade 5 OAS Auditorium at 9:00 AM
1/10 Lunch tickets sold
1/11 BPS Winter Holiday Concert at 7:00 PM at LAS
1/13 Single Session Day for students
1/16 School Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/17 Lunch tickets sold
1/23 Grade 2 Terra Nova/In View Testing in the AM
1/24 Grade 2 Terra Nova/In View Testing in the AM
1/24 Lunch tickets sold
1/25 Grade 2 Terra Nova/In View Testing in the AM
1/26 Grade 2 Terra Nova/In View Testing in the AM
1/27 End of Second Marking Period
1/27 Grade 2 Terra Nova/In View Testing in the AM
1/30 Grade 2 Terra Nova/In View Testing in the AM
1/31 Lunch tickets sold
1/31 Grade 2 Terra Nova/In View Testing in the AM
2/1 Grade 2 Terra Nova/In View Testing in the AM
2/2 Grade 2 Terra Nova/In View Testing in the AM

Principal's Message

Happy New Year as everyone ushers in the calendar year 2012! With the last four (insert your own adjective here) months of 2011 gradually becoming more distant in the rear view mirror, the start of 2012 should be very interesting and exciting in many ways for all those connected to Brookside Place School. Updates from Dr. Carrick will continue to shed more light on just when the doors to Brookside will open for the first time during the 2011-2012 school year.

Brookside Place School continues to place a great deal of emphasis on character education embedded within many classroom individual lessons and other activities connected to various curricular areas. Although not part of the regular daily announcements on the public address system, our focus at Brookside remains a specific character trait

for each individual month. The overarching message regarding all character development discussions and/or activities is that students must recognize the importance of how their actions and treatment of others should be at their highest level of respect when no one is **watching. After all, each student's goal at the conclusion of every day should be to respond with an affirmative "yes" when asked each night by one's parents/guardians if his/her behavior towards others would make them proud.**

In closing, I remind you to please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or topics you would like to discuss with me. The main Brookside Place School phone numbers 709-6245 and 709-6244 will ring at Washington School. My email address is klimko@cranfordschools.org.

Grade 2 Standardize Testing

Beginning the last full week in January (the week of January 23rd) and continuing over two full weeks, all BPS second grade classes will be administered the

Terra Nova/In View standardized tests. More specific information will be forthcoming early in January.

Bus Expectations

Just a reminder to review and reinforce the following bus expectations with your child(ren) if he/she rides the bus: move quickly to a seat (by the window is best so others do not have to climb over someone), buckle up and remain in your seat for the entire ride, keep all hands, arms etc. in the bus and away from open windows, be

sure that all belongings (i.e. backpacks, loose papers, jackets) are secured to avoid objects being tossed and causing a distraction for the driver and for students to use 12 to 18 inch (total traveling distance of voice level) when having conversations in hopes of minimizing the total noise level during the bus ride.

Attendance Line/Absence Reporting

Please remember to reach out to Mrs. **O'Hara at Washington School at (908) 233-3144 to report your son/daughter's absence. In the event your "home" school is something other than Washington**

School, please leave a message on the absence line for that school as well. This way all bases are covered. Please remember to **always indicate your child's name, date of call, class, and reason for absence.**

Main Office Phone Numbers

The numbers to call to reach the BPS office staff at Washington School are (908) 709-6245 and (908) 709-6244.

Delayed Opening Schedules

With one of Dr. Carrick's latest correspondences, she noted how if we experience a snowy winter, she will do all she can to avoid having to close school. To this end, please be sure to review the delayed opening schedules for the schools your child

(ren) are currently housed. The link to the site is http://www.cranfordschools.org/boe/pdf/school_calendar_school_closing_and_delayed_school_openings.pdf

School Phone Numbers

Bloomington Avenue
709-6969 or
709-6973

Washington School
233-3144

Hillside Avenue
709-6748

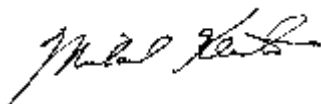
Livingston Avenue
709-6748

Orange Avenue
709-6265

General Reminders

- Lunch tickets are sold every Tuesday. The cost of a strip of five tickets is \$10.75; \$2.15 for a single ticket. These tickets can be used on any day. Checks are preferred and should be made payable to the Cranford Board of Education. Please place the check or cash in a sealed envelope with your **child's name, teacher's name, and with the words *Lunch Tickets*** written across the front.
- If you have a problem or concern, **please contact your child's teacher immediately.** Teachers will share the best method for contacting them on Back to School Night.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Klimko

PTA's President Message



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We hope everyone had a great holiday season spending time with family and friends! **It's hard to believe that 2012** is upon us. We look forward to getting back to BPS and continuing with the many exciting activities and events for 2012. Plans are underway for the 2nd annual Brookstriders 5k as well as the **BPS Tricky Tray**. **We're also looking for** a chairperson for teacher appreciation in May. Please consider volunteering to help with these events that benefit our children and the entire BPS community. The PTA Board has two open positions

for next year: Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Please consider joining the board. This is a great way to become more involved at BPS. Feel free to contact us with any comments or questions.

We would like to remind everyone that our next PTA meeting is on January 19 at 7pm, place TBD.

Thank you,
Maureen Santarelli and Kelly Fallone

Yearbook

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere, especially this year with Brookside in 5 different schools. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- **Go to:** <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login>
- **If it does not automatically log you** into the site, enter username: 400133985 and password: brookside
- **Browse to select the photo(s) you wish** to upload.
- **Enter information about the photo and** provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- **Click "Save Details"**.

It's that easy!

Submit your first day of school photos **today! Don't forget to get those pictures** of the children getting on and off the bus and Halloween. How about the Livingston Avenue/BPS Haunted House? Fall Day at Washington School? Trick R Trunk? Painting windows?

We really need your help in making this yearbook a special one for our children. Please take a couple minutes and download pictures to the website. If you have any questions or problems, please email Anne Dolan at dolanfamily1995@verizon.net.

Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

Sincerely,
2012 Yearbook
Staff

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.



The Brookside PTA Thanks You

Claudia Lijoi for BPS Briefs.
Patty Wisnefski for Reflections in Art Program.
Tracey Toto and all who helped make the Holiday Boutique so special.

Wanted - Lunch Aids and Nurses

The Cranford School District is in need of permanent and substitute lunch aides for 2 hours a day at \$12.60/hr. The district is also looking for substitute nurses. Please note that there is a cost of \$70.25 for

initial fingerprinting and an additional \$11.00 to have the fingerprints processed to the Dept. of Education. If interested, please contact Teresa Delmonaco at delmonaco@cranfordschools.org.

Brookside Post Office



This is a school-wide postal service operated by Brookside's third grade! Students, parents, teachers and friends: send mail to anyone from BPS, via the Third Grade Post Office.

3: Coughlin Corner (Mrs. Hardell), Snyder Street, Pierce Place, Callaghan Court,
4: Brockman Brook Lane, Starkey Station, Ventura Highway,
5: Kings Korner, Salls Stop, Scholz Street, Halkias Highway.
refer to the directory for other addresses- i.e.: art, music, etc.

Reminder!
BPS Post Office is open...

What can you send?? Any Letter, card, greeting card or postcard.
Where do you mail it?? Give to your teacher before Tuesday lunchtime.
When will it be delivered?? Every Wednesday at recess.

Olivia Speer	pretend stamp
OAS- King Kourt Cranford, NJ 07016	
Cate Walter-20 HAS- Pierce Place Cranford, NJ 07016	

Each person from Brookside will have his/her own address.

Teachers' addresses:

K: Frances Fairway, Petrow Path,
1: Gilbertson Garden, First Ave (Schlenker), Kroll Court, Glackin Grotto,
2: Borges Blvd, Rainbow Row (Chelland), Sztancsik Skyway,

Connect with your fellow Brooksidiers while **you're spread-out** throughout Cranford & Garwood!!

If you have any questions or if you'd like to help, please contact:
Dawn Walter- 497-0214
dawn.chuck@verizon.net

Your 2012 “To Do” List

Mark your calendar: Friday, May 11th
BPS “That’s Entertainment” Tricky Tray,
Kenilworth VFW

Go to your Facebook Page & “like” the
BPS “That’s Entertainment” Tricky Tray
[http://www.facebook.com/pages/
Brookside-Place-School-PTA-Tricky-
Tray/181150121912406](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brookside-Place-School-PTA-Tricky-Tray/181150121912406)

Email Julie Horne hornes6@verizon.net
to volunteer for the BPS “That’s Entertain-
ment” Tricky Tray

Look forward to a fun night with all
the moms you’ve missed seeing at school!

*Save the
date..
Friday,
May11,2012*

Mrs. O'Hara's Healthy Hints

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Happy 2012! After a wonderful winter break with family and friends, I am sure everyone at Brookside is ready to begin a healthy New Year. Here are a few notes to help keep that resolution:

Eat right - getting the proper protein, vitamins and minerals will help your immune system and keep winter illness to a minimum.

Sleep tight - Sleep has an important role in maintaining a robust immune system. Studies have shown that lack of sleep diminishes your t-cells which help fight illness.

Keep active - playing outside in the cold weather does not cause colds. Illness is caused by the germs which are abundant inside in close quarters. We encourage outside recess (and at Washington School -outside gym) so please send your child prepared with hats, gloves and scarves so they can enjoy themselves.

Wash your hands - Washing your hands is the single most effective way of preventing colds and flu. Whenever you get home from crowded shopping malls, the gym, work or play scrub off those germs.

Consider the flu vaccine - It is not too late to be vaccinated. Peak flu season in NJ can be as late as February.

Keep your child home - when they are ill or have had a fever within 24 hours. Adequate rest will help them recover more quickly and will help prevent further spread.

Contact the nurse at your child's school if they have a communicable illness (i.e. strept, the flu, conjunctivitis). We track these illnesses to better inform parents and treat **students who come through the nurse's office**.

Recently, in the news, there has been much discussion about the dangers of eating uncooked cookie dough. I will admit I have had my share of cookie batter. However, it poses a real risk of salmonella food poisoning and surprisingly the culprit in recent cases was not the eggs but the flour! With all the publicized cases of food poisoning, I thought a list of quick food safety tips would be helpful.

For food safety, The CDC recommends that you "**Clean, Separate, Cook and Chill**".

Clean-
Your hands for 20 seconds before any food preparation. Wash fruits and vegetables under running water even if you are removing the skin. Plain running water is the most effective and safest method of cleaning. You can scrub firm skinned fruits (oranges, Melons) with a brush and be sure to wipe all produce with a clean towel for added safety. Also cut off any bruised areas prior to eating.

Wash down counters, utensils and cutting boards with a separate cloth. As an added sanitizing step, you can wash with a 1 tsp unscented bleach /1 gallon of water solution.

CDC does not recommend washing meat and poultry prior to preparing.

Separate- Raw meat, poultry, seafood and eggs from produce in the grocery cart, in the refrigerator and during preparation.

Cook- Food to its proper temperature. You can refer to cooking charts at www.foodsafety.gov. Keep cooked food above 140 degrees. The possibility of bacteria growth in cooked food actually increases as it cools.

When cooking in the microwave, stir during cooking to insure the entire dish cooks evenly. Follow the instructions that say to let sit for a certain time before serving. This is to allow ample time for the heat to cook through the food (and kill any bacteria).

Chill- Store food in refrigerator or freezer within 2 hours of cooking (1 hour if the outside temp is 90 degrees or above). **Don't thaw or marinate** meats, poultry, seafood on the counter. Put the date on all food you freeze and consult the safe storage chart on the CDC website: www.foodsafety.gov. This tells you how long food can safely be frozen. For added tips you can visit the CDC website mentioned above.

I hope these tips keep Brooksidiers and their families healthy and happy throughout the year!

Lunch Menu

Elementary Lunch Menu

January 2012

Want a quick healthy complete lunch?
 Try our Bagel Bag; Baby carrots, a fresh apple,
 cheese sticks, & a Lender's bagel...available daily

Lunch Price \$2.20



WG Made with healthy Whole Grains

V Ovo-Lacto vegetarian May contain egg or milk

<p>2 Chicken Patty On a bun</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Green Beans Apple Sauce</p>	<p>3 Taco Tuesday!</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Baby Carrots Peaches</p>	<p>4 Cheese Burger</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Tossed Salad Orange Smiles</p>	<p>5 Chicken Fingers</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Broccoli Fresh Apple</p>	<p>6 Pizza Fridays Tony's Low Fat Pizza</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Cinnamon Apple Slices Golden Corn</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY <i>1/2 Day</i> No lunch served</p>
<p>8 Chicken Nuggets w/brown rice</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Peaches Baby Carrots</p>	<p>10 French Toast Sticks w/turkey sausage patties</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Maple Syrup Peaches & Juice Cup</p>	<p>11 Tony's Cheesy Breadsticks w/ Marinara sauce</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Kidney beans Mixed fruit cup</p>	<p>12 Macaroni & Cheese</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Green Beans Banana</p>	<p>13 Pizza Fridays Tony's Low Fat Pizza</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Mixed Vegetables Cinnamon Apple Slices</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King Jr Day School is closed</p>
<p>17 Turkey Hot Dog w/ hot dog roll</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Mixed Fruit Cup Veggie Beans</p>	<p>18 Chicken Fingers served w/BBQ sauce & roll</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Broccoli Banana</p>	<p>19 Beef Nachos</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Shredded Lettuce & Salsa Fresh Apple</p>	<p>21 Pizza Fridays Tony's Low Fat Pizza</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Mixed Vegetables Cinnamon Apple Slices</p>	<p>23 Chicken Nuggets w/brown rice</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Baby Carrots Peaches</p>	<p>24 Beef Tacos w/hard corn shell & shredded Cheese</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Shredded Lettuce & Salsa Fresh Apple</p>
<p>25 Pancakes & Scrambled Eggs</p> <p><small>Fruit and Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Maple Syrup Peaches & Juice Cup</p>	<p>26 Spaghetti w/ Meatsauce</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Tossed Salad Orange Smiles</p>	<p>27 Pizza Fridays Rolled Edge Pizza</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Corn Orange Smiles</p>	<p>30 Chicken Patty On a Bun</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Broccoli Peaches</p>	<p>31 Pizza Bagel (ACE Giveaway!)</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>3 Bean Salad Apple</p>	<p>1 Mozzarella Sticks</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Golden Corn Orange Smiles</p>
<p>2 Grilled</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Mixed Vegetables Apple Sauce</p>	<p>3 Pizza Fridays Tony's Low Fat Pizza</p> <p><small>Fruit & Veggie Selections</small></p> <p>Tossed Salad Cinnamon Apple Slices</p>	<p>Daily Offerings Tony's Cheese Pizza Bagel bag PB & Jelly Sandwich Cheese Sandwich</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We use low sodium seasoning and no added fats in production • Wheat bread and whole grain products served when possible • See www.cranfordschools.org for more nutritional information. • Feel Free to contact the foodservice office @ 908-709-2012 if you have any questions. • Due to new dietary regulations we can no longer offer 2% milk products. 	<p>Milk Choices Varieties available daily include</p> <p><u>Daily Sandwich</u> Mon: Turkey Tues: Bologna Wed: Italian Hoagie Thurs: Cheese Fri: Tuna</p>

Daily Salad
 Mon: Chicken Caesar Tues: Cheese & Fruit Wed: Hummus Platter Thurs: Chef Fri: Chicken Caesar

Meal Tickets are Always Available in the Main Office

