



# Brookfield Central High School

## Parent Newsletter

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## New Medication Policy

The new medication policy that was part of the new health care law passed this year, states that medications at school must be in the original container, with the dispensing instructions and the active ingredients listed. This applies not only to the medications that are kept in the health room for the student but also any medications that the student may carry with them. Questions can be directed to Brookfield Central's Health Room at 262-785-3919.

## Letter from the Principal—Mr. Don LaBonte

Dear Parents,

As I have been doing throughout this year, I will use part of my space here to keep you updated on our progress in planning for the new schedule we will be implementing next year. On the morning of March 25<sup>th</sup>, Central will host an inservice for Central and East teachers on the block schedule. We will be bringing in teachers from a variety of Wisconsin schools that have already adopted a block schedule who will be sharing their experiences and expertise with our staff. These teachers will represent virtually every department in the school, so that our teachers can find out the issues relative to teaching in an extended time frame for their specific discipline. We are thankful

that so many schools in the area are willing to allow their staff to come to our district and help us in this process.

It is the time of year when retirements for the following school year are announced. For 2011-2012, we are seeing a greater number of retirements than we have had in the past few years. These teachers have served Central and the Elmbrook District for many years, and their departure will be leave large shoes to fill. The following teachers have announced their retirement at the end of this school year: Peter Kacala in Social Studies, Alice Rast in English, Judy Mullin in Special Education, Mark Adams in Physical Education, and

Anna Zimmerman in Science. Martha Martin retired last semester. These people have dedicated their professional lives to serving the needs of our students; we are grateful for their service and wish them all the best.

Finally, I am pleased and excited to announce that we have eight National Merit Finalists in our class of 2011. Congratulations go out to Haley Adams, Meher Ali, Meredith Dykehouse, Justin Fu, Jack Peterson, Rachel Soble, Josh Speagle and Sai Vangala. These young people have distinguished themselves at Central and are among the top-performing seniors in the country as determined by their PSAT/SAT performance.

Don LaBonte

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## March Parent-Teacher Conferences

Brookfield Central will conduct Parent-Teacher Conferences on March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4:00-7:30. Conferences will take place on a first come, first served basis in the cafeteria and auxiliary gym. More information will be mailed home soon.

The spring season brings two rites of passage to BCHS, Junior Prom in April and Graduation in June. For both of these events the PTO sponsors great parties— Post Prom and Project Graduation. Open to all students who participate in these respective traditions, the parties have planned activities, are well chaperoned and alcohol-free, and are FUN for the kids. If you would like to get involved, please contact these chairmoms:

Post Prom – Sue Hastings 262-784-0109

Project Graduation – Julianne Lehman-Salamone 262-789-1654

The Post-Prom and Project Graduation parties are long-standing traditions for the PTO, as are mini-grants for teachers, staff and student groups as well as teacher hospitality events. To continue offering these, we ask that you support our upcoming fundraiser at Noodles on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Between 11 am and 9 pm we will receive a very generous percentage of sales from anyone who mentions BCHS at the counter. This is a half-day of school for BCHS students and there will be no cafeteria service that day, so please encourage them to head over to Noodles for lunch. For more information, please contact Heidi Vann at 784-6245 or [thwwvann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thwwvann@sbcglobal.net).

As you stock up on school or office supplies for this semester, remember that BCHS has a painless fundraiser at Office Depot. They offer a generous 5% back to the school on qualifying purchases. At checkout, give them our school ID number: # 70108400.

Our next PTO meeting is Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm in the Large Conference Room. Please join us!

Melanie Bathurst, PTO President

[mbathurst@wi.rr.com](mailto:mbathurst@wi.rr.com)

262-785-0717

### PTO MEETING DATES

Here are the PTO meeting dates for the remainder of the school year. All meetings begin at 3:30 and take place in the large conference room at Brookfield Central.

**Wednesday, Mar. 9**

**Wednesday, Apr. 13**

**Wednesday, May 18**

# Elmbrook Education Foundation Events

Please visit

[www.elmbrookeducationfoundation.com](http://www.elmbrookeducationfoundation.com) for more information on the following:

**March 11:** Community Nominations Due for EEF Lancer-Spartan Scholarships. Please refer to [Scholarships Page](#) for more information.

**March 12:** Annual Winter Social at the Wilson Center. Join the Elmbrook Education Foundation for

a tropical evening filled with live music, casino games, jewelry dig, rafles, heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, & more! Saturday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center in the heart of Mitchell Park. Cost per person is \$45. Gather a group of friends to join you for the social event of the year! Please submit all registrations by March 1 to

secure your space on the island (registrations will be accepted later too). Please refer to [Events Page](#) for more information on registration.

**March 30, 2011:** Application Deadline for EEF Lancer-Spartan Scholarships. Please refer to [Scholarships Page](#) for more information.

## Listening & Feedback Sessions on the Elmbrook Budget - March 17

Listening & Feedback Sessions on the Elmbrook Budget will be held Thursday, March 17 at 9 a.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Elmbrook Schools Central Administrative Office, 13780 Hope Street, Brookfield. Sessions will involve a presentation on the district's short- and long-term budget outlook, large group Q&A, and small group feedback discussions.

## Summer School 2011 High School

Summer School will begin on Monday, June 20, 2011. High School session will be held at Brookfield East High School through July 22, 2011. Registration begins Monday, March 14, 2011. High school students will be notified through Infinite Campus when registration information is posted on the district website

Find additional summer school information on the district website: [www.elmbrookschoools.org](http://www.elmbrookschoools.org) under programs and services tab or visit us directly at

<http://www.elmbrookschoools.org/elmbrook-school-district/summer-school.html>

## Board of Education Candidate Forum - March 21

Three Elmbrook Schools Board of Election seats are up for election on April 5. Richard Brunner and Ken Moe are candidates for the Area I seat; Tom Gehl (incumbent) is a candidate for the Area III seat; and Sandra Schultz and Kathryn L. Wilson (incumbent) are candidates for the at-large seat. Each registered voter of the district may vote for all three Board of Education seats. A candidate forum sponsored by the

Elmbrook Parent Leadership Council will be held Monday, March 21, 7 p.m., at the Elmbrook Schools Central Administrative Office, 13780 Hope Street, Brookfield. For more information, visit [www.elmbrookschoools.org/boardelection](http://www.elmbrookschoools.org/boardelection).

## Host Family Needed

Gloria Groher, a 17-year-old sophomore from Seligenstadt, Germany, is looking for a family to host her this summer. She hopes to arrive in early May and to stay till the tenth of July. Gloria has two older brothers and likes to do gymnastics, to read, and to take pictures in her spare time. If interested in hosting Gloria, please contact Frau Sommers at BCHS (ext. 2028) or e-mail her at [sommerse@elmbrookschoools.org](mailto:sommerse@elmbrookschoools.org)



## G & T File Notes—from Elyce Moschella, GT Program Coordinator

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Course selection time is usually when students also begin their exploration of summer programming. Please note if you are considering any programming outside of the Elmbrook School District, you do need **prior approval** for the course to be used for credit in the Elmbrook School District. I would recommend that students anticipating taking an outside course see me or their guidance counselor to discuss the options and place of enrollment. Preapproval forms are available in the guidance office. Again, courses must be preapproved prior to credit being granted. The pre-approval form must also be filed if a student is taking an outside course for grade replacement. A description/syllabus of the anticipated course must also be attached to the pre-approval form. **The deadline for summer course approval forms is May 15.**

**A reminder: If you are reading this prior to March 1 you still have a chance to get Youth Options applications in. ALL applications for students requesting college classes for the fall semester must be received no later than March 1 in the guidance office. This is also true for students anticipating taking the Calculus 3 course next fall. Even though it is anticipated that the course will be offered on campus, the application form must be filed.**

Summer school information for courses offered through the Elmbrook District will be available on the district website beginning March 1 under the “Programs and Services” link. **Registration** for high school credit courses will begin on March 14. No applications will be accepted prior to that date. (Current grade is used for enrollment purposes.) Late registration will be accepted through the start of the third day of classes as openings become available and will

follow a waitlist. Note that **all high school summer school classes will take place at Brookfield East High School**. Also note that students may take Phy Ed 10-11 as well as 9<sup>th</sup> grade Phy Ed (formerly Get Ahead Phy Ed). All classes meet June 20-July 22, five days a week except for July 4 when there are no classes because of the holiday. Attendance will be strictly enforced. **Students may not miss more than two days of class.**

There are numerous summer options for students through **the Center for Talent Development at Northwestern University**. One of the ways of qualifying for participation in those programs is through out-of-grade-level testing which results in high percentile range scores. Taking tests like the ACT early (in 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade) can give parents and counselors valuable information which can be used for scheduling or acceleration. It can aid a student in determining his strengths and weaknesses and it can give a student practice and confidence with a test format he or she will encounter again as a piece in the college admission process. There is still time to register your younger students for this experience if you are interested. You can find more information at the NUMATS web site [www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats/](http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats/) Remaining test dates and registration deadlines are as follows:

**ACT** (for students in grades 6—9)

June 11, 2011

(registration deadline April 25, 2011)

**SAT** (for students in grades 6—9)

May 7, 2011

(registration deadline April 4, 2011) or

June 4, 2011

(registration deadline April 28, 2011)

**Northwestern University** is also offering a variety of summer courses both through its residential/commuter program at the Center for Talent Development or through the online program, Gifted Learning Links. More information is available on the CTD website: <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/summer/programs/equinox/> or at the GLL link: <http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/gll/apply>

### **The Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth**

(WCATY) has confirmed the dates for its three summer programs – ALP (Accelerated Learning Program), STEP (Summer Transitional Enrichment Program – for middle school students), and YSSP (Young Students Summer Program – for elementary age students). The program offers both a residential program and a commuter option. The high school program (ALP) will be held on the UW-Madison campus from June 19-July 9. The Accelerated Learning Program gives gifted high school students the chance to learn and live alongside each other on the UW-Madison campus. The ALP program is limited to 100 students and centers around an engaged and intimate learning environment. As WCATY’s flagship program, it is an intense, three-week summer camp designed to push students to the next academic level. Students enroll in just one class during the three-week period for an in-depth focus. Students work with instructors who are experts in their field and additionally trained in the unique needs and talents of gifted youth. The classes are small (no more than sixteen students) and both the pace and level of instruction are adapted to meet each student’s needs. While the academics are rigorous, they account for only a portion of the

camp experience. A wide variety of organized activities and ample free time allow for students to explore new interests and make friendships with other students who share their enthusiasm and gift for learning.

**Courses offered include** Mandarin Chinese, Writing: Developing the Process, Number Theory, The Human Body and Disease, Etymology: Origins of the Modern Word, Policymaking with a Historical Lens, Abnormal Psychology, Introduction to Critical Reasoning and Environmental Physics.

**Application deadline is April 29; financial aid deadline is April 15.**

A special new program this summer is the **Global Wisconsin Idea Program**. Partnering with the Department of International Studies, WCATY is launching a new offering for high school students - the Global Wisconsin Idea Program (GWIP). As a three-week residential camp, GWIP will bring students from across the world together to examine global issues. Students will work in small teams that nurture cross-cultural creativity engaging in one of the world's most interesting challenges: understanding the changing relationships between human actions and earth's complex environmental systems. Students will learn how to integrate the latest science into real-world decision-making and creative problem solving, with the ultimate goal of sustainably managing our planet's natural resources - the air, water, land, and biological diversity upon which all life depends. Students will also participate in workshops and seminars offered by Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery researchers, faculty, and staff with a focus on sustainability, creativity, and innovation.

**The session runs July 10-31. Registration deadline is April 1 and the Financial Aid deadline is March 25.** More information and registration applications can be found at: <http://wcatyeop.wcatyweb.org//>

On Thursday, Feb. 10, 55 students took the fifth **American Scholastic Math Association** test of the year. Our top scores on this test belonged to **Justin Fu, John "Jack" Peterson, Matthew Post, Kieran Dolan** and **Phillip Wang**. The last ASMA test will be held in the library on the afternoon of March 10, an early-release Thursday.

Two teams of students are competing in **National History Day** this year under the direction of **Christopher McBride**, social studies teacher. They will be presenting their projects on Saturday, March 5 at UW-Milwaukee. The event runs all day and is open to the public.

**Natalie Mathes & Haley Gray-Hoehn** have a documentary entry entitled "The Apollo-Soyuz Test Project: A Mission in Diplomacy" and **Nikhil Nabar, Carl Hirsch, Nikil Prasad & John Scanlon** are entering a website on Korea entitled "The Diplomacy of Korea."

**Louise Thompson**, BCHS science teacher, and a team of nine students, will be at the Medical College of Wisconsin on two dates in March presenting their SMART Team project. The SMART team (Student Modeling a Research Topic) has spent part of this year examining how cells attempt to inhibit a viral infection by blocking the viral replication process through inhibiting the protein synthesis process. The BCHS team has been mentored by Dr. Madhu Dey at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The team, comprised of **Justin Fu, Zach Gerner, Shariq Moore, Nick Nabar, Vick Nabar, Nikil Prasad, John Scanlon, Josh Speagle** and **Sai Vangala**, will present the poster segment of its research on Friday, March 11 from 4-6 p.m. and the oral segment from 1:30-3 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. The events are open to the public. For more information about the program and the presentations, visit the website: <http://cbm.msos.edu/stupro/smart/index.html>

For more information or questions relating to GT or YOP programming at Brookfield Central, please call (262-785-3910 ext. 215) or email ([moschele@elmbrookschoools.org](mailto:moschele@elmbrookschoools.org)). My office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, all day. Additional information can be found on BC's website under the "academics" link. **Elyce Moschella**





# SENIOR PARENTS

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR, TO START THINKING ABOUT GRADUATION...

PROJECT GRADUATION IS UNDERWAY AND NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!!!!!!!

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO STEP UP AND HELP YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER HAVE THE BEST GRADUATION POSSIBLE.

IN THIS TOUGH ECONOMY, IT'S DIFFICULT TO SOLICIT DONATIONS, SO WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS...

PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED FORM TO SIGN UP FOR ONE OR MANY OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS...

- ❖ TWO **VOLUNTEERS** – ONE EACH TO CHAIR THE FOOD & PRIZE COMMITTEES.
- ❖ **CASH OR PRIZE DONATIONS** TO BE USED AS RAFFLES FOR THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT– IF YOU HAVE OR KNOW SOMEONE THAT CAN OFFER A SERVICE THAT WE COULD USE AS A DOOR PRIZE, LET US KNOW.
- ❖ **UNDERWRITING**...DOES YOUR COMPANY NEED A TAX WRITE OFF OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO UNDERWRITE ONE OF OUR EVENT AREAS?  
YOU WILL GET YOUR NAME ON THE STATION AND ADVERTISING & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE LOW COST OF \$250. / \$500. / \$1000. OR \$1500.
- ❖ VOLUNTEERS TO **CHAPERONE** THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT – SUNDAY JUNE 12, 2011 (EVENT RUNS FROM APPROX. 10 PM – 5 AM) BLACK JACK DEALERS, REGISTRATION, SERVE FOOD, MANAGE GAME STATIONS, SET-UP AND TAKE DOWN.
- ❖ **FOOD or BEVERAGE DONATIONS** FOR THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT TO BE NOTIFIED OF CLOSER TO THE EVENT.

Any questions please contact:

Karen Peterson – 262.613.0172 or via E-mail: [aaawear@wi.rr.com](mailto:aaawear@wi.rr.com)



# Volunteer / Donation Form

## PROJECT GRADUATION

*Together we'll make the BC Class of 2011 Graduation a Success!!*

**[Please print form and return to BC Office or mail to the address below]**

Name	
Address	
City	
State	
ZIP Code	
Telephone (home)	
Telephone (business)	
Telephone (cell)	
E-Mail	

### DONATION Information

I (we) Donate a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or prize/raffle item: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) plan to make this contribution in the form of:

\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_ check \_\_\_ gift certificate \_\_\_ other.

Chair Food or Prize Committee	
Underwriting Donation: \$250. / \$500. / \$1000. / \$1500. or other \$	
Chaperone Night of Event	
Food or Beverage Donation	

Gift will be matched by \_\_\_\_\_ (company/family/foundation).

\_\_\_ form enclosed \_\_\_ form will be forwarded

### Acknowledgement Information

Please use the following name(s) in all acknowledgements:

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\_\_\_ I (we) wish to have our gift remain anonymous.

Signature(s)
Date

Please make checks, corporate matches, or other gifts payable to: **BCHS PROJECT GRADUATION**

**Mailing Address:**

**BCHS PROJECT GRADUATION**

C/O Karen Peterson Treasurer

3715 Lilly Road

Brookfield, WI 53005

**The Friends of the Elm Grove Library, Inc.**  
invite you to the

**25th Annual**

# **Used Book Sale**



**Thursday, March 3, 2011**

**Preview Night**

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

\$10 fee/ *FOEGL members free*

**Friday, March 4, 2011**

9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Paperbacks - 50 cents      Hard Covers - \$2.00

Special books, tapes, audio books, videos etc.

**Saturday, March 5, 2011**

**1/2 Price Sale**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Sunday, March 6, 2011**

**\$5.00 Bag Sale**

Noon - 4:00 pm

**Free Admission!**

**Find us at [www.friendsofelmgrovelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofelmgrovelibrary.org)**

**Lower Level - Elm Grove Library  
13600 Juneau Blvd., Elm Grove, WI**





# YOUR CHOICE

**"REACH OUR YOUTH BEFORE ALCOHOL & DRUGS DO"**

**Tuesday, March 15th  
7-9:00pm**

**Brookfield East High School Cafeteria**

**Parents and middle/high school students** are invited to attend a program by "Your Choice."

"Your Choice" is a non-profit group that provides presentations on the effects of drugs & alcohol on our youth.

The intent of this program is to openly discuss the issue of drugs and alcohol and the devastating effects they can have on young people and their families.

This program will be presented to students and parents together for the first 40 minutes. Parents and students will then break-out into separate sessions for the remainder of the program. Questions are encouraged. This program will not be videotaped.

## **Student-Only Presentation**

This program consists of young adults who are either recovering addicts or those who chose the right path and stayed away from drugs. These young adults will share their stories and personal experiences with students in a very candid nature.

## **RAFFLE DRAWING**

At the end of the evening, there will be a raffle drawing for all students in attendance. Raffle prizes include: Marcus gift cards, iTunes cards, and more!

Resource Specialists available from  
Addiction Resource Council, Inc.

## **Parent-Only Presentation**

This program will be presented by parents of children who got involved in drugs & alcohol. They will give their perspective on what went wrong and how it impacted their families in a very frank and insightful manner.

Reservations are not necessary, but to aid in planning, an RSVP is greatly appreciated. To RSVP or for more information, please email: [Parentnetwork@elmbrookschoools.org](mailto:Parentnetwork@elmbrookschoools.org).



Below are important dates coming up through the month of March. For your convenience we've kept it to one page that can be printed and referred to throughout the month.

Wednesday, Mar. 2	Student Council to WASC Leadership Conference, 7:30 am - 3:45 pm
Wednesday, Mar. 2	Year Book Club, Rm 0198, 3:30-5:00
Thursday, Mar. 3	Bring Your Community to School Day
Thursday, Mar. 3	Early Release, students dismissed at 2:12 pm
Mar. 3, 4, 5	Broadway Musical Revue, Mar. 3rd & 4th at 7:00 pm, Mar. 5th at 1:00 pm
Saturday, Mar. 5	Science Team to Regional Science Olympiad, 7:30 am - 2:45 pm
Saturday, Mar. 5	ACT Prep Plus, Math, 10:00-12:00 am
Monday, Mar. 7	ACT Prep Plus, Math, 7:00-9:00 pm
March 8-10	Doehling and DECA Team to Lake Geneva for Career Conf. - 7:15 am on 3/8, 3:00 on 3/10
Wednesday, Mar. 9	PTO Meeting, Large Conference Room, 3:30 pm
Wednesday, Mar. 9	Year Book Club, Rm 0198, 3:30-5:00
Thursday, Mar. 10	Early Release, students dismissed at 2:12 pm
Thursday, Mar. 10	American Scholastic Math Association Contest, 2:15, BCHS Library
Mar. 10-12	Studio Show
Saturday, Mar. 12	WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival, BCHS
Saturday, Mar. 12	ACT Prep Plus, Math, 10:00-12:00 am
Monday, Mar. 14	ACT Prep Plus, Math, 7:00-9:00 pm
Wednesday, Mar. 16	Year Book Club, Rm 0198, 3:30-5:00
Wednesday, Mar. 16	Winter BC Booster Athletic Sport Awards Banquet, Dinner 6 pm, Awards 7 pm
Thursday, Mar. 17	Principal's Chat, Black Box Theater, 9:00 am
Thursday, Mar. 17	Early Release, students dismissed at 2:12 pm
Friday, Mar. 18	Market Day Internet Cut-Off Date
Friday, Mar. 18	Poster Session, SMART Team, MCW, 4:00-6:00 pm
Saturday, Mar. 19	Zaps Learning Company, ACT Test Prep, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday, Mar. 19	ACT Prep Plus, Reading/Writing, 10:00-12:00 am
Monday, Mar. 21	ACT Prep Plus, Reading/Writing, 7:00-9:00 pm
Mar. 21 - Apr 1	BCHS Gallery Art Show - Scholastic Art Entry
Tuesday, Mar. 22	Market Day Pick-Up, 5:00 pm, Cafeteria
Wednesday, Mar. 23	Year Book Club, Rm 0198, 3:30-5:00
Thursday, Mar. 24	<b>NO SCHOOL IN PM, Students released at 11:14, NO LUNCH SERVED</b>
Thursday, Mar. 24	Last Day of 3rd Quarter
Friday, Mar. 25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> , Teacher Work Day
Friday, Mar. 25	Quarter 3 Grades posted
Friday, Mar. 25	Copy deadline for Parent Newsletter
Saturday, Mar. 26	Final Presentations, SMART Team, MCW, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday, Mar. 26	ACT Prep Plus, Science, 10:00-12:00 am
Monday, Mar. 28	ACT Prep Plus, Science, 7:00-9:00 pm
Wednesday, Mar. 30	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 31	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Mar. 31	Parent Newsletter posted to BCHS web site

**Next Newsletter will be posted to the Central web site on  
Thursday, March 31st.**