



# BROOKFIELD BROADCAST

Fall 2022

Create Your Tomorrow

*Brookfield Public Schools Welcome Back Newsletter*

## WELCOME BACK!

**Candlewood Lake Elementary School (CLES)  
We're Almost There!**



### Construction Completion and Transition Planning

We remain on time with the construction of our new school for the mid-year move from Huckleberry to CLES.

### *Candlewood Lake Elementary School Mission Statement (Developed by the Planning Committee Team Last Spring):*

**At Candlewood Lake Elementary School, we are a student-centered community dedicated to challenging, supporting, and empowering all learners to contribute positively to our world.**

### **To Achieve Our Mission:**

- We create a safe and welcoming climate so everyone can develop academically, socially, and emotionally.
- We build collaborative partnerships with parents and guardians as they are a child's first teacher.
- We ensure that the curriculum promotes critical thinking and creative problem solving allowing all learners to persevere and find their own way.
- We provide meaningful and engaging learning opportunities so all students feel connected and are active, motivated learners.
- We honor everyone's progress and celebrate growth as well as achievement.

[Click here to view the safety design PowerPoint for CLES; as presented at the August 17<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting.](#)

[Click here to view the Candlewood Lake Elementary School Progress Photo presentation.](#)

[Click here to view real time progress of the ongoing construction!](#)

### *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 2022-2023 school year!

The overarching theme for this year is *"RESET & RELAUNCH!"* We are back with renewed optimism, energy and hope for the future.

It is my hope that each of you finds the **JOY** in each other and in school once again, as we draw inspiration from one another and our amazing students.

I am excited to have you join me in focusing on supporting the academic, social, and emotional growth of our students as we relaunch into the coming academic year!

## School Safety & Security



Student and staff safety is our number one priority. The Boards of Education, Selectmen and Finance have approved the recommendation of the Security Task Force. Over the summer, the plan to enhance security personnel at our schools was presented and discussed among elected boards. Parent and resident input was received and considered by the Board of Education and Security Task Force. The plan includes:

- Adding 2 School Resource Officers (SRO) at each elementary school
- Adding 5 Security Monitors assigned across the district for each school
- Adding 1 Armed School Security Officer (ASSO) after school hours at BHS

While our elected officials have been extremely supportive in approving this plan, the residents will need to vote to approve the funding for this school security initiative. [A Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm at Brookfield High School.](#)

[Please click here to view the security plan presented at the August 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting.](#)

**Other Exciting Initiatives This Year**

- Center School - Adding para educators in each Kindergarten classroom to support executive function & SEL
- Center School - Increasing Art and Music teacher time to ensure our students have opportunities with visual and performing arts and to prepare for the transition to Candlewood Lake Elementary School.
- Huckleberry Hill - Adding a Math Interventionist to support students
- Huckleberry Hill – Adding Bilingual programming to support native Spanish speakers
- Whisconier Middle School - Upgrade classroom presentation and digital integration technology to enhance lessons & engagement
- Brookfield High School - Adding new courses in World Language, Business and Humanities to increase student opportunities

**Informational Links:**

[COVID Guidance](#) (August, 2022)

[State of the District](#) (May, 2022)

[Welcome Letter from Mrs. DeNicola-Hickman, Director of Special Services](#) (August, 2022)

[Introductory Letter from Dr. Mahon, Assistant Superintendent of Schools](#) (August, 2022)

[2022-2023 School Lunch Update](#) (August, 2022)

**EXCITING TECHNOLOGY TO SEE IN 22-23!**

- Expanding the One-to-One and BYOD program to the entire district
- New laptops for PreK-Grade 4 teachers (coming this fall!)
- Implementing the [WeVideo](#) online video creator and editor tool for teachers and students
- Upgrades and enhancements to the district website and communication platforms during the year
- Focus on Cybersecurity through the implementation of new tools, resources, and user procedures to better protect staff, students, and the district network
- [Check out the LU System which will be installed at Candlewood Lake](#)

**Strategic Planning**



We recently launched an update to the District Strategic Plan to build upon previous successes and expand the bright future of the Brookfield Public Schools. A committee of approximately 25 parents, educators, students, and community stakeholders will be working this fall to leverage our past success to create future promise. After the official kick-off meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>, we plan to hold several community input sessions and continue to collect public input via [Thoughtexchange](#).



**Student Well-Being**

**Academics & Behavioral Support**

We ensure academic and behavioral support for our learners through our, [Comprehensive Scientifically Researched Based Intervention Plan](#).

**Social & Emotional Learning (SEL)**

Our schools will reopen knowing that the COVID-19 pandemic has created different types of traumatic experiences and high levels of stress for many of our staff, students, and families. The pandemic has shown the importance of social/emotional well-being for all. In addition, there is a growing body of research proving that social/emotional learning (SEL) is fundamental to academic success. BPS integrates SEL throughout its PreK-12 programs. For years the District has integrated the [Yale RULER approach to Social & Emotional Learning](#) which is implemented in PreK-12. A special emphasis has been placed on SEL throughout the pandemic and for the coming year.

**Important Dates**

Student schedules and teacher assignments will be available in the PowerSchool Parent Portal on **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

**First Day of School – Tuesday, August 30 (Full Day)**

**Open Houses**

**CES – 9/6 & 9/14**

**WMS – 9/15, 9/22 & 9/29**

**HHES – 9/20**

**BHS – 9/8**



**September Dates – No School**

**Labor Day 9/5**

**Rosh Hashanah 9/26**

[2022 – 2023 School District Calendar](#)