



# The Brookfield Broadcast

## Brookfield Public Schools

“Create Your Tomorrow”



### Seasons Greetings!

FALL / WINTER, 2020

The Brookfield Public schools continues to pursue its strategic goals. This newsletter includes some highlights from our learning community since the beginning of the 2020-221 school year!

### New School Update

The BOE and MBC each voted respectively with unanimous approvals of the school design for submission to the state’s Office of School Construction and Grants Management. With this design phase complete, the construction bid process begins this week. Importantly, we plan to break ground on the new school this coming March!

Students and the School Naming Committee have provided names for the new school for BOE consideration. Choices include Candlewood Lake Elementary, Candlewood Elementary, Lakeside Elementary, Newbury Elementary and West Brook Elementary.

<http://newschoolproject.brookfieldps.org/>

NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE HUCKLEBERRY HILL SCHOOL SITE  
100 CANDLEWOOD LAKE RD  
BROOKFIELD, CT



### BOE Statement Regarding Equity

The Board voted unanimously on November 4<sup>th</sup> to adopt the following as its *Equity Vision Statement*:

"The Brookfield Public Schools honors the uniqueness of each individual and embraces diverse backgrounds, values, and points of view to build a unified, safe, and welcoming school community that empowers students and prepares them for lives in a multicultural society. We believe it is our responsibility to seek out and address biases and ensure achievement regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, class, religious beliefs, or disability." The statement was developed at the [Board Retreat on October 22, 2020](#).

### World Kindness Day



#### HHES Student & Staff

All collected items for the Thanksgiving Food Drive went to HHES families. Any additional items were donated to the Brookfield Food Pantry.

- To celebrate kindness some classrooms gave out cards to staff members and friends.
- During announcements it was emphasized for staff and students to keep showing their *PAWS*, especially since the “P” stands for ‘Practice Kindness.’

#### WMS

WMS Student Council and Peer Leaders wrote personal handwritten notes for every staff member thanking them for all they do for the students and our community



### 2021-2022 School Calendar

[Please click here for the approved 2021-2022 School Calendar for the Brookfield Public Schools.](#)



### DID YOU KNOW???

24,641 of lunches served this school year to date were at no cost to Brookfield families!

## Veteran's Day

On Wednesday, November 11, 2020, CES held their annual Veteran's Day Ceremony. You can view the entire virtual ceremony via the links below:



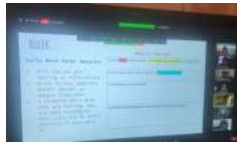
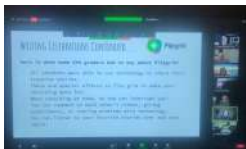
[CES 2020 Veterans Day Ceremony video](#)

[CES Veterans Day 2020 slideshow](#)

["Thank You Soldiers" video](#)

At Whisconier the Social Studies teachers developed lessons for students. The 7th grade team participated in Operation Gratitude where students wrote letters to Veterans thanking them for their service and sacrifice.

## HHES Celebration of Digital Learning



The Board received a presentation from Huckleberry Hill students and teachers on November 4<sup>th</sup> focusing on "Celebration in a Digital World" and their work with Social-Emotional Learning (Yale RULER Tool) and Writing since students have been learning remotely. Third graders Joey Caparosa and Sophia Ciliberto from Mrs. Johnson's class discussed how they have used technology to discuss emotions, learn how to regulate their emotions and work on being their best selves to build their classroom community. Mrs. Lounsbury's fourth graders, Matteo Melillo and Julia Cassano discussed and demonstrated how they used technology in their writing unit, "Writing Realistic Fiction," by formulating a realistic fiction idea, developing characters, drafting scenes and filming themselves using FlipGrid. The Board was very impressed with all of the students and thanked the teachers for all their hard work during Remote Learning. To watch the presentation, [click here](#).

## Personal Devices for Students

We now have received delivery of all 450 Chromebooks as budgeted for and ordered in July and also received delivery of the 300 Chromebooks paid for by the federal CARES Act funds, also ordered this past July. An additional 300 Chromebooks from the state grant support program were just delivered on November 17th. All of these Chromebooks are being inventoried and distributed for our Grade 9 and Grade 8, 1 to 1 program via a Chromebook exchange. We held an exchange on November 10th and another exchange on Saturday, November 14th. Older Chromebooks which are turned in will be evaluated and then reconditioned or repaired

## Congratulations BHS!

Congratulations to Brookfield High School for being named a Nationally Recognized Special Olympics Banners school!!



## Way to Go Whisconier!

WMS Unified Sports Program showing off our Michael's Cup Award and CIAC Unified Sports Outstanding Middle



## PTO Food Drive

Brookfield PTO's "Stock the Family Pantry" food drive was a huge success. The PTOs at all 4 of our schools combined efforts to achieve a common goal: to provide direct support to the children of Brookfield who may be in need. In addition to many donations of non-perishable items collected at drop off boxes in town, the PTOs received over \$1500 in monetary donations through the CES PTO website as well as an abundance of food items purchased off an Amazon wishlist. Support and/or donations were also provided by local grocery and big box stores including ShopRite, Target, Costco, and BigY. Families who came to pick up lunches at Brookfield High School this week were offered two bags of items to fill their pantries. We extend a huge thanks to the Brookfield PTOs and to everyone who helped make this drive such a success.



## Superintendent's 2021-2022 Budget Proposal/ Key Investments

On December 2nd, Dr. Barile presented the Superintendent's 2021-2022 budget proposal for next year.

### **Key investments include the following:**

BHS: Technology Teacher, ELL Teacher, Math Interventionist, additional STEM and social studies courses, and adding Boys Volleyball and Gymnastics to the athletics program

[Click here to see the rest of the proposed school enhancements, K-8, as well as the budget presentation and Board discussion.](#)