

# Parents' Association Newsletter

Brookwood School  
2010

April/May

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Thursday, April 8, 7 p.m.** - Brookwood Speaker Series 2010: An Evening with Novelist Alice Hoffman, School Meeting House

**Thursday, April 8** - Book Drive begins

**Monday, April 12** - Book Bash Auction opens and online bidding begins!

**Thursday, April 15,** 10 a.m. at School Meeting - Cultural Enrichment performance: Flamenco dancing. Sixth grade workshops to follow.

**Tuesday, April 20** - Cultural Enrichment performance for Lower School and Middle School featuring a performance by the Tanglewood Marionettes, *The Dragon King*.

**Sunday, May 2,** 11 am to 3 pm - Book Bash Family Event

**Wednesday, May 5** - Bidding closes for the Book Bash Online Auction

**Thursday, May 6,** 6 p.m. - Grandparents' Reception, at the home of Neale and Louisa Attenborough

**Friday, May 7,** 8:30 a.m. (registration) - Grandparents' Day

**Monday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 12** -

Spring Student Book Fair

**Friday, May 21** - Holocaust Survivor Sonia

## Be a part of the 2010 PA spring fundraiser, *Book Bash at Brookwood*

**A**s Yogi Berra once said, "It's like deja-vu, all over again." The Book Bash at Brookwood School is my sixth Brookwood Spring Fundraiser, and no matter the theme or venue, I continue to be amazed and inspired by the activity, excitement and greater sense of community that starts to build at this time of year.



We have one month to go until our Book Bash event on Sunday, May 2, and we can't wait to share with you all of the exciting things we have planned. Here are a few things you should know:

1. Children of all ages (but especially those between Pre-K and 8th grade) are going to love the activities we have planned at our Sunday, May 2 Book Bash family event.
2. Round up your Brookwood pals and your friends from different schools as the May 2nd event is a community event. We look forward to welcoming families from all over the North Shore.
3. We have already collected some truly amazing items for our Online Auction, and we are eager for additional donations. Big, small, in between. The Online Auction will include big items like vacations as well as smaller items, e.g., a designer purse, or kid's snowboard, or whatever you decide to contribute.
4. As always, it is all of you who make our Spring Fundraisers successful. We need your help to volunteer, donate, participate and of course, bid!

Thank you in advance for any help you can provide, and please remember that no matter how you plan to participate, "when you arrive at a fork in the road, take it"!

Warmest Regards,  
Jayne Rice  
Parents' Association President

Get the story on  
*Book Bash at*



Weitz presentation for Seventh Grade. Sponsored by Cultural Enrichment  
**Saturday, May 22**, 9 a.m. - Pan Mass Challenge Kids Ride  
**Wednesday, May 26**, 6:30 p.m. - Annual PA Meeting, Dodge Writing Center

To find minutes from recent PA meetings, click on this link [[PA Meeting Minutes](#)] and visit the PA page on Brookwood's website. Once there, click on the links for past meeting minutes or past PA newsletters.

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## BROOKWOOD SCHOOL STORE

The School Store will be open on the following Thursday mornings between drop-off and School Meeting:

**Thursday, April 15**

**Thursday, April 29**

**Friday, May 7-**

Grandparents' Day

**Thursday, May 13**

**Thursday, May 27**

**Thursday, June 10**

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## Brookwood School

The Sunday, May 2 Book Bash at Brookwood School is a family-friendly festival celebrating the wonder of books. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and it is open to the public, so spread the word to all your friends.

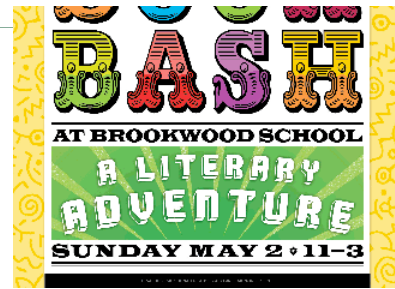
Tickets are \$15 per person and can be ordered online at [www.brookwood.edu](http://www.brookwood.edu).

The event will feature unique storybook stations geared for kids from 4 to 14 with something fun for the whole family. Storybook station highlights include: **Big Red Barn** - Get up close and pet baby farm animals; **Dr. Seuss Land** - Jump with Thing One and Thing Two in the Seuss bounce; **Harry Potter** - Come cheer on the Harvard Horntails Quidditch team as they play Hogwart's favorite game!

**86 Years of the Boston Red Sox** - Get your picture taken with Wally, who will be making a special appearance from Fenway Park, clock your fast ball and make a splash at our dunking machine.

Also featured at the event will be a magician, a tarot card reader, hoola-hoop contests, a musical monkey, "Novel Nibbles" and much more!

And finally, the Book Drive is the service component of the Book Bash. We are collecting books geared for children from birth to teen. The books will be delivered to Pathways for Children and the YMCA of the North Shore.

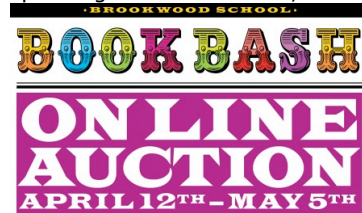


## LOG IN AND BID NOW!

## Auction exclusively online this year Don't be left out of the Book Bash bidding!

The Book Bash at Brookwood School is a fresh, new approach to the Parents' Association's Spring Fundraiser. Among its many exciting components is the auction which for the first time ever will be held exclusively online. The Online Auction is a rolling auction that will begin April 12 and end May 5.

On Monday, April 12th, click here and log onto [www.biddingforgood.com/brookwood](http://www.biddingforgood.com/brookwood) to begin bidding on hundreds of items! Bid on our "Uniquely Brookwood" perennial favorites, such as First in Line for Carpool, Headmaster for a Day and Mr. Peterman's Crab Feast. Check out wonderful items donated by our Brookwood families: such as a plane ride out of Beverly Airport; a giant pizza party; a trip to Bermuda. Like the mountains? How about skiing at a private ski resort in Montana or spending a week in Stowe, VT?



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And once again we will feature fantastic Faculty and Staff Experiences: 24 hours of babysitting by Kristie Hambrecht; an exclusive Kacey Morris photo album; Debbie Gantt's 8th Grade Play cameo opportunity, and Jeff Wilfahrt's custom video of your child's performances are only a few examples.

There's something in every price

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**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**BID HIGH  
BID OFTEN**

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range, so check daily as new items will be added frequently.

You can begin by checking out the site: take a peek and get yourself accustomed to looking online for new things every day. On Monday, April 12, bidding will begin. On Wednesday, May 5 at 10 p.m. the bidding will end.

If you have an item to donate or a question to ask, please contact

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