

Parents' Association Newsletter

Brookwood School

January 2009

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, Jan. 11
3:00-5:00 p.m. - Brookwood on Ice at Pingree School

Thursday, Jan. 15
8:30 a.m. - Parent Ed program on Adolescent Psychology with Joani Geltman in the Dodge Writing Center

Thursday, Jan. 22
8:45-10:00 a.m. - Admissions Open House

Thursday, Jan. 22
7:00 p.m. - Author Chris Bohjalian on *Giving Birth to the Novel*

Sunday, Jan. 25
1:00- 3:00 p.m. - Admission Open House

Thursday, Jan. 29
9:00 a.m. Pre-K Visit Day

CONTACT THE PA OFFICERS

President Jayne Rice
Vice President Beth Payson

Secretary Faith Emerson
Treasurer Chris Smith

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The following PA committees are always looking for volunteers. If you have only one hour or have several, there are many ways you can get involved.

The Art Committee helps put up and take down student art exhibits in the school's hallways. We will also be looking for parents to assist in classroom projects. Please contact Stori Cadigan for more information.

The Mailing Committee meets periodically to process (address, stuff envelopes, etc.) various school-wide mailings. Contact Dorothy Goudie or Andi Gabriel

The Spring Auction organizers can always use extra hands on committees like Set-up, Clean-up, Food, Decorations, and Acquisitions - more hands make

Greetings from PA President Jayne Rice



Welcome back to school and to the first issue of the Brookwood Parents' Association Newsletter! At the beginning of each month, all current families will receive, via email, this update on all that is happening in the parent community at Brookwood.

Within each month's issue, you will find an overview letter from me; short write-ups on the month's events; a calendar of committee meetings; and, an update from the School Store.

Importantly, you'll also find links to PA budget news and PA meeting minutes, as well as a "Contacts" box where you'll find emails for the PA officers. Finally, we'll also include a "Get Involved" column with committee chair contact information to make it easy for you to volunteer and support our school.

Brookwood parents are a vital part of what makes our school community unique. There is an incredibly high percentage of parent volunteerism here at Brookwood, whether it is as library volunteers, as Admissions Ambassadors or helping out with our many special events. Brookwood is a better community because of all you do for the school.

Please take a moment to read about what our active parent body is doing this month. We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming events!

Best Regards,
Jayne Rice,
President, Brookwood School Parents' Association

2009 Spring Auction chair named

The PA officers are pleased to announce that Trisha Castraberti will be the chair of this year's annual spring fundraiser. We are fortunate and very excited to have a person with Trisha's energy and experience leading our auction team .

The theme of this year's event will be announced very shortly. For now, please mark your calendars for Saturday, April 25, and call Trisha if you are ready to volunteer for a committee.

Bring a friend to Brookwood's January Admissions Open Houses

There will be two Admissions Open Houses at Brookwood this month. The first will be on **Thursday, January 22 from 8:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** The second will be held on **Sunday January 25, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

The Sunday Open House will feature demonstrations of Brookwood's many after-school classes, including Martial Arts, Sewing, and Legos. Admissions Ambassadors are welcome to bring their own children to participate in the class demonstrations while their parents mingle/tour.

Please contact Shannon Cabot if you would like to volunteer for either event

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This year, Brookwood will host a special **Pre-K Visit Day on Thursday, January 29 at 8:45 a.m.** Visiting parents will get an in-depth look at the school's exceptional offerings for the youngest students and will have a chance to observe Brookwood's Pre-K classroom, attend School Meeting, meet with Pre-K faculty and hear from Lower School Head Nancy Evans.

Brookwood on Ice on January 11

less work. Please contact Trisha Castraberti for more information on committees in need of assistance.

The School Store is looking for one or two people to help staff the semi-monthly store hours. Contact Nadina Wilk if you have an hour or two to spare once or twice a month.

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The Brookwood School Store will be open before and after School Meeting on Thursday, January 8 and Thursday, January 22.

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Brookwood's annual family skating event will be held at Pingree School's Johnson Rink from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 11. Click here for a registration form: [Brookwood on Ice](#).

January 15: Parent Ed speaker addresses adolescent psychology

Joani Geltman, LICSW, an expert in teen-parent relationships, will lead a discussion on "Adolescent Psychology: The Parent Version" on **Thursday, January 15, at 8:30 a.m.** in the Dodge Writing Center.

Geltman is on the faculty of Lesley University and Curry College and has worked as a therapist, parenting coach, and consultant for more than 25 years. She has been a parenting columnist for the TAB Newspapers, and also produces and hosts "Who's Listening?" a parent-teen talk forum.

Using humor, storytelling, and offering helpful techniques, Geltman will discuss the physical, cognitive, and social/emotional changes that occur in adolescence, and how these changes affect relationships with parents, friends and school life.