

Parents' Association Newsletter

Brookwood School

November/December 2009

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 19 - Parent Ed speaker John Szatkowski on *The Impact of Technology on Adolescent Development*, 8:30 a.m., Dodge Writing Center

November 19 - New England Conservatory Performance, 10 a.m. at School Meeting

November 20 - Bingo Night, 6 p.m., School Meeting House

December 2 - Parents' Association Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Moniz Dining Room

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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Volunteers enrich school's culture

When I think about the activities Brookwood parents have helped coordinate since September, it seems implausible that we have only been back at school for eight weeks!

The All-School Cookout, New Parents' Dinner, Book Fair, and most recently, the amazing Sustainability Fair, could not have happened without your support and tireless enthusiasm. These events are above and beyond the daily contributions so many of you make while working in our classrooms and on the PA's 14 committees.

Our culture, the school, and consequently our children's experiences are enriched significantly because of all that you do. I am humbled and so very appreciative of your ongoing support.

Thank you,
Jayne
Parents' Association President



Parent Ed speaker on November 19

The Impact of Technology on Adolescent Development with John Szatkowski MSW, LICSW.

Szatkowski has been counseling families and teens for over 25 years and has a private counseling practice in Peabody. He will join us to talk about our children, video games, cell phones, computers, IM, Facebook, iPods.

Most of us have a love/hate relationship with technology, especially when it concerns our children. Technology offers many positive, helpful tools that make our life as parents easier and safer, but also creates significant risk, conflict and confusion.

Many of us sense the "good" and "bad" related to these new tools. Szatkowski will discuss that we do not need a "hands off" policy nor do we need to panic, we need caution, knowledge, wisdom and community.

Thursday, November 19 at 8:30 a.m., DWC. Coffee & pastries available.



NE Conservatory students perform at School Meeting on November 19

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BROOKWOOD SCHOOL STORE

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

November 5
November 19
December 3
December 17

Stop by and look for some new and interesting items at the school store in the upcoming weeks. The warm-up jackets have been updated, and we've added some new Brookwood logo items just in time for the holidays.

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Brookwood is fortunate to welcome students from New England Conservatory to School Meeting on Thursday, November 19 at 10 a.m. The group will perform jazz and classic pieces in celebration of the jazz program's 40th anniversary.

The NEC educates and trains musicians of all ages from around the world, drawing on the talent and deep reservoir of experience of its distinguished faculty.

Since New England Conservatory's founding in 1867, the school and its musicians have played a major role in the musical life of Boston, the nation, and the world. America's oldest independent school of music, NEC is known for both its classical and jazz studies departments.

2009 Bingo Night on November 20

B-there! Get your lucky crayon ready and sharpen your listening skills. Bingo Night is planned for Friday, November 20 at 6 p.m.

Everyone is a winner at this evening of pizza, prizes and fun for the whole family.

Watch *This Week at Brookwood* for details on how and where to RSVP and get ready to play!



Art Committee seeking volunteers

Come perfect your collaging and paper cutting techniques! The art committee is still looking for volunteers to assist the art teachers in their Pre-K, first and fourth grade classes on Tuesday mornings. The times are 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Activities may vary from week to week, but generally involve prep work, clean-up, and some easy hands-on work with the students.

For more information please contact either Vicki Lincoln (matlinc@comcast.net) or Cathy Miller (millercmzl@comcast.net).

Volunteer with the Parents' Association

Many committees such as admissions, mailing, hospitality, and the spring fundraiser are always looking for an extra hand. Committee contact information can be found in the green PA Guidebook.

Specific volunteer requests will appear in *This Week at Brookwood* or the PA Newsletter as needed. Additionally, many committee chair and PA executive officer positions are two-year commitments and some positions will be coming vacant this spring for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested in a committee or in an officer position, please do not hesitate to contact any of the PA officers.

2009 Sustainability Fair a great success



The Third Annual Sustainability Fair on October 24 was a great success with over 400 people attending



the event! Thank you to all parent volunteers who participated in this event.

The PA Sustainability Committee will continue to meet throughout the year to work on various projects. If you are interested in participating, please contact Meg du Four (mmdufour@comcast.net) or Kim Guerster (kguerster@mac.com).