



# THE BROOKSIDE BULLETIN



## February 2010



### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Thursday, February 11, 2010

**Valentine's Day Party**

ALL Children Attend

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM



Friday, February 12, 2010

**Teacher In-Service**

NO SCHOOL



Monday, February 15, 2010

**President's Day**

NO SCHOOL



### FEBRUARY

Groundhog Day

Valentine's Day

\*Any materials related to these topics will be suitable for Show and Tell during February.

Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays

We will also be continuing our study of The Body & Our Five Senses

### Units of Study and Show and Tell Topics



## VALENTINE'S DAY INFORMATION



- Our Valentine's Day Party will be on **Thursday, February 11, 2010** from **10:30 AM** until **12:30 PM**.
- ALL children are to attend school during the times listed above. Please note that this is NOT a regular school day schedule!!
- There will be sheets posted on the bulletin board for parents to sign up to be **art** or **lunch** helpers on the day of the party, as well as sign ups for parents to **donate money** or **food items** for the party.
- Please be aware that there will **NOT be a "performance"** by the children for this holiday party, so unless you are signed up to be an art or lunch helper you do not need to stay for the party's duration.
- The children are making "Valentine Bags" for their cards.
- Children may begin to bring their cards to "deliver" anytime after **February 8th**.
- It would be a good idea to **send several extra cards**.
- **PLEASE DO NOT PUT NAMES ON THE ENVELOPES**. (This allows those children who cannot read the names on the bags an opportunity to "mail" their Valentines.)
- Have your child sign his/her name on the Valentine card and they can then put one card in each classmate's bag.



There is a **TOTAL** of **49** children who attend Brookside, **34 Pre-Schoolers** and **15 Kindergarteners**.

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# REMINDERS AND OTHER INFORMATION

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## TUITION

- Tuition is due on the **FIRST** of the month with a grace period extending to the 10th of the month. If you pay after the 10th, remember you will be assessed a late fee.
- **The First Payment for next year's tuition was due with the 2010-2011 school year registration papers. Please make that payment if you have not already done so.**

## PICK-UP TIMES

We would like to remind parents that children attending the AM program **MUST** be picked up **BY 11:30 AM**; and children in the PM and Full-Day Programs **MUST** be picked up **BY 3:00 PM**. Thank you for your attention to this matter, as your promptness allows our daily schedule to run more smoothly.

## PARENTS OF LUNCH BUNCHERS...

Please remember to send eating utensils, napkins, condiments, and drinks in your child's lunch box. The school does not provide these items.

Thanks for remembering.

## PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN THE MECHANICSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please see the flyer regarding Mechanicsburg's Kindergarten Registration Dates. The flyer is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Kindergarten classroom.

## VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA TOY DRIVE

The staff at Volunteers of America wish to extend their gratitude for Brookside's overwhelming response to the Toy Drive that occurred before the Christmas Holiday. Over 600 needy children in our area received gifts during the Holiday, due in part to your generous donations of toys.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



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## OBSERVATIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE BROOKSIDE FAMILIES

The Staff would like to make you aware that during the month of February, there will be prospective families who are interested in enrolling at our school for the 2010-2011 school year, visiting Brookside in order to observe a small portion of a "typical day" in the life of a Brookside Student. Because of this, we are requesting that Brookside Parents do not set up observations of their own children during this time.

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## FOOD GROUP SIGN UP

March's Unit is about **Nutrition**. We will be discussing the four basic food groups, with a concentration on a different food group each week. Our snacks will consist of food from the food group being discussed that week. We ask parents to sign up to bring our snacks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays during this month. A list of suggested snacks will be posted on the Bulletin Board by the **week of February 15, 2010** to allow you time to sign up before the March Unit begins.

March 2, 3, 4 —————→ **Breads and Cereals**

March 9, 10, 11 —————→ **Dairy Products**

March 16, 18 —————→ **Meat, Fish and Poultry**

(There will be a special snack sign up for March 17 for St. Patrick's Day.)

March 23, 24, 25 —————→ **Fruits and Vegetables**

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## BROOKSIDE AUCTION

For those "first year" Brookside Parents, we want to tell you about our annual Fund Raiser, the Brookside Auction. The event is a fun filled evening which can be attended by parents and friends of Brookside Montessori. It consists of a silent auction, as well as a live auction (items donated or solicited by Brookside families). It is this event that provided funds to build our "Kindergarten / Lunch Bunch Room" which was added to the original school building, along with such things as our laminating machine and play yard equipment (the airplane, train, and even the fence around our yard). It even paid for the Bells that allowed the Kindergarten children to entertain you at our Holiday Party. Last year's auction money was put toward our playground debt. We have scheduled this event for **Friday, April 23, 2010**. We wanted to mention this to you early in the year so that you can mark the date on your calendar and get babysitters scheduled; and so that you can begin to think about things you would like to donate. If you would consider helping with planning this year's auction, please let Miss Curley know. More detailed information to follow!

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# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS



## DAFFODIL DAYS



Spring will be here before you know it and that means it must be time for DAFFODIL DAYS! As in years past, Mrs. Schaedler will be selling daffodils for the American Cancer Society's "Daffodil Days". The Cancer Society recognizes the daffodil, not only as the first flower of Spring, but also as a symbol of hope - hope that cancer will be cured in our lifetime.

If you are interested in purchasing a bunch, please sign your name on the order form posted on the Bulletin Board. Choices include:

- BOUQUET** .....\$10.00  
(A Bouquet of 10 fresh cut daffodils)
- MINI POTTED DAFFODILS** .....\$12.00  
(Mini potted daffodils -that you could later plant- packaged inside a 4" pot with foil wrap and cellophane)
- VASE AND A BUNCH** .....\$15.00  
(A 2010 Special Edition "Daffodil Days" Vase -7" tall with a 3" opening- accompanied by a beautiful bunch of daffodils)
- BEAR AND A BUNCH** .....\$25.00  
(A 10" plush special edition Boyd's bear and 10 fresh cut daffodils)

**Deadline for ordering is Friday, February 26, 2010.  
Daffodils will be delivered on Wednesday, March 17, 2010.**

As always, Mrs. Schaedler is appreciative of your generous support!!  
THANK YOU!!!!