

Brookside Montessori School
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BROOKSIDE BULLETIN

December 2016

December Units of Study**

December Holidays
and Traditions

** and Show and Tell Topics



Dates to Remember in December

Wednesday, December 21

Brookside Winter-Fest 2016

All children and their families attend 10:30am – 12:30pm (see more below)

Thursday, December 22 through Monday, January 2, 2017

Winter Break

SCHOOL IS CLOSED.

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Teacher In Service

SCHOOL IS CLOSED. *School resumes for 2017 on Wednesday, January 4.*

Brookside Winter-Fest 2016



With the arrival of December, our Brookside students are busy preparing their program for our Winter-Fest, which will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 2000 Chestnut Street in Camp Hill. We will be in Fellowship Hall. There is a parking lot for your use at the side of the church. This party is a "family affair" and we invite Brookside parents, grandparents, and siblings to join our Brookside children.



Please go directly to Trinity Lutheran Church on the day of the party, Wednesday, December 21st.

We are asking each family to bring a tray of treats to the Winter-Fest—either 2 dozen holiday cookies, fruit, veggies or other bite-sized snacks . Thank you!!



IMPORTANT

Announcements and Reminders

SCHOOL CLOSINGS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of bad weather, please tune in to WHP-TV (Channel 21), WHYL-TV(15) or WHTM-TV(27) for school closing information. We will also post information about delays or closings on our website, www.brooksidemontessori.com and on the Brookside Parents Facebook page. Please note that we will be listed as Brookside Montessori School and NOT with any school district. Our decision to close is generally made by 7:30 AM.

TUITION and ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Second Semester Tuition is Due January 5, 2017.

If you did not pay your first semester tuition in one payment, but wish to do so for the second semester, please speak to Miss Curley, in order to make sure that you are paying the correct amount.

Enrollment Contracts for the 2017/2018 School Year are Due ASAP!

If you plan on sending your child(ren) to Brookside for the 2017/2018 school year, please return your completed enrollment contract to school as soon as possible. We will begin calling families who are on our waiting list as soon as we return from the Winter Break in JANUARY 2017! Thank you!

PARKING LOT ISSUES

We realize that the parking lot can get extremely crowded during pick-up and drop-off times, and we request that all caregivers of our Brookside children who may be picking them up or dropping them off at school PLEASE use extreme caution when parking their vehicles, as well as entering and exiting the parking lot. PLEASE only park in designated parking spaces in the lot. If you notice a parking issue in the lot during pick up or drop off, please notify a staff member immediately.

PREPARATION FOR WINTER-FEST

As we approach the holidays, you may notice that there are less jobs being checked in your child's book. We are very busy practicing for our holiday program, which leaves less time for jobs to be completed.



MEDICATIONS, VITAMINS, COUGH DROPS IN SCHOOL

Children should not bring medications, vitamins, cough drops, etc. to school in their lunch or pockets. If your child requires one of these to be administered at the school, during school hours, please discuss this with a member of the staff.

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More IMPORTANT Announcements and Reminders

Blogging with Brookside

Miss Curley's topic of the month for December is "**The Six Principles of the Prepared Environment**", which explains the benefits of preparing the environment for the children to work independently. Please take some time to read Miss Curley's message on the blog at brooksidemontessori.com.

A word about Art in December...

During the month of December, we have 2 art sessions planned. Please note that we will be working on a "super, top-secret project" for both of these sessions so your child will not have anything to bring home on those days. Don't ask as they are likely to tell!!

OVERCROWDING IN THE CUBBY AREA

Please help us in alleviating the overcrowding in the cubby area at the front of the school by bringing your child and their things out to the tables in the practical life area to get them ready at drop-off and pick-up. Note that other children are often waiting to enter the cubby area to retrieve items and are unable to do so when parents are chatting and other children are sitting on the floor.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to our "Parent Helpers" who have helped in the lunch room. The children are enjoying having their Moms and Dads there during lunch, and the teachers are able to enjoy a small lunch break. Any parent who has spent a lunch hour at Brookside now knows how appreciative we are!!! We thank you so much for your participation in this program.

And thank you to all of the parents who signed up and provided either their time or a "donation" of food or supplies for our Thanksgiving Feast. It was a great success!

