



BJH HIGHLIGHTS

Osseo School District 279

November 2006

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 14**
Site Council, 4:30 p.m.
- November 16**
Orchestra Festival
All day at OJH
- November 23-24**
NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving)
- November 30**
End of Trimester I
- December 2**
Tri II Begins
- December 4**
Band 9 with Park Center
7:30 p.m. at PCHS
- December 7**
Orchestra 8/9 with
Park Center
7:30 p.m. at PCHS
- December 12**
Choir 9
7:30 p.m. at PCHS
- December 14**
Band 7, Band 8, Jazz 1
7:30 p.m. at PCHS

Pre Advanced Placement at BJH

Giuseppe Mendolia
Principal

Brooklyn Junior staff are exploring the possibility of offering a Pre Advanced Placement (Pre AP) option in our courses. The Language Arts department currently use a Pre AP approach in their high performance classes. A group of nine other high performance teachers, representing math, science and social studies, attended extensive training this past July and will continue planning curricular adjustments throughout this year.

Pre AP requires teachers to vertically align their curriculum from 12th grade to 7th grade and decide what essential outcomes students need to learn to prepare them for movement to the next grade level. The goal is for the student to pass the *Advanced Placement Test* which is recognized by colleges nation-wide. For more information about this, please visit <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/>.

My challenges include the following: To continue the dialogue with the District and look at the capacity of the high schools to support this increased demand for AP classes; to provide opportunities for teachers at BJH to discuss how Pre AP could be implemented at BJH; and to send more teachers from other subject areas for training .

If you have questions about Pre AP, please call me at 763.569.7700.



Osseo Area Schools will again offer the option for students to apply to attend a magnet school for next year. Parents in District 279 may apply for their child to attend any of the magnet schools that are part of the **Northwest Suburban Integration School District**. These magnet schools focus on the arts; science, math and technology; and the International Baccalaureate Programme. Within the Osseo district, the magnet school options include Birch Grove School for the Arts; Edgewood Elementary: A Science, Math and Technology School; North View Junior High Middle Years Programme Candidate School; and Park Center Senior High Middle Years Programme Candidate School and (pending funding) A Global Studies Magnet School.

We will provide an opportunity for all ninth graders to meet with Jon Peterson, MYP/IB coordinator, on **Wednesday, November 15th**. If you have questions about *The Power of Choice* please contact Jeff Matchette, 9th grade counselor,

Looking Ahead...

There is NO SCHOOL on the following dates:

- December 1 (Mark Reporting)**
- December 8 (Licensed Staff Workshop)**
- December 21-January 2 (Winter Break)**



Greetings from the Bulldog Cafe

By Colleen Fairbanks, Manager

Every year we make changes and improvements in our meal program. Here are a few that we are excited about this year.

We are one of only two schools in the Osseo District buying our bread from the New French Bakery in Minneapolis. This bakery features fresh, never frozen, breads with no preservatives. In addition, we have more choices in types of bread, such as multigrain, whole wheat, rye, sourdough, and pumpernickel. We are hoping that the students enjoy this change as they see more types of bread offered each day.

Many of you have probably heard in the news and through web sites about the new wellness policies and healthy food initiatives. Something we have done here at Brooklyn Junior to address this was to change our ala carte items offered for sale. We offer only 100% juice, water and milk for sale as extra beverages. We do not offer any beverages that have any added sugar or that have high fructose corn syrup. In addition, all of our snacks are low fat, fat free, and/or baked. We offer things such as 100 calorie snack items, baked chips and pretzels, and frozen yogurt. We also have fresh yogurt cups available, fresh fruit, fresh vegetables with dip, and cottage cheese with fruit.

Let's not forget the main focus of our program: the lunch! All of our lunches comply with national nutritional standards for calories, protein, fat, etc. Each day we offer anywhere from 2-5 lunch options and alternates. In addition to the printed menu, we offer at BJ an alternate bar daily which is a complete lunch. We also have entrée alternates daily of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, yogurt with sunflower seeds, fruit and yogurt parfaits, and salads.

As you can see, the students have many options to pick from.

If you have comments or concerns about your student's lunch accounts, please call the Bulldog Café. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

MONDAY 13	TUESDAY 14	WEDNESDAY 15	THURSDAY 16	FRIDAY 17
Shrimp Mates Macaroni & Cheese Glazed Carrots Cucumber Salad Wheat Dinner Roll Fresh Peach and Fruit Choices Alt: Chicen Tender Wraps	Chicken Fettuccini with Alfredo Sauce California Blend Vegetables Warm Bread Stick Assorted Fruit Choices Alt: Hamburgers	Turkey-N-Gravy Whipped Potatoes Glazed Carrots Wheat Dinner Roll Assorted Fruit Choices Pumpkin Bars Alt: Baked Potato Bar	Chicken Fajita Fiesta Seasoned Rice Taco Sauce and Salsa Sliced Red/Green Peppers and Onions Whole Kernel Corn Fruit Choices Churro Cookie Alt: Pizza Choices	Toasted Cheese Sandwich Creamy Tomato Soup Green Beans Garden Fresh Salad Fruit Choices Alt: Hot Dog w/ Soup
MONDAY 20	TUESDAY 21	WEDNESDAY 22	THURSDAY 23	FRIDAY 4
Mini Corn Dogs Oven Roasted Wedge Potatoes Carrot Sticks with Low Fat Dip Chicken Noodle Soup Fruit Choices Alt: Hamburgers	Chicken Wrap Sandwich Waffle Fries California Blend Vegeta- bles Cheese Sauce Fresh Apple or Fruit Choices Alt: Beef Rib-B-Que	BRUNCH FOR LUNCH with Hash Brown Stick Warm School Made Apple Crisp Orange Juice Fresh Fruit Alt: Baked Potato Bar	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
MONDAY 27	TUESDAY 28	WEDNESDAY 29	THURSDAY 30	FRIDAY DEC 1
Popcorn Chicken Dipping Sauces Twister Fries Green Peas Warm Wheat Dinner Roll Golden Pineapple and Fruit Choices Alt: None	Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza Fresh Made Pasta Salad Green Beans Fruit Choices Sherbet Sundae Cup Alt: Chow Mein	Sloppy Joe on a Wheat Hamburger Bun Whole Kernel Corn Sliced Dill Pickles Choice of Baked or Reduced Fat Chips Fruit Choices Alt: Deli Sandwich	Chicken Fajita Fiesta Seasoned Rice Fresh Fixings of Sliced Red/Green Peppers and Onions Whole Kernel Corn Fruit Choices Churro Cookie Alt: Pizza Choices	NO SCHOOL

A Message from BJ's Site Council

The Brooklyn Junior High Site Council is a voice for teachers, parents and community members to provide input in improving our school. We promote school improvement and student success through the shared decision making process. Site Council members are Esme Apostolou, Cheryl Billodeau, Michelle Burke, Laurie Dvorak, Wendy Ehlert, Kay Kust, Rob Mendolia, Pat Mohr, Arun Sharma, Dana Truth, Angie Vivatson, and Christine Weatherman.

Site Council recently approved the 2006-2007 Site Improvement Plan which has three goals focusing on improving math problem solving skills, reading skills and writing skills. If you are interested in seeing the plan in its entirety, please stop by the main office at Brooklyn Junior or check the Brooklyn Junior High website.

VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS WELCOME!

By Laurie Dvorak, Volunteer Coordinator

There are always opportunities available for volunteer assistance at Brooklyn Junior. For example, Honor Roll lists will be assembled the beginning of December. This takes about 2 hours of your time at your convenience. We are always looking for volunteers willing to re-shelve books, also at your convenience.

These and other opportunities are regularly available, both during school and in the evenings. If you are interested in helping out please contact Laurie Dvorak, Volunteer Coordinator, at 763-569-7748. Or email at dvorakl@district279.org.

Writers & Artists in Schools

by
Pam Zagzebski

Robert, a 2005-2006 Brooklyn Junior High student, is honored through the Community Program in the Arts (COMPAS). Robert's poem was chosen to be published by the Writers & Artists in the Schools (WAITS) resident poet, John Minczeski, who spent a week with eighth grade English classes. "Life of a Soldier" will be included in the annual anthology: *Wind Tells Me Stories*. Congratulations to Robert and all last year's eighth graders for participating.



“BLING”

By Liz Martinson and Nisa Giaquinto, Bling Committee

“Brooklyn Junior Bling” is a new program at Brooklyn Junior High which focuses on staff rewarding and acknowledging students for the positive manner in which they handle themselves while in school. The program rewards students’ positive behavior by allowing staff members to “catch” students being good. When “caught” a student will receive a Bling coupon which can then be entered in a monthly drawing for prizes and rewards. At the end of each month, twelve lucky students will be rewarded with a special Davanni’s pizza lunch along with other prizes. Davanni’s generously donated this lunch along with multiple free pizza coupons to our program. Our committee members have been soliciting various neighborhood businesses in the hopes for community donations. Please show your thanks to these businesses by patronizing the following companies: Davanni’s, Panera, Culvers, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Baker’s Square, Grand Rios, Brunswick Zone, 50’s Grill, Rainbow Foods, and Arby’s.

Brooklyn Junior staff is enthused and motivated to make this program a success. We appreciate continued community support.



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