



The Buzz

Autumn Edition



Welcome Back Everyone!

Greetings everyone and welcome back to school! This year we have many new activities planned. Our school has hired some new teachers. More details about them will be mentioned in this issue, as well as other events from Term 1. Also, some new clubs

will be coming to our campus. The new clubs include fencing, ballroom dancing, and Jr. Robotics. Also, if you haven't figured out already from this semester's agenda, this year Brookfield has turned 50 years old. Happy Birthday! Of course, if you have any suggestions, you can always come to the computer lab

from 3:00- 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday or you can also contact us at brookfieldtech9@gmail.com.
-Tammy Lee-
Editor



Brookfield Hosts Public Speaking Competition



On October 18, 2012, Brookfield hosted *The Capital Region Debate League Public Speaking Tournament* for the first time. The competition was

organized by Dr. Tracy. Although the Brookfield Debate team did not participate in the event, they helped plan and organize it. The BPA presented a refreshment bar and the students helped sell snacks. There were five different competitions, including oratorical, poetic, impromptu, dramatic and persuasive. A former student- Jennifer Roberts -won the oratorical competition. Congrats!

Dates to remember.

- ✓ 11/4: Daylight savings ends
- ✓ 11/12: Veteran's Day
- ✓ 11/14: Family Potluck/ French Market
- ✓ 11/20: Thanksgiving Feasts/ Turkey parade
- ✓ 11/21-11/23: Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL
- ✓ 12/4: Geography Bee Preliminaries
- ✓ 12/6: Spelling Bee
- ✓ 12/17: Winter Music Program
- ✓ 12/21: Wild and Crazy Dress Day
- ✓ 12/24-1/4: Winter Break: NO SCHOOL

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The Best Spaghetti Feed

by Olivia Ang-Olson



On Thursday, September 28, 2012, the greatest Spaghetti Feed took place in Brookfield School's social hall. First, everyone paid or checked in around 5:30 P.M., and then the fun began. The food was served buffet-style. There was penne pasta, with a choice of marinara or fettuccini sauce; fat, juicy meatballs; yummy bread to go with the pasta; and leafy salad topped with crisp apples, lettuce, candied walnuts, gorgonzola cheese, and raspberry vinaigrette. My friend helped serve.

After everyone went through the buffet, they were seated. Close family and friends sat together, but it was mostly just one family per table. At the end of the dinner, tiramisu and ice cream were served, which was a big hit for the kids. Finally, at the end of the gathering, the children watched the movie, Mega Mind.

When everyone was cleaning up, the last of the children went up on the stage and danced to their favorite

songs. Everybody had the time of their lives!



Elephants: Destined to Extinction Can We Stop It?

By Lauren Kim



How would you feel in a world without elephants? Well, you may be about to find out. Elephants are in critical danger of becoming extinct. The population is declining very rapidly- about 600,000 a year since 2006. Elephants are illegally hunted or poached for their ivory. Ivory is used for many products, such as jewelry, sculptures and tools. Ivory is mostly wanted in Asian countries. These countries' economies are booming so people worldwide can afford ivory products, although the prices are up to \$1000 per lb. The ban on ivory poach-

ing was enforced in 1989, but many countries have largely ignored this ban. "Without these countries, this [trade] would all but dry up," says Robert Hormats, a senior U.S state department member. Countries are offering great amounts of money to African poachers for ivory. In some cases, that money can be tempting. In Uganda, there is a war between the Ugandan government and a group of rebels called the Lord's Resistance Army. The armies could use the money to arm their forces. Ivory poaching has been going on for centuries. Before synthetic materials were invented, ivory was the most commonly used item. This poaching must stop. Elephants are being hunted down to extinction. Ele-

phants will either face extinction or survive. Ivory poaching is at critical levels. If poachers continue at this pace, elephants will face extinction in 8 years. Help save the elephants today!



Contact the Center for Biological Diversity for more information:

<http://salsa.democracyinaction.org>

On a Roll

By Tammy Lee

Have you noticed that there are no rolling chairs in our computer lab? Our after-care staff is planning something. Well the chairs have been moved. They are now in the multi-purpose room. Mrs. Patel and Ms. Hernandez have rearranged the furniture in the multipurpose room, into a U- shape. They will sit in chairs in the middle and will be rolling around the room—helping the kids. This way it would be more convenient for them to as-

sist each student with their homework and Mrs. Patel and Ms. Hernandez will not have to walk from desk to desk to help each student. What a great solution to a trying problem!



Help is on the way!

WELCOME!

We would like to welcome the new teachers to Brookfield. Welcome to Maren Conrad, Art Education, Megan Cooper, Music Instruction and Lisa Cullen, Second grade teacher. They are a great addition to the School. We have already heard amazing things about each one of them. Each instructor has exciting things planned for the school year. We hope that they have a fun and successful year!

-The Buzz Staff

Pumpkin Decorating

by Tammy Lee

On October 18, all of the women mentors and 5th-8th grade students gathered together to decorate some mini pumpkins. All of the ladies and gals had a great time! During lunch, Mrs. Brandt's, Mrs. Dawkins', Mrs. Stier's, Dr. Tracy's and Mrs. Farrell's groups gathered in Mrs. Farrell's classroom and were given special accessories. Some teachers brought sparkly glitter, colorful foam cut outs, bright duct tape, and other special decorations. All the girls used these decorations to customize their perfect pumpkin. At the end, all of the pumpkins looked magnificent! Everyone put her best effort into decorating them, especially with a limited amount of time. Seems like that hard work paid off!



The All School Halloween Party



surprised everyone and the treats flowed! There were music and dancing in the multipurpose room and games throughout the common school area. The games included a




Pretty princesses twirling on the dance floor, super heroes scampering to and fro and Star Wars fighters dashing around - this was the scene of the Brookfield School Halloween Party! Once again, and as expected, the occasion was a fun filled event. From 1 pm to 3 pm, last Friday, the tricks



cake walk, bingo, pumpkin decorating and a candy corn guessing contest. The music was enjoyed by everyone, especially the pre first to third grade girls. The pre first students also shared a delicious potluck lunch, supplied by the parents. Yum!

Buttermilk Muffins

by Emily Sperring



Amounts:	Ingredients:
2 ½ cups	flour
1 cup	sugar
1 cup	buttermilk
¼ pound	butter
2 ½ teaspoons powder	baking
¼ teaspoon	salt
2 eggs, beaten	
Oven Temperature: 400° F	

Sift dry ingredients together into a large bowl. Make a well, add buttermilk, eggs, and butter which has been browned slightly. Mix well. Fill well-greased muffin tins half full and bake for a while.

Serve them for breakfast.



What About You?

By Clara McNatt and Athena Lin

Colors!

Where is your favorite place to go shopping?

I asked this question because I wanted to know where other kids go shopping.

I found that the most popular store is Nordstrom and the least popular store was tied between Gymboree, thrift stores, J. Crew, and Sears.

I prefer Abercrombie over the rest of the choices because I prefer their style from the others.

-Clara McNatt

Nordstrom	5	20%
Macy's	4	16%
Abercrombie	4	16%
Gap	3	12%
Target	3	12%
Mini Boden	2	8%
Gymboree	1	4%
thrift stores	1	4%
J. Crew	1	4%
Sears	1	4%

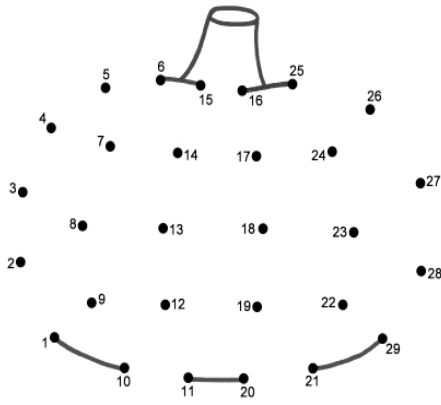
Neon Green		6.25%
Silver		16.77%
Neon Orange		50%
Blue		6.25%
Neon Yellow		10%
Purple		6.25%
Pink		5%
White		50%
Black		50%
Red		12.5%

What is your favorite color?

I surveyed 50 people on what color they like. The least color people like is white, neon orange and black; my favorite color is neon green. Most people's favorite was pink. I tried to find older kids to survey since I found they would be easier to survey. Also, bigger kids are more accurate with their answers. This was a very fun project after the surveying was done.

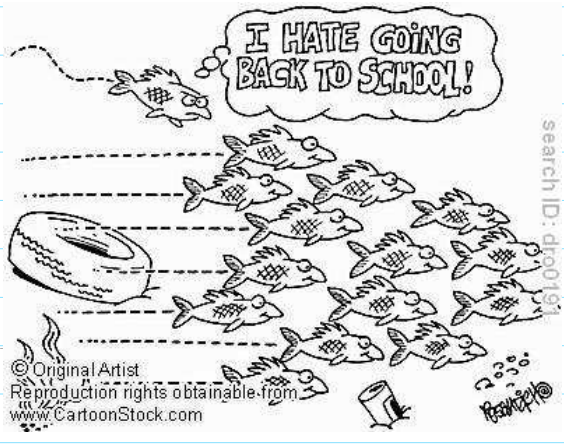
-Athena Lin

Shopping!



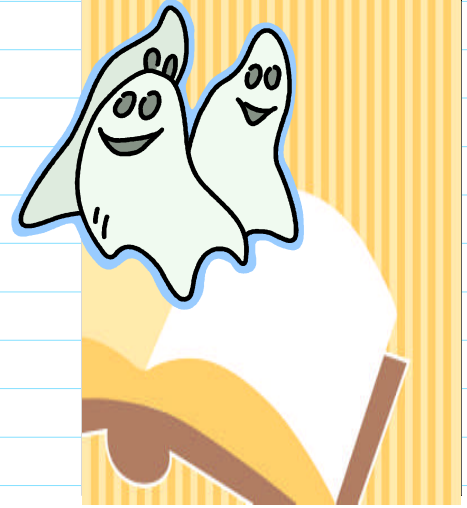
It's a mystery! The picture on the left is incomplete. It is your job to figure out the picture. The only way to do this is to connect the dots. Using your counting skills, connect the dots in numerical order to see the picture.

(Hint: Think about a fall holiday)



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Last Laugh!



Feel free to color in this picture. You can do it however you want.

QUOTE

When the world says "Give up", hope whispers "Try it one more time." - Unknown