

Principal's Newsletter

April 2012 Edition



Brookfield School celebrated Earth Day with a lovely afternoon at Land Park. Students and faculty enjoyed lunch and field games surrounded by the park's natural beauty. It was a glorious Spring day to revel in nature, bask in the sun, and be mindful of our responsibility to take care of our beautiful planet.



What is a Principal's Commendation?

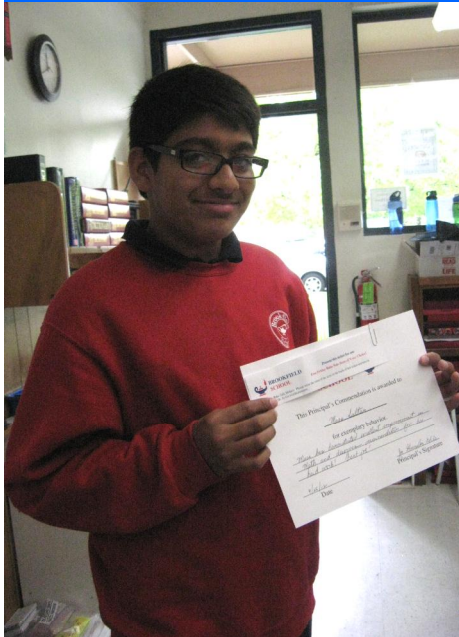
We believe in positive discipline at Brookfield. Our students are expected to be well prepared, respectful, kind, and helpful, and we reinforce these positive behaviors with praise and recognition.

This month, three young gentlemen stood out for academic perseverance and exemplary behavior. It is my pleasure to recognize them this newsletter!

It delights me to see the reaction of visitors who come on campus. They are always pleasantly surprised to watch our students stand up and greet visitors who enter the classroom, stay on task and well-behaved in their classes, and treat their peers and property with respect. It is my sincere hope that our students will take the Brookfield Way with them when they leave our school.

- Dr. Jo

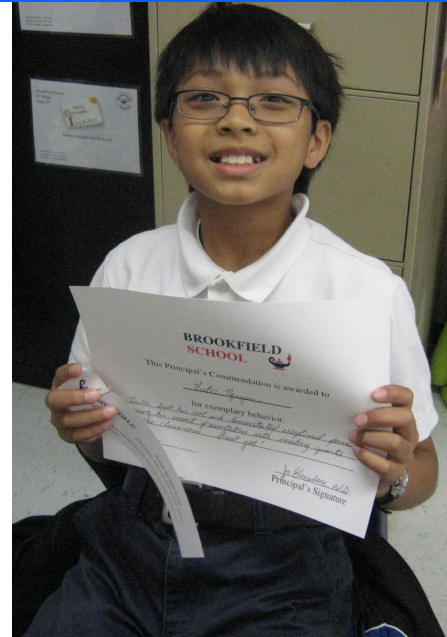
PRINCIPAL'S COMMENDATIONS!



(Top)
8th grader, **Jack Holzhauser**, never fails to greet his teachers before class. Thanks!

(left)
8th grade student, **Musa Sultan** earned recognition for great improvement and hard work in Math. Good for you, Musa!

(right)
4th grade student, **Victor Nguyen**, earned his award for keeping his cool and giving a poised presentation in class with visitors in the room. You were great, Victor!



Christian Brothers High School Students and Brookfield Alumni, **Jonathan Limhengo** and **Sergiy Vasylyev**, made us proud by earning CVC Scholar-Athlete Awards as members of the Men's Tennis Team. In order to qualify, the student must earn a cumulative 3.5 or above grade point average as well as a current g.p.a of 3.5. The cumulative g.p.a. is based on grades 9 and up. Great job, guys!

Alumni Corner

Calling all alumni! Please visit our school website and register in our alumni database. We are planning an All Alumni Reception for Brookfield's 50th Anniversary this Fall and want to keep you informed as plans progress. Hope to see you there!

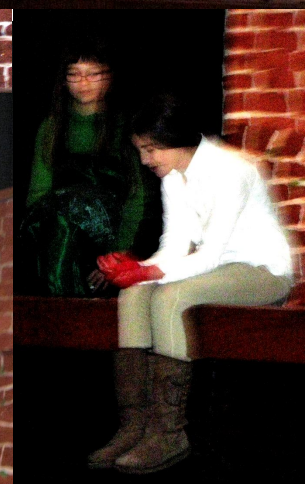


Shakespeare Day!

The Middle School Students Present: Macbeth



From the 5th grade performance of the famous prologue to the final tragic scenes of "The Scottish Play," the audience of 3-4th grade students, parents, and teachers were captivated by our best Shakespeare Day performance yet! Congratulations to our middle school students and to our English teacher, Dr. Tracy, for a great production! The play was cleverly presented as each class assumed the primary roles for different acts, giving all students an opportunity to perform. Students had their lines memorized perfectly and demonstrated a sophisticated understanding of their character's thoughts, words, and actions. We look forward to next Spring, when the 6-8th grade classes will read and perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.





Primary Classes Celebrate Shakespeare Day, too!

Shakespeare Day included an abridged version of the tragedy, Macbeth, which we deemed a bit too scary for our youngest students to see. To give them an opportunity to participate, students in grades P1-2 had the option to come to school dressed in Elizabethan costumes and enjoyed learning about Shakespeare's life and times in their classrooms. Our middle school students created "sanitized" children's versions of the play for our young scholars to read in class. Students were also treated to a surprise visit from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. It was a great day of fun and learning. Pictured are Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth (Dr. Jo), a wayward witch (Dr. Tracy, our English teacher), and several princesses, lords, ladies, peasants, a palace guard, and an admiral in Her Majesty's Navy!

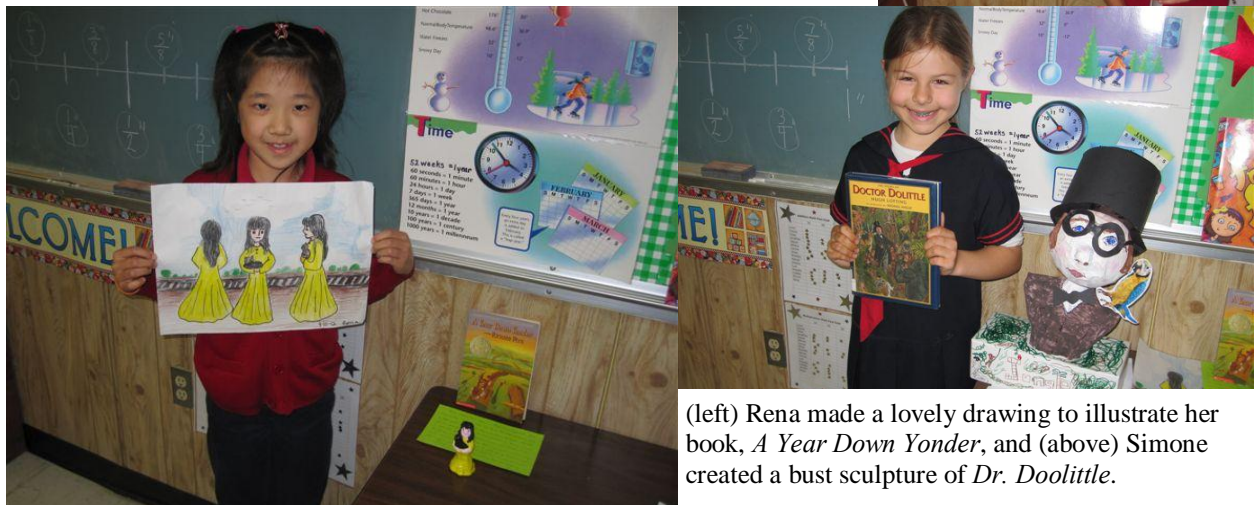


Mrs. Brinsky's Third Grade Class enjoyed creating unique projects to present to their class as part of their April Book Report. The creations included original sculptures, posters, dioramas, and other artistic creations. The students gave a speech about their book to accompany their project. Some of the students/projects are pictured below with the title of the related book. Great job, kids!

Third Grade Book Report Projects



(above) J.T. made a sculpture of the canine main character in his book, *Shiloh*, and (right) Collette made a hanging mobile to illustrate *The 21 Balloons*.



(left) Rena made a lovely drawing to illustrate her book, *A Year Down Yonder*, and (above) Simone created a bust sculpture of *Dr. Doolittle*.

(right) Johnathon read, *A Single Shard*, and made a lovely sculpture, while Athena created a newspaper illustrated information about her book, *Call it Courage*. Other books read by our 3rd Graders in April:
Smokey the Cowhorse
Rabbit Hill
Despereaux
Souder
Missing May
Thimble Summer
Summer of the Swans



Third Grade Welcomes Some Very Special Visitors

Madame Stiehr's niece, Serena, enjoyed masquerading as a Brookfield student during her stay in Sacramento. She attended class with Mrs. Brinsky's students, and visited other classes. We wish we could keep her!

Madame's husband, Mr. Patrick Stiehr took his turn in Mrs. Brinsky's class when he visited to present a lesson about bee keeping.



Bees at Mrs. B's

Mr. Stiehr visited Mrs. Brinsky's 3rd grade class to share his bee-keeping apparatus. The students enjoyed examining the honeycombs and his beekeeper's suit.



4th Grade Fun! Entrepreneurial Fair and Exotic Bugs!

Ms. Renaudo's students got down to business in the Multi-purpose Room. Students teamed up to create their own enterprises. They were responsible for developing a business plan, advertising, and launching their businesses in a competitive environment with other entrepreneurs. Brookfield students and teachers served as potential customers. Each customer was given an amount of fake currency to spend on the items and services available for sale. It was a great lesson on economics, creative marketing, and consumerism. It was fun, too!



What's Bugging the 4th Graders?

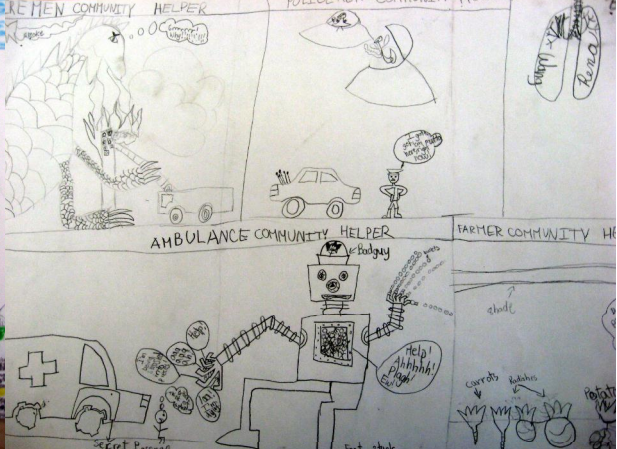
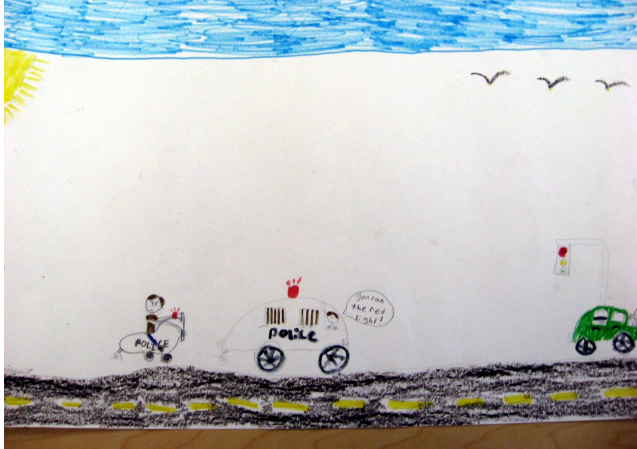
The 4th Grade class is infested with all kinds of creepy, crawly, helpful, and pesky insects! Each student selected a different insect to research in the computer lab and gave a presentation to the class about it. To illustrate each insect's physical features, students had fun creating larger-than-life models of their bugs.





Learning Through

A R T



Our Art Teacher, Mr. Victor, at the BPA Art Show and Ice Cream Social. Charlotte proudly points to her drawing on display.



The arts are an important part of a well-rounded education. Brookfield students enjoy expressing themselves creatively through art projects in their academic day as well as through the before school Art classes sponsored by the Brookfield Parent Association. Our students are so fortunate to have Mr. Salvatore Victor, a local artist and art instructor, introduce them to various art media, genres, and art history. Each spring, the BPA sponsors an exhibition of student art from these morning classes for everyone to enjoy. The other drawings on this page are from a Health class lesson on community helpers. Doctors, firefighters, police officers, veterinarians, and emergency rescue workers are represented.