

# The Brook Hill School

## eView School News

October 1, 2010

**Due to technology issues the newsletter this week will be slightly modified in presentation.**

**To see the school's calendar - [click here!](#)**

### **MOMS IN TOUCH - Every Thursday**

Every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. join Moms in Touch for a time of prayer for our school, students, parents, and teachers. Moms meet in the Log Cabin on the main campus.

### **LADIES LUNCH - Tuesday, October 5**

The Brook Hill moms will meet at Olive Garden (not Potpourri House as originally planned) for lunch at 11:30.

### **TWELFTH ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE PRODUCTION – October 21, 22 & 23**

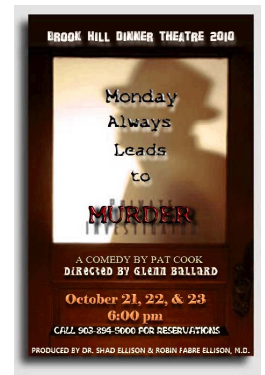
The annual fall dinner theatre production is just around the corner and excitement is building as the play and the dinner plans start coming together.

This year's play is titled "*Monday Always Leads to Murder*" by Pat Cook and is a comedy murder mystery featuring the antics of Private Eye Harry Monday, a guy who thinks he is Dick Tracy but in fact is more a mixture of Mike Hammer and Maxwell Smart from the late 1960s "Get Smart" television series.

The play is very funny and has a very strong veteran cast. The first-class meal and table decorations will once again be an amazing presentation even before the curtain goes up.

Reservations will be accepted beginning Friday, October 1. The Dinner Theatre is the single largest fine arts fund raising event of the year and all proceeds from the dinner theatre support the various fine arts programs of the Brook Hill School including Choir, Orchestra and Visual Arts. Premium front row tables are available for sponsorship, and all other seats are tiered and priced accordingly; seats at second row tables will be sold for \$40.00 per person, third tier seats sell for \$32.00 per person, and all other seats are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students. You can barely eat out and see a movie for \$20.00, and this year's dinner theatre show promises to be a night of entertainment you won't forget. Tell your friends and make your plans now to join us for the Twelfth Annual Brook Hill Dinner Theatre, October 21, 22 and 23.

Call the school to make your reservation or Glenn Ballard for more information. (903) 312-0371



### **EAST TEXAS STATE FAIR**

DaeYoung Kim entered three pieces (a chalk pastel, a pen-and-ink drawing and a photorealistic acrylic series of paintings) and Alexis Larrinaga entered two (an ink-and-watercolor drawing, and a graphite drawing), DaeYoung and Alexis won first place with all of their pieces in the Youth Art division of the Creative Arts exhibits at the fair.

### **TMEA HIGH SCHOOL ALL REGION CHOIR AUDITIONS**

Five upper school choir students went to the TMEA High School All-Region Choir auditions this past Saturday at Whitehouse High School. Over 400 9th-12th grade students from over 20 public and private high schools in East Texas, 1A thru 5A, competed for 16 places in each section. The students learned collegiate level music for the contest and had to perform solo before a panel of 5 judges as well as sight-read a line of music. They get only one chance to read it.

Alyssa Eden earned a 6th chair spot and will continue on to the Pre-Area competition in November. Also competing, but just missing a spot in their sections, were Timber Garner, Amber Wright, Jazmen Jones, and Daisy Chang.

### **VARSITY ORCHESTRA**

The orchestra serenaded the seniors on Thursday, September 23, for their first community performance of the year. Senior Citizen Day at the East Texas State Fair featured very special music from the Orchestra, including a section of patriotic music. The ensemble performed an "Armed Forces Tribute" in honor of the veterans present, and everyone sang along to "God Bless America". Be sure to look for this stellar group in upcoming events around East Texas.



## SCHOOL ALLERGY PROTOCOLS

Since we have several students with a variety of food allergies and asthma increasing the presence of Epi-Pens, we want to do due diligence to keep these students safe from these allergens which for some can be life threatening. We have developed with the help of a local doctor who specializes in treating these allergies a set of protocols. Please read them carefully and help us keep our school a safe place for all students to learn. Thank you for your cooperation. *(more details on this can be found at the end of this newsletter.)*

## LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

### DRESS FOR THE WEEK - of October 4

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – regular dress uniform; and Friday –Friday casual dress.

### FALL MUSICAL - Thursday, October 7

Kindergarten and 1st Grade will be presenting a Fall Musical on Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00.

### 2ND GRADE POETRY CAFÉ – Friday, October 8

2nd grade will serve parents from a menu of delicious poems in the Gathering Room from 10:30 to 11:30.

### PEP RALLY AND EARLY RELEASE - Friday, October 8

The Lower School will be releasing at 1:40 pm on Friday, October 8th for an all school Pep Rally. It will be held in the Herrington Sportscenter (US gym) starting at 2:10 pm. All Lower School families are invited. Pick up your child at 1:40 pm and head over to the Herrington Sportscenter for the Pep Rally. Get loud and crazy with us as we cheer on our football teams to victory against Lutheran on Friday at 7:30pm.

### BOOK WEEK- October 25- 29

During the last week of October we will have our annual “I’ve Just Read a Great Book Week.” We will not be having the red wagon float parade. As a staff, we have decided to focus the students’ attention on the book they are reading as a class, and try some fun class activities that focus on the theme or subject of the book or its characters. Each classroom teacher will determine what those activities are and may include some mask making, simple costumes, classroom displays, etc. More details will be coming from your classroom teacher as they unfold. If you are willing to help, please contact your child’s teacher.

### HANDICAP PARKING

Because we have a student who needs to use the handicap parking please do not park in those spots unless you have the appropriate tags. Parking there makes it difficult for our students and parents who need to use that close in parking to get into the building. Thank You

### PRE K & KINDERGARTEN

The students in Pre-K and Kindergarten at The Brook Hill Lower School have been exploring how our Community Helpers help them and their families.



## MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

### TALK TIME WITH THE PRINCIPAL - Tuesday, October 5

7th & 8th grade parents meet at 2:30pm in the Student Center in Founder’s Hall to meet with Principal Shawn Rhoads.

### PSAT -Wednesday, October 13

The PSAT test will be administered to all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students. Students must arrive no later than 8:15 a.m., even though this is Wednesday. Students do not have to wear chapel dress—only regular school uniforms. Make sure that a good breakfast is eaten that morning and that plenty of sleep is received the night before the test.

## ITALY TRIP IS NOT A SPARC WEEK EVENT - March 3 - March 11, 2011

We already have twenty-one travellers signed up for the 2011 Italy Spring break trip, but if you are interested please join us. We will tour Florence, Venice, Pisa, Assisi & Rome. It is an unbelievable itinerary!

If you are a middle or upper school student you are welcome to attend. We also welcome faculty, staff & alumni. If you have any questions or need help reserving your spot, please contact Rachel Estes at 903-894-5000 ext.1208.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

The Brook Hill School requires each student to complete a prescribed number of community service hours each year. Community service is defined as any work or action that fulfills a need in the community. Students must not receive payment or compensation for the service. In addition, service completed for members of the student's family will not be counted as community service.

Community service must be completed during the present school year or previous summer. To have hours counted toward the requirement, a student must submit a Community Service Report. These forms are located outside the Academic Office and Founder's Hall Office. Forms may also be printed from the website. Students in attendance on school-wide service days will receive automatic credit for completed service. Students are not required to fill out a service report for this activity. Students cannot carry over extra hours to future years. Service hours can be checked at any time via Ren-Web.

Students who do not complete their community service requirements will have such noted on their transcript.

## Community Service Requirements by Grade Level

MS Grade	Hours Required	US Grade	Hours Required
6	10	9	25
7	15	10	30
8	20	11	35
		12	40

## THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:00 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Football vs Troup W 36-6  
5:00 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball vs TK Gorman L  
6:30 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Football vs Troup L 14-16  
6:00 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball vs TK Gorman L  
6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Dallas Lutheran L 0-3

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 – Varsity Football vs Troup W 27-14

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

4:00 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Football vs Ore City – Away  
5:00 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Football vs Ore City – Away  
5:00 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball vs Grace – Home  
6:00 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball vs Grace – Home  
6:30 – JV Football vs Ore City – Away

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

12:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Shelton – Home

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:00 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball vs TK Gorman – Away  
6:00 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball vs TK Gorman – Away

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs McKinney – Away

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:00 – JV Football vs White Oak – Home  
5:00 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball vs All Saints – Home  
6:00 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball vs All Saints – Home  
6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Canyon Creek – Away

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:30 – Varsity Football vs Lutheran – Home

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Dallas Lutheran – Home  
Senior Night

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

4:00 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Football vs All Saints – Away  
5:00 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Football vs All Saints – Away  
5:00 – JV Football vs Tatum – Home

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Rusk – Home  
7:30 – Varsity Football vs All Saints - Away

# 2010 HOMECOMING T-SHIRT PRE-ORDER FORM

This year the t-shirt will be an orange shirt with navy/white print. They will come in short sleeve and long sleeve. This will include varsity roster and coaches on back. They will say Brook Hill Homecoming with a large 10 in middle and shadow of a football over the 10. This is a retro style design on t-shirt.

YS \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_

YM \_\_\_\_\_ AL \_\_\_\_\_

YL \_\_\_\_\_ AXL \_\_\_\_\_

AS \_\_\_\_\_ AXXL \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT SLEEVE \_\_\_\_\_ (\$12.00 each)

LONG SLEEVE \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 each)

HOMEROOM TEACHER (elem. only) \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

The orders must be pre-paid and are due Oct. 13th 2010.  
Please turn into school office on or before this date with payment attached.

## **LIFE THREATENING FOOD/INSECT ALLERGIES**

The following guidelines are set forth by the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology. These recommendations are for handling food/Insect reactions in the school setting.

Any student who has been diagnosed with life-threatening food/insect allergy which requires a prescription for an Epi-Pen or similar device must abide by the following directives. These steps have been implemented to ensure the health, safety, and well being of the student while they are entrusted in our care.

### **PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Parent/guardian is responsible for providing a specific care plan (Food/Insect Allergy Action Plan) to the School Nurse before the beginning of each school year. A physician signature is required. The original will be kept with the student's health file. For LS students, the teacher will receive a copy. In the MS & US, the Advisor will receive a copy.
- Parent/guardian is to provide an Epi-Pen to the school nurse. The Epi-Pen must be in the original box, labeled by the pharmacist. The clear case must be labeled with a black sharpie. For LS students, the Epi-Pen in the clear, labeled case will be kept in the classroom. The device is taken to all special classes, lunch, recess, and field trips by the teacher or teaching assistant and transferred to the adult authority. If the student attends Cadet Club, or an after school program, an additional Epi-Pen (following the above guidelines), must be given to the director of that activity – Cadet Club or the after school activity. If a student attends both Cadet Club and an after school activity, only 1 additional Epi-Pen is necessary. It is to follow the student from Cadet Club, to the activity and back to Cadet Club where it will remain throughout the school year unless otherwise specified by the parent/guardian. The parent will be responsible to make sure the Epi-Pen is not past its expiration date. Two Epi-Pens are recommended to be available in each site for anaphylactic children to peanuts since 20% of childhood peanut reactions require a 2nd dose of epinephrine.
- MS & US students must carry their Epi-Pen with them at all times. It may be carried on their person in a purse or in a pocket, or it may be carried in a backpack. The clear case must be labeled with a black sharpie for easy identification in the event it is misplaced. It is the responsibility of the parent and student to label the Epi-Pen. For obvious safety reasons, it is imperative the location where the Epi-Pen will be kept during school hours is clearly written on the Permission for Emergency Treatment Form. In addition, any student requiring an Epi-Pen will carry their Epi-Pen with them to lunch, PE, and any after school activity. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the coach/teacher/adult in charge of the after school activity of the location of the Epi-Pen.

### **THE BROOK HILL SCHOOL FACULTY/STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

- All faculty are annually serviced on the signs and symptoms of anaphylactic reaction and the proper administration of an Epi-Pen
- LS teachers or teaching assistants are responsible for maintaining/transporting the Epi-Pen.
- LS Only: A Peanut-free table is designated and reserved in the Dining Hall for all lunch periods. These surfaces (table and chairs) are wiped down by the janitorial porters daily.
- All children (LS-US) should wash hands well after eating to remove potential peanut protein from their hands.
- If food is served in the classroom and at grade level events common areas like the Gathering Place or Dining Hall, teachers are responsible for the following:
  - Working with the parent of the student with food allergies to provide safe and appropriate alternate food items.
  - Communicate with and encourage parents of all students in the classroom to bring food items that are not clearly laden (as noted on their labels) with the allergenic foods.
  - Attempting to have a classroom free of peanut allergens at all times. A peanut free eating area in the classroom is an alternative in unavoidable situations.
  - Wipe down all serving and eating areas (desks, tables, and chairs) after the eating event.
  - Provide antiseptic wipes/hand cleaner or trips to the restroom for cleaning of hands before and after food service.
- Antiseptic wipes/hand cleaner are located in the Dining Hall so that teaching assistants may aid students in cleaning their hands before and after they eat. There are bathrooms with sinks and soap available close to the Dining Hall.
- If an allergic reaction is suspected, the nurse will be summoned to the location of the student.
- If an Epi –Pen is administered, 911 is called immediately and the parent is notified.

# ASTHMA

The following guidelines are set forth by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America and the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program. These recommendations are for handling asthma attacks in the school setting. Any student who has been diagnosed with life-threatening asthma which requires a prescription for an inhaler and/or a nebulizer must abide by the following directives. These steps have been implemented to ensure the health, safety, and well being of the student while they are entrusted in our care.

## **PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Parent/guardian is responsible for providing a specific care plan (Asthma Allergy Action Plan) to the School Nurse before the beginning of each school year. A physician signature is required. The original will be kept with the student's health file. For LS students, the teacher will receive a copy. In the MS & US, the Advisor will receive a copy.
- Parent/guardian is to provide an inhaler and/or a nebulizer to the school nurse. The inhaler/nebulizer must be in the original box, labeled by the pharmacist. The inhaler must be labeled with a black sharpie. For LS students, the inhaler will be kept in the classroom or office depending on the severity of need. Inhalers are taken to all specials, lunch, recess, and field trips if instructed by parent. If the student attends Cadet Club, or an after school program, an additional inhaler (following the above guidelines), must be given to the director of that activity – Cadet Club or the after school activity. If a student attends both Cadet Club and an after school activity, only 1 additional inhaler is necessary. It is to follow the student from Cadet Club, to the activity and back to Cadet Club where it will remain throughout the school year unless otherwise specified by the parent/guardian.
- MS & US students must carry their inhaler with them at all times. It may be carried on their person in a purse or in a pocket, or it may be carried in a backpack. The inhaler must be labeled with a black sharpie for easy identification in the event it is misplaced. It is the responsibility of the parent and student to label the inhaler and/or the nebulizer. For obvious safety reasons, it is imperative the location where the inhaler will be kept during school hours is clearly written on the Permission for Emergency Treatment Form. In addition, any student requiring an inhaler will carry their inhaler with them to lunch, PE, and any after school activity. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the coach/teacher/adult in charge of the after school activity of the location of the inhaler.

## **THE BROOK HILL SCHOOL FACULTY/STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

- All faculty members are annually serviced on the signs and symptoms of asthma and acute asthma attack and proper administration of an inhaler.
- LS teachers and teaching assistants are responsible for maintaining/transporting the inhaler and medication, checking the expiration date.
- If the condition necessitates the use of a nebulizer, the parent will bring the labeled nebulizer to the clinic. After administration of the medication, the mask will be rinsed with warm water and left to dry before returning to case.
- If the nebulizer is to be returned home after school each day, it is the responsibility of the parent to return it to the clinic each day.
- Staff shall notify parent/guardian if the medication needs refilling.