



September 19, 2009

DID YOU KNOW?

There was a lot of excitement at The Brook Hill Lower School on Thursday, September 17 when an ETMC ambulance pulled up. Last week the Pre-Kindergarten students had been studying about healthy habits and the week ended with a fun hands-on experience. The students were able to tour the ambulance and ask the EMT (Craig Halbrooks - BH Alumnus 2005) lots of questions. Mrs. Haugh, Mr. Picarella and Mrs. Gunnels' classes all worked together to collect stuffed animals for the EMTs to distribute to injured and scared children that they encounter.

This event was organized and sponsored by Mary White (BH Kindergarten Mom).

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ALL SCHOOL

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TO VIEW THE
ALL SCHOOL WEB CALENDAR

★SAVE★THE★DATE★

The Grand Opening and Dedication
of the
Kyle Lake Athletic Center
November 6, 2009
5:00 pm

FOUNDER'S DAY - October 12

Founder's Day on October 12, 6:00pm in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ornelas. The Ornelas' have been long time supporters of The Brook Hill School. Please make every effort to be a part of this special celebration for them. It promises to be a great evening.

GETTING ACQUAINTED - October 2

Middle and Upper School parents are invited to a get acquainted "coffee" at the home of Heather Fletcher at 9:00am. Her address is: 10012 CR 1230, Flint. For questions and directions please call Laurie Humphries at 903-894-5000 ext 1005.

SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS! - October 9

On Friday, October 9, Supporters of Fine Arts (SOFA) is going to the Music Hall at Fair Park for the Dallas Summer Musicals production of *Mary Poppins*. A limited number of seats are available on a first come – first served basis. Tickets are \$45.00 each. We leave Brook Hill at 4:00 p.m. and travel to Dallas in a caravan. Dinner at Joe's Crab Shack on Loop 635, then we will park our vehicles at a satellite DART parking lot and ride the DART train to Fair Park.

The show has an 8:00 p.m. curtain and we will return to Tyler by about 1:30 a.m. Families are welcome and encouraged to join us. Please contact Mr. Ballard by phone or email gballard@brookhill.org to reserve your spot. Deadline is Wednesday, September 16.

13th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - October 26

The tournament will be held at the beautiful and challenging Eagles Bluff Country Club. The Classic will feature a 4-person scramble with a 1:00 PM “shotgun start.” Opportunities to play as well as participate in sponsorships for the Classic are now available. **CLICK HERE** for a Golf Classic brochures or pick a brochure at The Brook Hill School. All proceeds go to The Brook Hill School Athletic Program.

SAVE THIS DATE and invite friends, business associates, and friends who like to play golf or just enjoy fellowship and a good time. Mark October 26th on your calendar, as a fun day to play and help Brook Hill Athletics. For more information about play or sponsorships contact Wally Dawkins, Director of Athletics at 903-530-4295 or wdawkins@brookhill.org.

2009 ANNUAL DINNER THEATRE - October 29, 30, 31

The play selected is “Arsenic and Old Lace,” a classic script that was made into a movie in 1944, directed by Frank Capra. The movie starred Cary Grant and Raymond Massey. The story revolves around two old spinster sisters (Abby and Martha Brewster) who have turned the family home into a boarding house for elderly gentlemen. Their favorite “charity” is to help lonely old men to their ultimate peaceful end by poisoning them with homemade elderberry wine. Their nephew Teddy Brewster, who thinks he is President Theodore Roosevelt, is digging the Panama Canal in their basement and he buries the old men there thinking they are victims of the yellow fever epidemic. Another nephew, Mortimer Brewster, is a drama critic for the local paper and when he discovers the aunt’s pastime, he does everything he can to protect them from the law. Meanwhile, a third nephew who is also a psychopath, Jonathan Brewster (who looks very much like Boris Karloff), shows up trying to hide from the authorities who are hot on his trail.

Details about reservations will be forthcoming. If you are interested in sponsoring the show, please contact Mr. Glenn Ballard at gballard@brookhill.org.

8TH GRADE SPRING TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC - March 8-11, 2010

Is it too early to be thinking of spring? No, especially when we are talking about spring vacation! Join us for this fun and educational trip to Washington DC.

- Dates: March 8 – 11, 2010
- Cost: \$1195.00
- Everything can be done online...check it out <http://www.joshuaexpeditions.org/forms.htm>
- When asked “What expedition are you interested in?” select - 11205 Group Leader Tammy Rose.

You can sign your child up online, pay online, and find a lot of good information! Group Leader, Tammy Rose, will then have access to all the people who sign up and will be keeping track of things online as well. If you need additional information contact Mrs. Rose at trose@brookhill.org.

SPRING BREAK IN SPAIN - March 2010

Brook Hill’s 2010 Spectacular Spain Spring Break Pizza Party and Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 5:00 p.m. If you want to go on the trip or just want more information, you are invited to the party and informational meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but are still interested in the trip, send an email to kaycock@brookhill.org for more information and how you can get signed up!

LOWER SCHOOL

DRESS FOR THE WEEK - of September 21

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

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURES – Wednesday, September 30

Life Touch will be on the LS campus to take school pictures for all grade levels. There will be no Chapel on this Wednesday. We will begin with Pre-K and work our way up to 5th grade. If any moms would like to help with the picture process, we need several to help gather the students from their classrooms, straighten and tuck in clothes, comb and place hair, etc... If you would like to help, please let Mrs. Stephenson know via email at tstephenson@brookhill.org by Monday, September 28th.

CADET SINGERS – Monday, September 21

Cadet Singers will have practice in the music room from 3:15 to 4:15.

LS CHEER PRACTICE - Tuesdays & Thursdays

The Lower School Cheer practices will be held in the Gymnasium on Tuesdays and Thursdays thru the month of September from 3:30 to 4:30. You may sign your little cheerleader out at 4:30 in the rotunda.

BOOK WEEK - October (last week)

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 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 as they unfold. If you are willing to help out, please contact your child's teacher.

THE FLU SEASON

The following are some recommendations from the Center for disease Control (CDC) to help protect from this year's expected flu impact:

- *Practice good hand hygiene* by washing your hands often with soap and water especially after coughing and sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- *Cover your mouth and nose* with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.
- *Stay home if you or your child is sick* for at least 24 hours after there is no longer any fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.
- *Get your family vaccinated* for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.

Follow these steps to prepare for the flu during the 2009-2010 school year:

- *Plan for child care at home* if your child gets sick or their school is dismissed.
- *Plan to monitor the health of the sick child* and any other children in the household by checking for fever and other symptoms of flu.
- *Identify if you have children who are at higher risk* of serious disease from the flu and talk to your health care provider about a plan to protect them during the flu season. Children at high risk of serious disease from the flu include: children under 5 years of age and those children with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma and diabetes.

MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP - September 21 (meeting)

Monday, September 21, 5:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall there will be an information meeting for all MS/US students and their parents interested in going to the Dominican Republic. This mission trip is scheduled for February 6-13. Cost of trip, general itinerary, and other details will be discussed by Shawn Rhoads. Days missed due to this trip will not count against the student for being exempt from exams. \$100 deposit is required to secure one of the 20 spots on this trip. Come learn how Brook Hill will take to the mission field and minister to the Doulas School.

PICTURE DAY – September 30

All students in grades 6th-11th will have their picture made on Wednesday, September 30. Lifetouch will be taking these photos for the yearbook and to purchase. Flyers will be sent home in the Humanities classes next week. Students wishing to purchase a package must bring money on picture day. Chapel dress is required. Seniors will not have pictures made this day.

SENIOR CAP/GOWN PICTURES – before end of September

Seniors are required to have a cap/gown portrait made with Prestige Photography (903) 581-1234. If a Senior has not had their photo taken, they need to schedule this before the end of September. This photo will be used in the yearbook and for the class composite. If you have any questions, contact Kent Travis at mtravis@brookhill.org.

IVY LEAGUE COLLEGE TOUR - November 16-20

The Academic Office is sponsoring a five day tour November 16-20 of Ivy League schools in the Northeast. The trip will include visits to MIT, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and King's College as well as sightseeing in Boston and New York City. The trip includes a Broadway show as well. The cost is \$1900, more information is available from Mr. Nelson (bnelson@brookhill.org) in the Academic Office. Registration ends soon.

UNATTENDED CARS OUTSIDE ORNELAS HALL

Do not leave cars unattended under the covered area outside Ornelas Hall. This is especially important during the 7:30am-8:30am hour. If you need to go inside, please park your car in a parking space. This allows drop-off traffic to continue without congestion.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORDS

Where can I find my student's community service records? With the updated look of RenWeb, parents have been asking where they can find community service records. Log onto your student's RenWeb account. Click on the family information section, then click on the student's name. There will be a tab above the photo to select their community service information. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Hanks jhanks@brookhill.org.

ATHLETICS



VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Guard Volleyball team played an awesome game on Thursday against Garland Christian Academy and beat them 25-13, 25-14, and 25-11. The girls are excited about District. A few stats from the game: MC Selden leading with 17 digs, Alyssa Eden and Amy Jo Teague had an awesome night at the net. Alyssa had 7 kills and Amy Jo Teague had 9. Varsity is now 2-1 in District. Junior Varsity fought hard but came up short. JV is now 1-2 in District.

FOOTBALL - [CLICK HERE](#) to see the latest newsletter

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

7:30 – Varsity Football vs San Augustine W

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:00 – MS Volleyball vs Grace Community L 0-3

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5:00 – JV Volleyball vs Canyon Creek L

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Canyon Creek L 0-3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 – JV Volleyball vs Garland Christian L

5:30 – MS Football vs All Saints W 8-6

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Garland Christian W 3-0

7:00 – JV Football vs All Saints W 34-0

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 – JV Volleyball vs Rusk L

11:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Rusk L 1-3

1:00 – Brook Hill “Sports Day”

6:00 – Varsity Football vs Houston Westbury W 43-26

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:00 – MS Volleyball vs Grace Community – Home

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:00 – MS Volleyball A Team vs ETCA – Home

6:00 – MS Volleyball C Team vs ETCA - Home

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Shelton – Away

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

5:00 – MS Football vs Big Sandy - Home

5:00 – MS Volleyball vs Grace Community – Away

5:00 – JV Volleyball vs Dallas Lutheran – Home

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Dallas Lutheran - Home

6:30 – JV Football vs Big Sandy – Home

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 – Varsity Football vs Big Sandy – Away

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 – JV Volleyball vs All Saints - Away

11:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs All Saints – Away

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:00 – MS Volleyball vs All Saints - Away

5:00 – JV Volleyball vs Canyon Creek – Home

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Canyon Creek – Home

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

4:00 – MS Football vs Grace – Home

4:00 – MS Volleyball vs TK Gorman – Away

5:00 – JV Volleyball vs Lakehill – Away

6:00 – Varsity Volleyball vs Lakehill – Away

6:00 – JV Football vs Red Oak Life School – Home

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30 – Varsity Football vs Argyle Liberty Christian - Home

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THANK YOU!