



# Brookfield Academy NEWS

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## Head Lines

BY DR. ROBERT SOLSRUD, HEAD OF SCHOOL

I truly love the rhythm of a school year, beginning with the warmth and light of late summer. A palette of bright colors envelops the entire campus. Refreshed from the summer, we begin the year with incredible energy, enthusiasm, and excitement. The early months are filled with fall sports, school plays, academic classes, and many seasonal activities. Gradually, fall turns to winter with shorter days, colder temperatures, and the inevitable blanket of snow. During these months, we continue to work hard while enjoying the change of pace of winter school activities, such as holiday concerts and basketball games.

The final days of winter begrudgingly give way to warmer temperatures, more sunlight, and the long awaited Spring Break—a time when we slow down our fast-paced lives to relax for a few weeks. This is a deliberate pause in the school calendar for spending quality time traveling or staying at home with family and friends.

Refreshed and renewed, we will return for the final season of the school year, with an entirely new gallery of events—such as the all-school musical, outdoor spring sports, and graduation—to culminate an exhilarating school year.

Enjoy the break. I'll see you again on March 29!

**Summer Days Now Online:** Course offerings and registration forms are now available online at [brookfieldacademy.org](http://brookfieldacademy.org). **New**

**this year is an option to register online, with payment by Visa or MasterCard.** Print catalogs will be sent home the week after Spring Break.



## FIVE-STAR SALUTES

**Regional Champions!** The boys varsity basketball team earned the Regional Division 3 Championship on Saturday. Come out and cheer for your Blue Knights at the sectional semifinal game on Friday evening. See the *Blue Knights Sports Report* for details.

**LS Connects with Audience:** The LS musical, *Mr. Bell's Magnificent Ringing Machine*, was an amazing success. Thanks to Mrs. Boyer, Mr. Belich, and Mrs. Hockridge and all the parent volunteers for sharing their talents and time to make the production such a wonderful experience for all and a good reminder of the importance of staying “connected.”

## ALL-SCHOOL NEWS

**April 11 Open House:** Please help us get the word out in your neighborhood. Pick up a yard sign in the Admissions Office or call to have one sent home with a student. Yard signs stand up in snowbanks as well as in grass!

**Room for One More?** Please consider hosting an international student next school year. Contact Sharon Koenings for more information; [sharon.koenings@brookfieldacademy.org](mailto:sharon.koenings@brookfieldacademy.org).

**Art Show:** Mark your calendar for the annual exhibit of US student artwork. An opening reception will be held Friday, Apr. 9, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., in the US library. The show will remain in place for the Sunday, Apr. 11, Open House.

**Lost & Found:** Please remind students to bring home sleds, hats, mittens, clothing items, etc., before Spring Break. Items left behind will be donated to charity.

## US NEWS

**AP Registrations Due Mar. 12:** Please return commitment forms and fees before leaving for Spring Break. Contact Mr. Davis with any questions.

**Health Care Seminar Mar. 12:** Parents are invited to attend the US Seminar this Friday, featuring an impressive array of local and national speakers.

**Economic Contest News:** Three students will represent BA in the National Economics Challenge over Spring Break.

## BA Calendar ★ Mar. 10–Apr. 2, 2010

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Spring Break	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/10	3/11	3/12	3/13 - 3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2
LS 4 & 5 Honor Roll Assembly & LS Parent Coffee, 8:15 am Etiquette Lunch & Seminar, 11:30 am	Girls BB Regional, 7 pm (if advancing)	US Seminar, 8:15 am - Noon  Boys Basketball Sectional, West Bend HS, 7 pm	No classes School offices open Monday - Friday, 9 am- 3 pm	Classes resume	MS Spring Sport Parents Meeting, 3:30 pm	US Winter Sports Awards, 7 pm		Good Friday No School/Offices Closed

**Chess Update:** Conference tournament highlights from Mar. 6 include 3.5 points in four rounds for Pranav Kulkarni (LS-5) and Shiva Suri (MS-7), and two points for Jack Eimerman (US-10). In JV action, Saagar Pamulapati (US-9) had three wins. The varsity team finished the regular season with a 5-5 record. Pranav was awarded second team all-conference honors for his 6-3 record on first board.

**Bike Drive:** The Student Council is collecting used bikes to benefit children of the city of Milwaukee. Bikes may be dropped off this Saturday, Mar. 13, 9 a.m.–11 a.m., at the Fields of Freedom concession stand.

**Clarkson Prize Presentations:** Mark your calendar for Apr. 22 at 7 p.m. for the top "Freedom Plus" presentations by seniors competing for the Clarkson Prize.

### MS NEWS

**MATHCOUNTS Results:** The team of Deepti Ajjampore, Aidan McCarty, Liam McCarty, and Justin Zhu finished tenth in the state; Justin placed 11th among 127 individuals competing. Congratulations to all.

**Pi Day** is this Friday, Mar. 12. MS students will once again celebrate all things round with a *pi* recitation contest, math games, and slices of...pie! Calories will be burned off in a student-faculty basketball game.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

p. 68 - **Strong**, 1500 Sunset Dr., Elm Grove 53122; 262-786-4325 (also p. 84, Emma, Level 6, and p. 87, Jack, Level 3).

### Development/Volunteer Events



#### **A Knight At The Derby - the 2010 Dinner Auction Saturday, May 1 at The Pfister Hotel**

Invitations for this big annual fundraiser and fun night out will be mailed Mar. 29. Pull out your best derby hat and get your table of ten together or let volunteers find a table for you. Proceeds from this year's auction will help pay for the changes needed in Constitution, Liberty and Freedom Halls before your LS and MS students switch buildings in September.

#### **Ways you can support the 2010 Dinner Auction**

- **The Five Star Raffle - Win \$5,000, \$1,500 or \$500 cash.** Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100. Purchase six by Mar. 12 and volunteers will put a seventh ticket in the drawing for you - FREE! Winners are drawn at the auction on May 1. Need not be present to win.
- **Level theme baskets** - If you haven't already donated to your child's level basket, please do so before Spring Break. These theme baskets are among the most popular items at the auction! For more information, contact the Development Office at 262-783-3200.
- **The Golden Ticket and Locker Lottery** - Two special raffles just for students! Students currently in Levels 8–11 can enter to win the *Golden Ticket*. One lucky US student will win the Golden Ticket and get to choose ten dress-down days next school year! \$10 per ticket. Students currently in Levels 5–11 can enter *Locker Lottery* for the chance to choose the location of their locker next school year. Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Flyers were distributed in student mailboxes. Get additional tickets at the school offices.
- **Program advertising** - Promote your business to the BA community or send a personal greeting to your student, a teacher, or a coach with an ad in the auction program.
- **Underwriting** - Make an underwriting gift and receive sponsorship recognition at the auction and in the auction program.
- **Sponsor a bleacher seat in Patriots Hall** - Your \$100 sponsorship gets you a personalized name plaque on a seat in the beautiful new Patriots Hall gym.
- **Donations of auction items, advertising, underwriting, and bleacher seat sponsorships can be handled quickly and easily online at [brookfieldacademy.org](http://brookfieldacademy.org).**

#### **Save the date: Sophomore parents social Apr. 3, 6:30 p.m.**

Sophomore parents, get together at Maggiano's restaurant. Invitations with all the details are being mailed. Please RSVP to Marcella Francis.