



## **Brookfield School**

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### **Dear Brookfield Families:**

The new school year is quickly approaching. Our summer has been bright and busy with a school full of happy Summer Campers. Not only are the children having fun with academics, but they are also enjoying field trips, sports games, and water play. As always, Mr. Haufler's Build, Blow Up, and Beyond Science Camp is a BLAST. Mrs. Ferrall and her "Culinary Kids" are filling the air with their daily kitchen masterpieces. Mrs. Conkey's Dance, Dance, Dance class by Miss Sammi is in full swing and Mr. Trevino, Ms. Hayes, and Miss J are keeping our students fit and having a lot of fun. Teachers are enjoying teaching their interests, and the children are enjoying learning them. There are still two weeks left so sign up for each week!

Welcome back to school! We wish to extend a welcome to the new families from both Main Campus and TLC who are joining us this year. To our existing families, we are excited to see you back, and we ask that you assist anyone looking lost or confused on our first day, Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We are looking forward to another full academic year of having fun, learning new material, and making friends.

A "Welcome To School" Parent Reception at main campus will be on the first day of school, hosted by our PTA (Parent Club). Administration will make introductions and answer your questions. Coffee will be served from 8:30 - 9:30 am; please join us at your earliest convenience in the Great Room. There will be enrichment program information and sign-up sheets, along with PTA's used uniform sales. The sign-up sheets will be available in the office after the reception. The Little Campus Parent reception will begin at 10:00 am at TLC.

TLC (The Little Campus) has an Open House on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 pm for all parents. We will have an all-school family BBQ Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our children returning to school. The BBQ will be at Main Campus for both schools from 5:00-7:00 pm. We are excited to have a chance for parents and children to socialize with our new families.

At TLC we welcome Ms. Bongiovanni to our Junior Kindergarten (our 4-year old program, previously called Pre-Kindergarten). Ms. Bongiovanni is a Georgia Certified, TESOL Certified teacher with her BA in Early Childhood Education and we are excited to have her at TLC.

Congratulations to our summer brides, Miss Hinkel and Miss McCarthy! We wish them years of happiness and welcome them back as Mrs. Dusek (Miss Hinkel) and Mrs. Peters (Miss McCarthy). We have hired a new Pre-1<sup>st</sup> teacher, Ms. Power, a distinguished alumna of Brookfield with experience in K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades. She holds an MA in Education from The University of Nevada, Reno and will be joining Mrs. Dusek (Miss Hinkel) in our Pre-1<sup>st</sup> program. In first grade we welcome Mrs. Uithoven, a Nationally Board Certified and Nevada Certified teacher with 30 years of experience. She joins Mrs. Peters (Miss McCarthy) who has moved up to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Mrs. Menesini will be joining Mrs. Bratt in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. We are excited to have Mrs. Friedlander return to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade along with Mr. Trevino for two classrooms of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. We welcome Mrs. Bollesen to our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Mrs. Bollesen has a BA in Journalism and is a Certified Teacher in K-8. She has chosen teaching as a second career.

Ms. Brugman is returning to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Ms. Hayes will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher, and Mrs. Lyczko will be our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade home room teacher; both rooms have moved off campus to the Advanced Placement Center (APC) at 6880 S. McCarran Blvd., #8. Mr. Haufler rounds out the cast for the best middle school experience ever!

Our Librarian, Mrs. Fyda, will continue the “Junior Great Books” program for advanced readers. We welcome Miss Logan, a K-8 Nevada Certified teacher with her BA in Elementary Education. Miss Logan, a graduate of the University of Arizona, will be joining us in the computer lab and she will also be our Reading Specialist for all students to advance reading levels. Mr. Weinert will continue with his fabulous Hands-On-Science Fridays.

A new Music & Movement program encompass both campuses with Mrs. Conkey sharing her talents to more students. Our new Spanish Immersion program for Pre-1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students after school will be led by Mrs. Keppelmann and Ms. Hayes. There is limited enrollment so please contact the office to sign up.

We are adding violin program to the Pre-1<sup>st</sup> students within their school day and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students can enroll in our before-school Violin class. Mrs. Nelson, an accomplished and respected Reno violinist has joined the Brookfield family. There is limited enrollment; please read the enclosed flier and contact the office to sign up.

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Blackstock, Mr. Meitz, and Miss Reddin. We wish them well in all their future endeavors.

Improvements in the curriculum this year include violin for Pre-1<sup>st</sup>, and new and upgraded Penmanship and Spelling for all grades, as well as Social Studies for Grades Pre-First through 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have also expanded the advanced middle school mathematics text and increased our implementation of Core Knowledge at The Little Campus. Individualized Writing Plans for every student will continue. You and your child’s teacher will be reviewing the Individualized plan during the fall. Together we will have the top mathematics, reading and writing scores!

We have many school improvements on both campuses, including new parking surfaces for both schools, drainage improvements at TLC, and a new entrance walkway to the Great Room and East Wing. We have new desks, a Library Annex room, and an Advanced Placement Center (APC) with new computers for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grades at 6880 S. McCarran Blvd. #8. You can pass the APC on the walk to Lakeridge.

The PTA is off and running and will be greeting everyone on your first day with a parent reception. N&M Vizion, Inc. will continue as our Hot Lunch vendor; more information on the program is included in this packet. If you would like Hot Lunch for the first week of school, please complete the Menu Form now. We are looking forward to another GREAT year with your continued involvement and support!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Murray & Mrs. Johnson*

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Brookfield Administration