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**Brook Forest Elementary School is a child-centered, tight-knit community.** The energy throughout the building is inspiring - student inquiry, teacher passion and parent engagement is everywhere.

**Together teachers, staff and parents work hard every day to help students achieve academic excellence, develop a curiosity for lifelong learning and demonstrate personal and social integrity.** This philosophy is at the core of all District and school decisions.

## **STUDENTS CONSISTENTLY RECEIVE HIGH STATE AND NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS.**

- Out of 3,700 schools in Illinois, Brook Forest was 1 of only 3 schools that achieved readiness scores of 80% or more on the PARCC exams.
- National Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education.

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## **STUDENTS LEARN WAYS TO BE ENGAGED CITIZENS AND DISCOVER THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING BACK.**

- Brook Forest Student Council packed meals at Feed My Starving Children to give to people in developing countries.
- Brook Forest's annual Jump Rope for Heart raised more than \$15,000 for the American Heart Association.

## **TEACHERS ARE THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST WITH A DEEP COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS AND RESPECT FOR COLLEAGUES.**

- Teachers provide high quality instruction and rigor in the classroom, while ensuring a balanced approach to education in an effort to nurture the "whole child."
- Brook Forest supports professional growth through a collaborative work environment and regular, structured professional growth opportunities.

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## **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IS INTEGRAL TO BROOK FOREST.**

- The PTO is strong, active and committed to hosting a multitude of events to nurture student learning.
- PTO provides Brook Forest students with extended learning experiences from cultural experiences and field trips to arts and crafts to sports and science, all designed to pique student curiosity and expand their learning.





Our District is fortunate to have the resources to provide our students with the tools needed to succeed, including access to educational technology, enrichment activities and extracurricular programs.

*BOARD PRESIDENT, Alan Hanzlik*



When I ask my son, "What did you learn today?" I am always thrilled to hear him share something new. The outstanding staff at Brook Forest has provided my son with the foundation necessary to be a lifelong learner.

*BROOK FOREST PARENT*

"My teacher really cares about me."  
"I love learning!"  
"It's great to be a Brook Forest Dolphin!"

*BROOK FOREST STUDENTS*



**A District is successful when**

administrators, staff, parents and community members work together and make decisions in the best interest of students.

**I'm so proud of** the engagement we find across our District and within our schools by all members of the Butler 53 community.

**Our stakeholder collaboration**

ensures an extraordinary educational experience for every student.



*SUPERINTENDENT,  
Dr. Heidi Wennstrom*



I love working alongside smart, talented educators who share my passion for inspiring students to be curious and learn from the world around them.

*STAFF, BROOK FOREST,  
SOCIAL WORKER, Ann Wolff*



*Candidate Characteristics*

## *Join the Brook Forest Team*

### **BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53 • BROOK FOREST SCHOOL**

- An **EXPERIENCED PRINCIPAL** who demonstrates proven **LEADERSHIP** in a **CHILD-CENTERED** elementary school.
- An effective **DECISION-MAKER** who is able to **COMMUNICATE** his/her position clearly to all stakeholders and earn support.
- A **STRONG, CONFIDENT LEADER** who acts with **INTEGRITY**, treats all **FAIRLY**, and builds **TRUST** through her/his actions.
- A leader who is **VISIBLE** in classrooms and at school events and is **COMMITTED** to all students, staff, and Brook Forest.
- A leader with strong **INTERPERSONAL SKILLS** who demonstrates **KINDNESS**, a **SENSE OF HUMOR, GRIT, CONSISTENCY**, and is able to **BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER**.
- A leader with elementary **CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE**, who is **KNOWLEDGEABLE** in the areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and special education and continues to be an **ACTIVE LEARNER**.

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