Antonio Pepe   **Magdalena Fidura**
Principal   **Assistant Principal**

September 26, 2018

Good afternoon Brookside Families,

It is hard to believe that the month of September is coming to a close. I'd like to thank you for all of your support at the outset of this school year. Our children are settling into their classes and are becoming familiar with all of the routines here at school. I would like to thank all of our hard-working teachers and staff for their efforts in getting us off to a smooth start to the 2018-19 school year.

I would also like to thank our parents and families for their support, and for letting us have your children here at Brookside each day. Thank you to all of you who visited on our Back to School Night last Thursday. It was so nice to see so many families in attendance. As a reminder, the presentation from the opening of Back to School Night is available on the Brookside School website at https://www.monroe.k12.nj.us/brookside.

We are so appreciative of your help and cooperation with the **student arrival/dismissal procedures** that were outlined in the September newsletter and reviewed at Back to School Night. Specifically, with regard to dismissal, your assistance in adhering to either early dismissal (prior to 3:15pm) or regular pickup (3:34pm) has greatly reduced unnecessary disruptions to the classroom at the end of the day. Thank you so much for your help!

I would also like to encourage you to join the Barclay Brook-Brookside PTA. The PTA does so much to support our students and our schools. Joining our PTA, attending meetings, and volunteering for events is a great way for you the engage with our school as a parent. Please visit the PTA's website at http://www.bbbspta.org/. The PTA's first meeting is TONIGHT, **Wednesday, September 26th** at **7:00PM** at **Brookside School** in the Media Center. We hope to see you there!

I wanted to share with you some information about the upcoming month. Please review the information below, as well as the attachments to this message. If you have any questions, please contact the Brookside Main Office at (732) 521-1101.

Respectfully,

Antonio J. Pepe

Principal

Brookside Elementary School

Character Education

As discussed on Back to School Night, our school wide character rewards are in full swing. Individual students and classrooms can earn feathers for displaying positive character traits and displaying kindness. Different positive character traits are featured each month beginning in October ("Responsibility"), and Students of the Month are chosen for each grade level throughout the year based on each featured character trait. **October 1st – 5th** is our designated **Week of Respect** for Barclay Brook & Brookside Schools. We will have themed dress up days over the week, which are featured below:

Brookside Week of Respect 2018

School Calendar

Monday, October 8th	*School Closed for Students (Staff In-service)*
Wednesday, October 24th	*K-5 Parent Teacher Conferences*
Thursday, October 25th	
Friday, October 26th	*4-hour Sessions for Grades K-5*

Scholastic Book Fair

The Barclay Brook/Brookside PTA will be hosting our fall Scholastic Book Fair at Brookside on **Wednesday, October 10th** and **Thursday, October 11th** during school hours. Please see the information below from the PTA regarding the Book Fair:

Brookside Fall Book Fair Letter

Brookside Fall Book Fair -- Order Form

Picture Day

Brookside School's Picture Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 23rd**. Make-Ups will be held on Tuesday, December 4th. Ordering information will be forthcoming.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Information about scheduling a parent/teacher conference with your child's teacher will be sent out on Wednesday, October 10th. Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, October 24th** and **Thursday, October 25th**, and will be scheduled through Parent Access this year. Please check your Genesis Parent Access account in advance of the scheduling window to ensure that your account is accessible.