

Editorial Page

Mind Your Manners

By Britta Swanson

Each month, the Buzz editor needs to find a topic to write an editorial about. As the April editor, I wanted to write about etiquette and how important it is for everyone to treat each other with respect.

With so many important things going on in the world, this may seem very simplistic to some people – but I think how we act and treat each other is extremely important.

Manners are a very important asset to get any job done and help you to succeed throughout life. If you were to apply to a college and had an interview, you wouldn't want them to reject you because of your lack of respect or inability to act properly in any setting.

There are 14.5 million words in the English language and only 30 to 40 of them are profanity. Profane words are bad words or "cussing." You should be aware that bad words offend people around you. If you want to live your life with self esteem and confidence, then you shouldn't use profanity because it will hold you back.

So why do I think this is an important topic at Brookfield? As I look around this school, I sometimes hear profanity and see bad behavior. This happens even though there are strict rules about good behavior and profanity, and teachers want to enforce them. But often things happen when no teachers are around to take action.

How can we stop the bad behavior? Well, there are etiquette classes, where you learn how to make people feel at ease, carry on conversations with adults, answer the telephone properly, and many other things. Or we could all encourage each other to just set goals to achieve compliments instead of complaints.

To do my part, I am currently taking an etiquette class that is super fun and very informative! I encourage everyone to help themselves become more pleasant and well-mannered by always showing respect for others.



Q&A

By Emani Dequir

The Buzz interviewed Mrs. Schumacher, the secretary of Brookfield school.

Q: What is being a secretary like?

A: It is a lot of fun because I can see the students outside a classroom setting.

Q: Do you like being a school secretary?

A: Yes, because I like being around children.

Q: When did you start being a secretary at Brookfield?

A: I started working at Brookfield in 1999.

Q: Where did you work before you came to Brookfield?

A: I was a paralegal in a family law office before I came to Brookfield.

Q: With the new P.E. schedule in place, how do you feel about being a P.E. teacher as well as a secretary?

A: I love being a P.E teacher. It gets me out of the office and I like playing games with the children.

Q: What does a secretary actually do?

A: I take phone calls from parents and take care of sick children. I also make sure the teachers have all their supplies, and I help Mrs. Ashizawa.

Mystery Teacher



By Kate Johnson

Who is this familiar Brookfield figure and what is she doing?

Hints:

- She lives in Curtis Park.
- She's about to remodel her kitchen.
- She has a daughter in college.

Last month's Mystery Teacher was Mrs. Beggs.