

# HILLSIDE and BROOKSIDE

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## RELIVING HISTORY FOR A FILM

One way of making history interesting is by recreating it; another is by the participation in committing it to film. Fifth grade pupils at Brookside did both with impressive results.

With the American bicentennial celebration drawing near, the pupils embarked on a Revolutionary War project with their teacher, Miss Karen Kangas, to emphasize the human side of the United States' past on film. The film was most appropriately given the title "Kangas's Brigade." The students created periodic costumes and, heavily laden with props reminiscent of the Revolutionary War period, have taken historical areas in Bergen County to do the filming.

Miss Kangas did the production and camera work, the students did the rest. The film may never win an Academy Award but it has provided a rich learning experience for a group of inquisitive and creative students.

## LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

During the past month teachers in both schools have been providing learning instruction outside of the classroom through the use of field trips.

All trips were correlated with particular subject matter areas of the curriculum. Through a variety of activities the children were accountable to their teachers and classmates for what they had seen and knowledge gained. Some of the related trips were to Museum Village, United Nations, American Museum of Natural History, Hyde Park, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Vanderbilt Mansion, and Hillside School Nature Area.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

The teachers at the Hillside School have been involved in a re-evaluation of the social studies curriculum. Many meetings and workshops were held. The basic assumptions concerning the structure of the social studies education of today were discussed. Research into the various texts was conducted. The teachers read and evaluated the many texts in regard to our philosophy. The emphasis in developing skills and conceptual understandings was considered when examining the important aspects of the social science disciplines--political science, economics, anthropology, sociology, history, geography, and philosophy. This intensive study has been going on for more than a year.

## **WINTER EXITS – SPRING EMERGES WITH MUSIC**

The Music Department of the Brookside School heralded the end of winter and the beginning of spring with the presentation of two concerts.

The Junior and Cadet Bands, under the direction of Mr. William Miranda, and the Fifth and Sixth Grade Choir and Boys' Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Angelyn MacWilliams, piano accompanist Mrs. Virginia Carrick, presented a concert on the evening of March 25, 1974, assisted by the Brookside School Music Association. One hundred ninety-six students participated in this concert which featured a variety of musical selections including an original choral piece, "Arthur the Otter," composed by Mr. Edward Shaughnessy of the Brookside Music Department.

On April 10, a concert entitled "A Musical Spring" was presented which included the Concert Band, Dixieland Band, and Stage Band, under the direction of Mr. Shaughnessy, and the Seventh and Eighth Grade Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Miranda, piano accompanist Mrs. Carrick. One hundred fifty students participated in this concert which included contemporary and classical offerings.

During the intermission, music awards were presented to eighth grade participants in the music program by Mrs. Anthony Ward, President of the Brookside School Music Association.

Proceeds from these concerts are used to supplement the needs of the music department.

## **PROJECT IMPACT**

The Allendale School System participates in Project Impact which strives to present the finest in school programs for schools in Bergen County.

There were three programs presented this year: *Renaissance Music*, which emphasized historical perspective, musical instruments, recorders, cornetto, clarino, and lute. Musical forms and dances were also highlighted. *Choreogames* – A company of five modern dancers created especially for Project Impact and utilizing a workshop discussion period, the program defined dance, the history of dance, and contrasted modern dance and ballet. *Ishangi Family* – An African family depicted the life and culture of Africa. Included were African musical instruments, dance language, family and tribal dynamics.

The students' reactions to the programs were positive.

## **ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

Every year for the past six years, the Woman's Evening Club of Allendale has participated with the Hillside School children in an Arbor Day celebration. It has been a continuing project for the club to donate a Kwanzan cherry tree for planting along the east side of the building adjacent to the teachers' parking lot. A student from each second grade participated for their class by reading a noted poem or story, or creative poetry written by the students.

## **SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**

The P.T.O. Summer Activities Program will again be offered the first two weeks of August, August 5 through August 16. With the cooperation and approval of the board of education, the program will include art, shop, drama, physical fitness, pre-kindergarten, tennis, twirling, ballet, clay, crafts, cooking, needlework, basketball, chess, bicycle repair, and drawing. Class hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., one hour sessions, Monday through Friday. The

program is under the directorship of Mrs. Elaine Riegel, 1 Eroid Court.

## FACULTY REPLACEMENT

Since February two teachers have been replaced in our educational program. Miss Maureen Kelly, who was a fifth grade teacher at the Brookside School for 6½ years, left to reside in Los Angeles, California. Mrs. P. Morgan of Allendale replaced Miss Kelly. Mrs. Morgan is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University with a B.A. degree in elementary education. She has 5½ years of teaching experience in this grade level.

Mrs. Alan Bandstra, grade 6, who had 6½ years of teaching experience at Brookside, was granted a leave of absence to care for her adopted son, Richard Alan. Mr. John Muller, Ho-Ho-Kus, replaces Mrs. Bandstra. Mr. Muller graduated from the University of Dayton. He has a B. S. degree in elementary education and three years of teaching experience.

The board of education has received a letter from Mrs. Emil Rascher that she will be returning to her teaching duties at the Brookside School in September after a year's leave of absence.

## MR. BURGER RETIRES

Mr. John Burger, head custodian at the Hillside School, has informed the board of education that he plans to retire at the close of this school year. Mr. Burger was employed by the Allendale Board of Education in 1965 as a custodian at the Brookside School. He was transferred to the Hillside School when it opened in 1967. We acknowledge Mr. Burger's faithful service

to our community and wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

## EIGHTH GRADE COMMENCEMENT WILL BE JUNE 19

Commencement exercises for the 164 students in our present eighth grades will be held on Wednesday, June 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. The theme for the graduation program will be "America—Our Heritage."

The graduation party which is sponsored by the eighth grade parents will take place on Friday, June 21 from 8:00—11:00 p.m. in the Brookside cafeteria.

The yearbook, "Reflections 1974," which is being revised by a student-teacher committee under the guidance of Mrs. Virginia Carrick, will be distributed on June 20 at the graduation assembly program for the student body.

## CLOSING OF SCHOOL

Assembly Bill 1258 which is now referred to as Chapter 11, Law of 1974, reads, "The days of January 2, 3, and 4 of 1974 during which schools were closed in the State by order of the State Board of Education, shall for all purposes including state aid be considered as days when schools were open and facilities provided."

Following the original calendar which the board of education adopted for the 1973-74 school year, we will close our two schools as follows:

Brookside — last day June 20 (2 emergency days). Brookside School will close at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, June 19 and 20.

Hillside — last day June 21 (3 emergency days). Hillside School will close at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, June 20 and 21.

## REMINDER

The kindergarten round-up was held in March for all parents of children entering kindergarten in September, 1974. If you know anyone who did not register an eligible child or if you did not register your own child, please note that

this should be done as soon as possible. The class size and distribution can be arranged properly with adequate advance notice. It is also imperative that the health examination be completed before September as the State mandates this ruling.

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### CALENDAR

- May 20 Board of Education Meeting
- May 23 Exhibit Night, Hillside School – 7:00–9:00 p.m.
- May 27 Memorial Day Parade and Services – Brookside School Band
- May 31 Exhibit Night, Brookside School – 7:00–9:00 p.m.
- June 17 Board of Education Meeting
- June 19 Graduation Exercises, Brookside School Auditorium
- June 20 Closing of School, Brookside Students
- June 21 Closing of School, Hillside Students
- June 21 Graduation Party, Brookside School
- June 24 through July 29 – Summer Music Program – Brookside School Music Association
- August 5 through August 16 – Summer Activities Program – Allendale P.T.O.

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