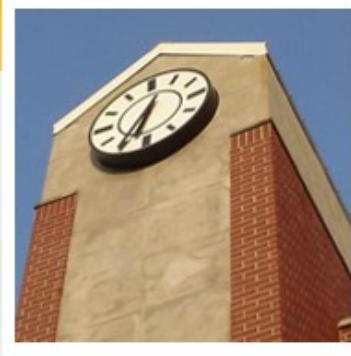


BGIS eNews

BGIS Website: <http://brocksintermediate.al.hci.schoolinsites.com/>



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Dear BGIS Parents,

Beginning the week of November 13, 2017, our school system will begin using Blackboard for all mass notifications. This includes text messages we send to you - along with phone calls and emails. Blackboard replaces our current provider, SchoolMessenger. We wanted to inform you of this change ahead of the transition so you will be on the lookout for new communication formats.

Text messages will come to you via the shortcode **60680**. As is current practice, we will sparingly use this rapid notification system so as to not bombard you with phone calls, emails, and text messages.

Please be aware, however, that if you unsubscribe from an email, block your phone number, or opt-out of text messages, it removes you from ALL future sendouts, including emergency notifications about your child's school. As always, if you need to revise a phone number and/or email address on file for your student, please contact your school's registrar.

After verifying all contact information with your school's registrar, if you still believe you are not receiving HCS phone calls/emails/texts, we will soon provide a link on all HCS websites to a revised Google Form you may complete for assistance.

There is no action needed on your part regarding this transition to Blackboard.

Blackboard will also be Hoover City Schools' provider for our new family of websites and our new smartphone app, scheduled for release later this school year.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and your students.

Scott L. Mitchell, Ed.S

Principal, Brock's Gap Intermediate School
Hoover City Schools
1730 Lake Cyrus Club Drive
Hoover, AL 35244-4182
(205) 439-1600 school office



Dates to Note for NOVEMBER/DECEMBER	
Nov 14	BGIS Spirit Night at Firehouse Subs
Nov 15	Progress Reports go home
Nov 15	Make-up School Pictures Orders due
Nov 17	Last day for col- lection for Veter- ans
Nov 20- Nov 24	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec 8	6th Grade Win- ter Dance



1730 Lake Cyrus Club Drive
Hoover, AL 35244
(office) 205-439-1600
(fax) 205-439-1601

We Need Your Box Tops!



Please send them in a ziplock bag with your child's name, number of box tops, homeroom teacher, and hall.

Publix Cards

If you don't have a BGIS Publix Card, you can get them in the front office. Please use these every time you shop and feel free to give cards to friends and family to use. BGIS gets a 7% of every sale when the card is used.

PTO Thanks

We would like to send a HUGE thank you to AMC Patton Creek 15 Theater for donating popcorn so we could treat our faculty and staff to a special treat on Halloween.

Thank you to our families for coming out to support Brock's Gap at Zaxby's. We had a great turnout!

Please join us on Tuesday, November 14th from 4-8 at Firehouse Subs, Patton Creek. 20% of sales will be donated to Brock's Gap! And you won't have to cook dinner!



New vendors
Are being
Added weekly!

If you haven't downloaded the free Planet Fundraiser App, please do so and start scanning those receipts.

Fundraising

Have you paid your PTO Family Donation yet? If you haven't, please consider supporting our school by visiting myschoolfees.com. The PTO Family Donation is under Registration—the optional Fees category. All donations help us meet our budget so that we can continue to provide money to the school that is not provided by state funding. The next time you are at the school, check out the new furniture in the library and STEAM lab—your generous donations and fundraising efforts help fund those improvements.



HAVE YOU BEEN
WONDERING WHERE
YOU CAN GET THOSE
GREAT BGIS T-
SHIRTS ALL OF THE
COOL KIDS HAVE
BEEN WEARING?

There are adult sizes available for
field trips, spirit events, school
activities, and, of course, casual
Friday!

Get one before they are gone!

Check out the spiritwear
available on myschoolfees.com



Sound the alarm, dinner is served!

Please join us at


FIREHOUSE SUBS

for

BGIS SPIRIT NIGHT!

Tuesday, November 14th

4-8 pm

 20% of sales will be donated to Brock's Gap!

 Firehouse Subs: Patton Creek Location

181 Main Street, Suite 213, 35244



We will collect supplies for homeless veterans in the lobby from November 1st-17th.

The people who work with the homeless veterans at the VA were totally overwhelmed with our large donation of items. They cannot use federal money for these items and depend on donations. Please encourage your students to participate in this worthy cause.

<https://tinyurl.com/HelpForHomelessVets>

The text "GET INVOLVED!" is written in a bold, blue, bubbly font. The word "GET" is on the top line, and "INVOLVED!" is on the bottom line. The exclamation point is large and stylized.

Get Involved at Brock's Gap

There are many opportunities to become involved in groups and clubs at Brock's Gap.

Check out the link below to see what students could be a part of here at BGIS.

<http://tinyurl.com/bgclubs>

Yes, we "CAN" be drug free! During Red Ribbon Week, our students donated food for the Community Food Bank of Central Alabama. This activity helped students think beyond themselves in order to help others.

*"The Community Food Bank of Central Alabama feeds people in need today and fosters collaborative solution to end hunger tomorrow. There are over 80,000 children in Central Alabama at risk of hunger – which is more than the entire population of Homewood, Anniston and Vestavia combined. To meet this need, the Food Bank supplies over **10 million meals a year** to 240 food pantries, shelters and children programs. Where there are gaps in service, we directly feed families and children through our Child Hunger and Healthy Eating Initiatives."*



Katie's Krops Garden Club Update

Special thanks go out to Mr. Robert Estes and his family. They are our local experts and advisors when it comes to our garden program. Recently, although we didn't expect this much this late in the season, 20 lbs. of produce was harvested from our raised bed gardens. This past weekend these items were donated to a local food shelter to help those less fortunate.

Coming soon we will be harvesting our sweet potatoes. The kids have fun digging these up each year. In addition, we are ready to clean our beds by pulling up everything else except the peppers. They are still producing reasonably well, but the tomatoes, eggplant, and cucumbers will be removed. Our student gardening club will be working on these projects. Stay tuned for opportunities if you are interested.



**Sixth Grade Winter Dance:
Friday, December 8th
5:30 pm until 7:00 pm**

Bill Miller will begin taking pictures at 5:00 pm

Admission:

\$5.00 admission

Drinks and Snacks \$1.00 each...Pizza \$2.00 a slice...

DJ FOR DANCING!!! COME AND ENJOY!!!

Bill Miller Studios will be making portraits. Packages are \$10.00

Checks for portraits need to be made payable to Bill Miller!!

NO cameras or cell phones allowed out at the dance!

Dress Code:

No jeans, t-shirts, hats or hoodies! Dressy!! Dress Code Rules Apply!

Parents will need to pick up and follow carpool procedures!!

We will have a boy carpool line and a girl carpool line! If you are picking up a boy, please follow the 5th grade afternoon carpool procedures on the side of the building. If you are picking up a girl, please follow the 6th grade afternoon carpool procedures in the front of the building. This helps us keep carpool organized and running smoothly.

Parents MUST REMAIN in cars! No students will be allowed to cross over lanes of traffic! No students may be picked up in lobby. We have gone over these rules with the students! This is for the safety of ALL of our students. Thank you!

It's going to be so much fun!

Remember this is not a date dance so everyone come and have fun!

Hope to see you there!!



We are planning to have a Star Wars Day on May the 4th (May the Force Be With You). Since Halloween just passed, we wanted to give you a heads up to pick up your costume, especially if there are any clearance sales going on now. We want to give you plenty of time to prepare for this day. This will be a day of dressing up as Star Wars characters and students will be participating in various STEAM activities throughout this day. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me Christie



All school picture orders are due to the front office by next
Wednesday, November 15th at 8:00AM.



THANK YOU to everyone who donated shoes for Shoes for Sugarbelle! We are counting the shoes and will have a total of how many were donated soon. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity!

School Counselor SPOTLIGHT

www.schoolcounselor.com

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to take a moment to introduce ourselves to you and your family. Our names are Mrs. Bruno and Mrs. Robichaux and are the School Counselors at Brock's Gap Intermediate School for the 2017-2018 school year. We are excited and honored to be a part of this amazing team of educators and staff. We look forward to helping your student(s) succeed to meet their own personal goals for this school year and beyond.

Counseling sessions in a school setting are typically short-term in nature and focus on solutions to help your child succeed in all areas of their development. Counseling activities can include individual or group counseling and whole class lessons. Your student may be referred to counseling from a teacher, staff member or from you as a parent/guardian. To make a referral, you may visit our website or email us personally.

Please call or email us if you have ANY questions or concerns. We are thrilled to be working with your students! Have a great start to the school year everyone.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bruno

5th Grade Counselor

205-439-1624

cbruno@hoover.k12.al.us

Mrs. Robichaux

6th Grade Counselor

205-439-1634

nrobichaux@hoover.k12.al.us



Career Spotlight



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This year at Brock's Gap Intermediate School we are going to be doing career spotlights throughout the year. WE NEED YOU! We want our parents to be our spotlights. We are asking that you video yourself answering a few questions and the video will be shared in our broadcast announcements.

We are looking for a variety of people interested in telling our students about their career. Many of our students are unaware of the career opportunities available to them and this is a fantastic way to provide them with first hand knowledge of potential career paths. This is also a great way for you to get involved in BGIS and make an impact on the students' future.

If you are interested in recording a short 2 minute video telling the students about a "day in the life" of your job, please complete the following link. <http://bit.ly/2vDNqdu>

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. The information is also on the Guidance & Counseling page on the Brock's Gap website.

Thank you,
Catherine Bruno
Coley Robichaux



What's Trending



When your child is glued to their electronic device, ever wonder what app they're on? Here's a list of some trending sites/phone apps to keep you in the know!

Youtube is a video-sharing site and app. There are many videos on YouTube that may not be age-appropriate for kids. Plenty of inappropriate content can surface by typing in the most innocent of search terms, so parents will want to monitor kids' use. Videos here run the gamut, from commercial to educational to music videos to homemade clips. Many kids love YouTube and rely on it as a way of keeping up with popular culture. This is one of the Web's most popular destinations for people of all ages. YouTube does offer parents the ability to filter out objectionable content and comments using Safety Mode. However, Safety Mode doesn't catch everything. There is also a feature that allows you to create a youtube channel, which a lot of students have.

Kik is an app-based alternative to standard texting as well as a social networking app for smartphones. With features like video, sketch, bot search, and friend or group code scanning, the app can be used by kids as young as 13 but should really only be used by older teens and adults since it's so easy to connect with strangers.

Musical.ly is the world's largest creative platform. The platform allows any user to make videos and share with friends or with the world. It also has a social network component to it as well. ***You must be 13+ to use the application.***

Snapchat is an image messaging and multimedia phone app. It allows users to snap and share picture, make videos to communicate in the moment, and keep up with or follow what's going on with friends and others they choose to follow on the platform. ***You must be 13+ to use the application.*** There is a location setting that should be turned off if students are given permission to use the application. There is also a version for younger children called SnapKidz.

Instagram is an app that allows users to capture and share the world's moments. Users can follow their friends and family to see what they're up to, express themselves by sharing all the moments of their day, including the highlights and everything in between, too. Users can follow accounts from all over the world that are sharing things they might love. It has over 500 million users. Users can post photos, videos, edit pictures, go live (record live video and share), watch videos posted by friends, and send disappearing photos and videos to friends they follow. ***You must be 13+ to use the application.***

Houseparty is an application that allows users to host virtual "house parties". Parties allows users to connect and chat face-to-face in a virtual space. A party can host up to eight (8) users at a time. Users can send messages to one another during the "house party" or opt to participate in only face-to-face conversations. ***There is no minimum age required to use the app.***

Kiwi is an app and website lets people ask questions of friends or all users. Posts are tagged with your location (unless you turn it off), so all the kids at one school can be on the app.

Sarahah lets you send anonymous comments to friends. Some teens may use it to send anonymous messages with their schoolyard crushes, but more often it's used to transmit all the mean things teens would never say to a friend's face.

Live.ly is an app that allows users to watch live videos but are never entirely sure what they're going to see when they open it up.

Monkey-This app randomly connects teens with other Snapchat users around the world for a 10-second video chat. As with so many social networking tools, a teen's experience will depend a lot on other users' behavior.

Oovoo- Parents need to know that *ooVoo Video Call, Text and Voice* is a free app that teens can use to group video chat with up to 12 people, even if they're using different platforms (iPhone, Android, desktop computers, and more). *ooVoo* users also can send texts and make regular phone calls, including to international numbers (in-app purchase is required). **The developer's terms indicate people must be 13 or older to use the app. An important privacy and safety note: Unless teens change their account settings to limit or restrict public access, anyone can search for, see, and contact them.**

 **CHARACTER TRAIT**
of the Month

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GRATITUDE

Letting others know you see
how they've helped you


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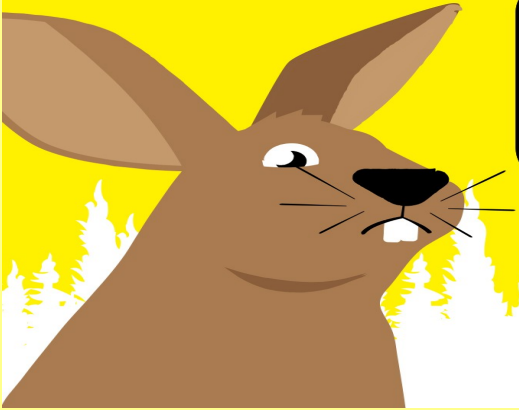


GRATITUD

Dejando saber a otros que
recuerdas cómo te ayudaron


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GRATITUDE

Letting others know you see
how they've helped you

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SAY IT:

Gratitude is letting others know you see how they've helped you.

KNOW IT:

Ask a kid:

- When is the last time you thanked your parents for helping you with your homework, or for buying you sports equipment, or for taking you to a movie, etc.?
- Who are three people who have helped you? How could you show them gratitude?

Ask a grown up:

- Who are some people who have helped you the most in your life? How have you shown them gratitude over the years?
- What are specific ways you have shown gratitude to people other than simply telling them thank you?

SEE IT:

On YouTube, look up https://youtu.be/T-Shoem_iZg. This video is about Pharrell Williams, a successful singer-songwriter and producer and how he shows his gratitude to his alma mater and former teachers. Even though he is a celebrity and travels all over the world, he still makes it a priority to travel back to his hometown and thank the people who helped him get to where he is today.

BE IT:

Choose a day this month to visit your local police station or fire department and deliver a sweet treat, small gift or handmade thank you note to let those men and women know that you appreciate all they do to protect and serve your family and community.



GRATITUD

Dejando saber a otros que recuerdas cómo te ayudaron



DILO:

Dejando saber a otros que recuerdas cómo te ayudaron.

CONÓCELO:

Pregunta a un niño/a:

- ¿Cuándo fue la última vez que agradeciste a tus padres por ayudarte con tus tareas, o por comprar equipo de deportes, o llevarte a ver una película, etc.?
- ¿Cuáles son las tres personas que te han ayudado recientemente? ¿Cómo puedes mostrar gratitud a ellos?

Pregunta a un adulto:

- ¿Quiénes son las personas que más te han ayudado en tu vida? ¿Cómo has mostrado gratitud a ellos durante los años?
- ¿Cuáles son las maneras específicas que has mostrado gratitud a otras personas que aparte de simplemente decirles gracias?

MIRALO:

En YouTube, mira https://youtu.be/T-Shoem_iZg. Este video es acerca de Pharrell Williams, un canta-autor y productor exitoso, y muestra cómo él agradece a su Alma Mater y maestros antiguos. Incluso cuando es una celebridad y viaja através de todo el mundo, él sigue considerando una prioridad el viajar a su pueblo natal y agradecer a la gente que lo ayudaron a estar donde está hoy ahora.

HAZLO:

Escoge un día de este mes para visitar la estación de policía local o el departamento de bomberos y llévalos un postre, o un pequeño regalo o una carta de agradecimiento hecha por ti para hacerles saber a esos hombres y mujeres que tú aprecias todo lo que ellos hacen para proteger y servir a tu comunidad, y por ende, a tu familia y a ti.



Character Trait of the Month

Gratitude

Letting others know you see how they've helped you.

November Character Winners:

6th Grade:

Explorers: Kendyl Mitchell and Nehemiah Gilbert

Navigators: Sophia Thomas and Luke Burdick

Discoverers: Cooper Bevis and Jesse Givens

Voyagers: Cooper Babb and Laura Conwell

5th Grade:

Explorer: Alexander Aldama Flores & Linley Gray

Navigators: Marisa Strength & A.J. Kelley

Discoverers: Thomas Sheek & Gracie Jones

Voyagers: Caroline Simmons and Ali Rizvi



Check out the links to the Parent Alert Bulletin

[The Inside Out of Emotions in Children](#)

[Suicide Awareness & Prevention](#)

The Hoover City Schools Foundation presents a Parent Awareness Breakfast at each Hoover middle school in November. Parenting is hard and you may have a lot of questions so we've assembled a team of experts to help prevent substance abuse and establish help for those already struggling. All Hoover parents are invited.

See [invitation here](#).



Parents:

Flu season is upon us. If your child is diagnosed by a doctor with the flu please let the school nurse know. We try to track how many students get the flu. Thanks so much.

WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?

Please follow the Hoover City Schools Guidelines below when your child is sick.

1. Fever: Your child should stay home if he/she has a fever of 100 degrees (orally) or more and should remain home for **24 hours** after the fever has gone---**without the assistance of Tylenol, Advil, Motrin, etc.**
2. Vomiting or Diarrhea: Your child should stay home if he/she has vomited or has diarrhea (more than 1 loose stool) within 2 hours prior to the start of school. They must have eaten and tolerated at least 1 **normal** meal before returning to school.
3. Strep Throat: If you child has been diagnosed as having strep throat (this requires a special test by your doctor), your child should **stay home 24 hours after antibiotic therapy has been started.**

Our goal is to keep the entire school population as healthy as possible. Together we can accomplish this goal.

**Tyra Walker, RN
School Nurse
Brocks Gap Intermediate
Phone 439-1630
Fax 439-1601**

READ



Girls, Goals, and Good Books

When: Tuesdays (every other week)

Location: in the gym

Bring: a book that you are reading

Who: GIRLS

Sponsors: Mrs. Leahey, Mr. Williams, and Coach A

Students are responsible for a ride home at 4:00.

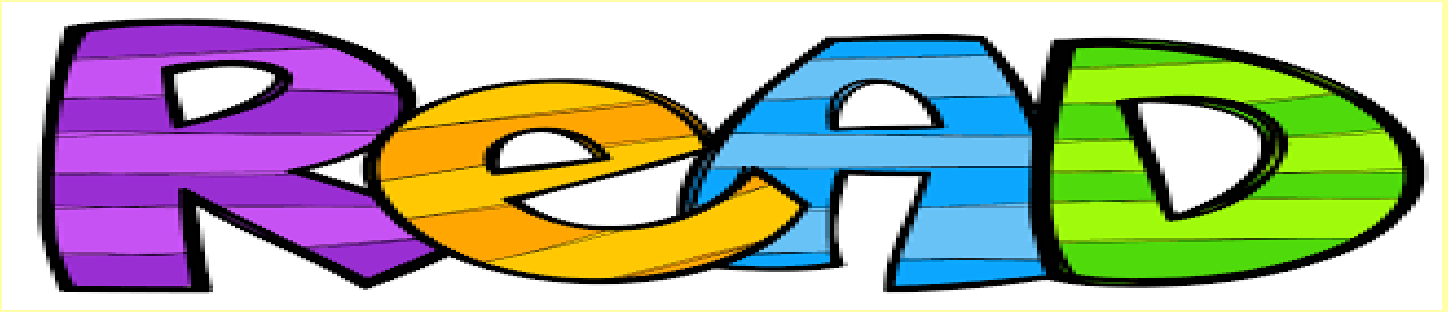
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October 24th

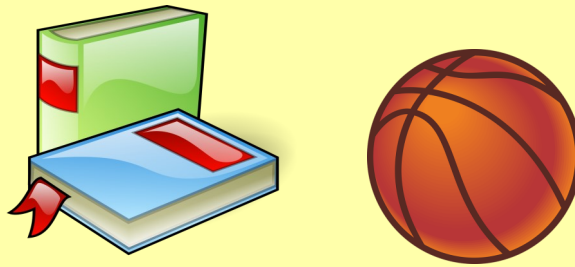
November 7th

November 28th

December 5th



Books, Boys, and Basketball



When: Tuesday, September 19th from 3:00 to 4:00

(every other week)

Location: in the gym

Bring: a book that you are reading

Who: BOYS

Sponsors: Mr. Williams, Coach A and Mrs. Leahey

Students are responsible for a ride home at 4:00.

School Lunch



Hoover City Schools

Elementary, Brock's Gap & Middle
School Lunch Menu

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>Here's to a Day Filled With Thanks... AND GREAT TURKEY!</p>		1	2	3
		Chicken Tenders Country Fried Steak Dinner Roll Seasoned Green Beans Rice with Gravy Fresh Salad Bar Fresh-Cut Fruit	Breaded Chicken Sandwich Beef Tips & Rice Sweet Potato Fries Steamed Broccoli Fresh Salad Bar Fresh-Cut Fruit	Hamburger Hot Club Hoagie Cauliflower w/Cheese Potato Rounds Fresh Salad Bar Fresh-Cut Fruit
6	7	8	9	10
Cheese Sticks w/Marinara BBQ Pork Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Pasta Salad Fresh Salad Bar Mandarin Oranges	Crispito Beef Taco Salad Seasoned Corn Chili Beans Canned Pear Slices	Chicken Tenders Turkey Roast w/Gravy Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Salad Bar Fresh-Cut Fruit	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce & Breadstick Cheese Calzones Steamed Broccoli Fresh Salad Bar Fresh-Cut Fruit	 <p>Thank you TO THOSE THAT SERVED HAPPY VETERANS DAY!</p>
13	14	15	16	17
Cheese OR Pepperoni Pizza OR Lasagna Cheese Roll Potato Rounds Steamed Broccoli Fresh Salad Bar Mandarin Oranges	<u>Thanksgiving Dinner</u> Turkey & Gravy Cornbread Dressing Seasoned Green Beans Sweet Potato Soufflé Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit Sugar Cookie	Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll Macaroni & Cheese Seasoned Green Beans Fresh Salad Bar Fresh-Cut Fruit	Crispito Beef Taco Salad Seasoned Corn Chili Beans Canned Sliced Peaches	100% Beef Hot Dog Chicken Poppers Baked Waffle Fries Baked Beans Fresh Salad Bar Fresh-Cut Fruit
Thanksgiving Holidays November 20th – 24th				
27	28	29	30	
Pan Cheese Pizza OR Chicken Corndog Baked Curly Fries Peas & Carrots Fresh Garden Salad Mandarin Oranges	Crispito Beef Taco Salad Seasoned Corn Chili Beans Fresh-Cut Fruit	Chicken Tenders Country Fried Steak Dinner Roll Seasoned Green Beans Rice with Gravy Fresh Salad Bar Fresh-Cut Fruit	Breaded Chicken Sandwich Beef Tips & Rice Sweet Potato Fries Steamed Broccoli Fresh Salad Bar Fresh-Cut Fruit	* Individually Wrapped PB & Jelly Sandwich AND/OR Soy Nut Butter Sandwich available every day

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American Diabetes
Awareness Month



AFTER-SCHOOL TENNIS PROGRAM

Wednesday & Friday 3:30-4:30

**Beginner, Intermediate, advanced
(We walk over from Brocks Gap)**

Tuesday & Thursday 4:00-5:00

Beginner, intermediate, advanced

(We walk over from Brocks Gap)

**1 HOUR DAILY RATE: \$15 per day / pre-pay by the month
equals out to \$12 per lesson**

Please respond ASAP & pre-register your child

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

THE CLUB @ LAKE CYRUS

ELITE TENNIS ACADEMY

MONTE CROSSWHITE USPTA/ISSA

1640 LAKE CYRUS CLUB DRIVE

HOOVER AL 35244

www.mctennisacademy.com

The title 'Community Service' is displayed in a playful, hand-drawn style. The word 'Community' is written in a sans-serif font where each letter is on a separate, colorful rectangular card. The cards are pinned to a white background with colorful pushpins. The colors of the cards are: 'C' (white), 'O' (black), 'M' (yellow), 'M' (light blue), 'U' (purple), 'N' (yellow-green), 'I' (white), 'T' (white), and 'Y' (white). The word 'Service' is written below in a bold, black, hand-drawn font with a white outline and a drop shadow.

Community Service

Community Service is defined as those activities which assist others or the community for which the student receives neither pay nor academic credit.

Suggested Activities includes: tutoring, yard work for an elderly neighbor, being a “mother’s helper” for small children other than your family, library volunteer, homeless shelters, Humane Society, church nursery, environmental projects, etc.

This form should be turned into either Mrs. Robichaux or Mrs. Bruno by May 7, 2018.

Students can pick up a community service form in the front office, 3tr floor office or from their counselor, Mrs. Robichaux (6th grade counselor) or Mrs. Bruno (5th grade counselor)

See form on next page.

Brock's Gap Intermediate School
Record of Community Service Hours

Name _____ Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

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This form should be turned into either Mrs. Robichaux or Mrs. Bruno by May 7, 2018.

Thirty (30) hours of service are required to earn an award.

<i>Date of Activity</i>	<i>Community Service Location/Activity</i>	<i>Hours Logged</i>	<i>Signature of Service Supervisor</i>

Total Number of Hours _____

I agree that I have performed the above hours.

Student Signature

Date

Counselor Signature

Date

