

# Bear Tracks



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## Dates to Remember

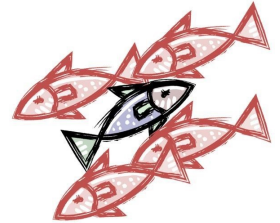


- **September 28**
  - ◆ Parent Education Night Event, 6:15 pm
- **September 29**
  - ◆ Lifeskill Tea for Honesty
- **October 2**
  - ◆ Parents may begin observations/lunch
- **October 13**
  - ◆ Student Holiday
- **October 20**
  - ◆ Brockman Bash
- **October 23-27**
  - ◆ Red Ribbon Week
- **October 23**
  - ◆ FUNd RUN Kick-off
- **October 24**
  - ◆ Group & Make-up Pictures
- **October 27**
  - ◆ Lifeskill Tea for Cooperation



## Swimming Upstream

“Swimming Upstream” is a feature of the Bear Tracks for 2017-18 presented by the Brockman Parent Education Committee. It is designed to provide words of support for our Brockman family as we journey this Montessori path, in a culture that often seems to be at odds with our philosophy.



*Love is vital in parenting, but love is not enough. Parents need knowledge. You would never trust yourself to a surgeon who loves his job, but lacked the knowledge required in surgery. Parenting is at least as difficult as surgery.*

*Dr. Haim Ginott*

Responsibility is not a four-letter word; it is the pathway to empowerment for our children. Being responsible means “being able to answer for one’s conduct and obligations; trustworthy; able to choose between right and wrong.” The responsibility we desire for our children is one that springs from a positive value system. Responsibility that is “just right” helps our children become autonomous, “not controlled by others; independent in mind or judgment; self-directed.”

We want them to be upstanders, not bystanders, in life, whose sense of responsibility extends to a desire for social justice in the world. There is a connection between being able to live a responsible life and being self-controlled, instead of other-controlled. In order for our children to become self-directed—in order for them to trust their inner voice and push back the voices of others—they must experience gradually increasing levels of responsibility.

*We must help the child to act for himself, will for himself, think for himself; this is the art of those who aspire to serve the spirit.*

*Maria Montessori*

Contributed by M. Ansley Brown



If you are not currently receiving the Brockman PTO e-Newsletter and/or PTO Reminders and would like to, please email [jessica-daly2@me.com](mailto:jessica-daly2@me.com) to be added to the list. The PTO's e-newsletters go out every other week, and our reminders are short e-blasts meant to keep you up-to-date with any deadlines or events you need to know about.

## Volunteer Background Checks



If you are interested in volunteering with children at the school, you must have a district background check on file. You may request the paperwork to begin the process in the front office. Please contact Kirby Speas at [kirbyspeas@aol.com](mailto:kirbyspeas@aol.com) if you need further assistance.

## Montessori Morning Meet Up (3Ms Club)

On Tuesday, October 10, and Wednesday, October 25, at 7:10 am after drop off, let's head over to Bruegger's Bagels after to enjoy a cup of coffee and get to know each other. Stay for as little or as long as you like. We hope to see you there!



## Brockman FUNdRUN Update



This is the final push for FUNdRUN corporate sponsors! The deadline is Monday, October 2nd, for logos on the t-shirts. Our verbal commitments are now at \$3,000, of which we have already collected \$2,500! This is great! Do you have any other ideas for corporate sponsors? Let's raise the goal to \$3,500!!

Thank you to the following sponsors who sent in donations this week.

Be Beep A Toy Store—\$750 Gold Sponsors for the 3rd year  
Carolina Children's Dentistry—Bronze Sponsor

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## The Lifeskill Vitamind for October is Cooperation

Oct. 2	Ask, Don't Demand
Oct. 3	Parents Welcome Help
Oct. 4	Donate Your Help
Oct. 5	Success Is Work
Oct. 6	Decrease Your Demands
Oct. 9	Can't Won't Do
Oct. 10	Put Forth Effort
Oct. 11	Teamwork Solves Problems
Oct. 12	Divide Hard Jobs