

Brookwood School

— A Journey of Discovery —





Welcome to Brookwood School! I am excited to introduce you to our wonderful community.

We are a warm and respectful school where close relationships between students and teachers create a foundation upon which every child feels safe to take intellectual risks, discover new talents and abilities, and build confidence. At Brookwood, children feel known, challenged, and nurtured. We are playful, we are serious, we are kind, and above all, we love children.

From PreK through Grade Eight, our students engage in a dynamic journey of discovery grounded in a joy of learning. Experiences are constructed to reflect children's developmental needs, and our teachers create meaningful opportunities for students to put ideas into action through projects that connect them with the world beyond the classroom.

Our child-centered curriculum builds intentionally to prepare students to take full advantage of the multiple opportunities that await them as they move from their first days in the Lower School to their roles as mentors, role models, and school-wide leaders in the Upper School. Brookwood graduates leave our campus as self-aware and confident learners with a strong academic foundation that allows them to take full advantage of the most robust high school programs and beyond.

At Brookwood, children are at the heart of all that we do. We encourage parents to partner with us in their children's education, knowing that the most effective support we can offer involves input from every area of a child's life. Thank you for your interest in Brookwood. I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Laura

Laura Caron, *Head of School*





Mission Statement | Brookwood is a warm, child-centered community of exuberant learners with an extraordinary commitment to both the development of the mind and the development of the self. Through a purposeful balance of challenge, encouragement, and opportunity for appropriate risk-taking, the School fosters lifelong habits of inquiry, critical thinking, creativity, and scholarship, just as it instills a healthy sense of self, a flexible mindset, and a deep respect for the dignity of others. Ultimately, Brookwood strives to graduate academically accomplished individuals of conscience, character, compassion, and cultural competence.



"In order to advocate and act for distant peoples, students must first learn to communicate and care for their classmates."

Nancy Evans,
Head of Lower School

The Confidence to Explore

Brookwood students love coming to school each day. The School has an intentional focus on building children's social-emotional competencies at each stage of their development, which deepens the learning experience and enriches the intellectual landscape. Brookwood's curriculum honors the strong interconnectedness of children's social and academic lives—we know that how kids feel impacts how well they learn. Every day at Brookwood offers opportunities for children to explore their roles as individuals, as members of their class, and as members of the greater community.

Technology

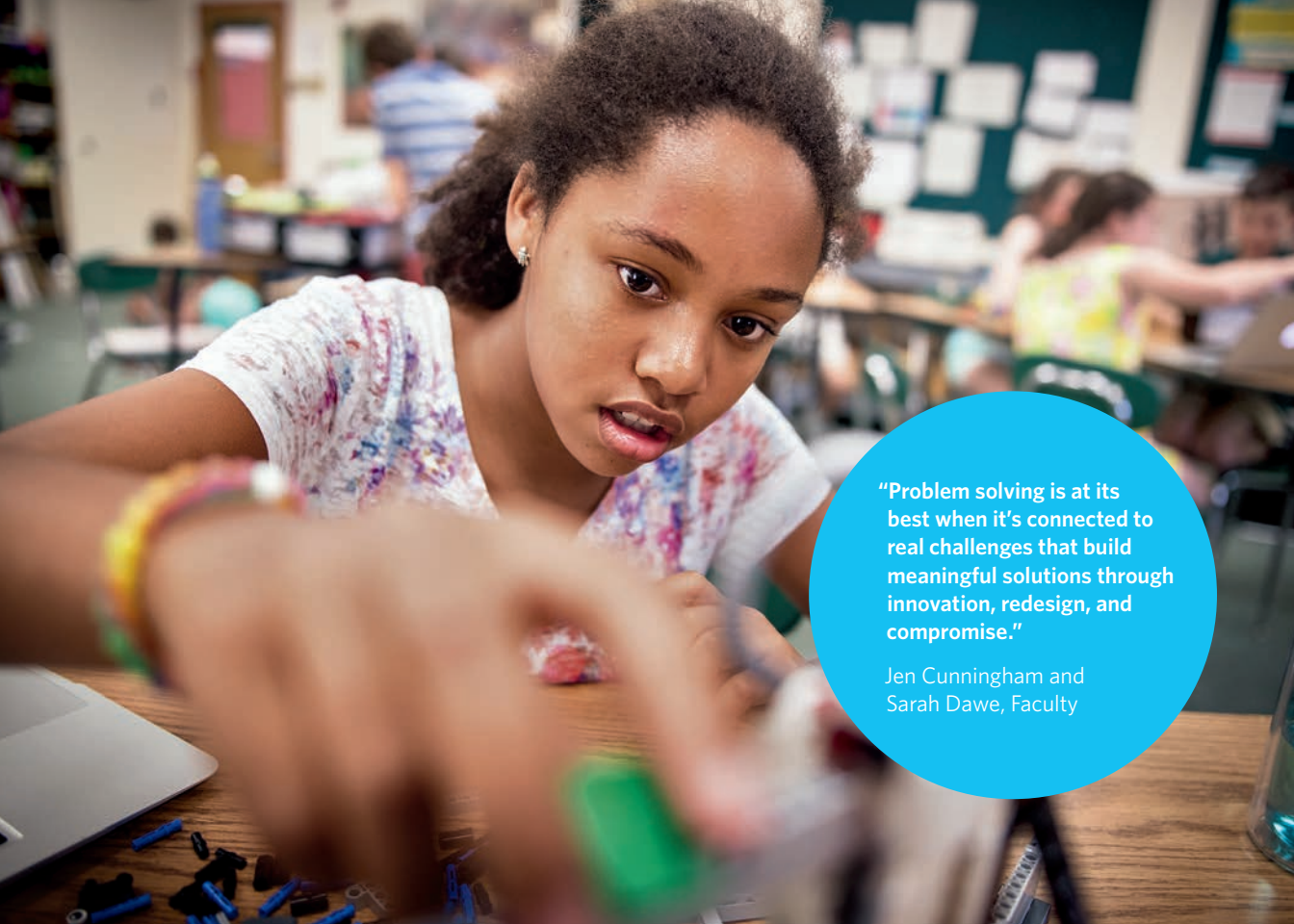
3D printers help sixth graders design solutions for life challenges of the residents at Beverly's Turtle Creek senior housing—but the most important thing they learn is that by listening and working together, they can make a difference.

[Brookwood.edu/realsolutions](https://brookwood.edu/realsolutions)

Perspective

Fourth and fifth graders, through hands-on research and active exploration, study ancient civilizations and the movement of peoples to gain perspective and learn how their own culture shapes their thinking and lives.

[Brookwood.edu/ancientcultures](https://brookwood.edu/ancientcultures)



"Problem solving is at its best when it's connected to real challenges that build meaningful solutions through innovation, redesign, and compromise."

Jen Cunningham and
Sarah Dawe, Faculty

A Spirit of Inquiry

Every child's journey at Brookwood is guided by teachers through an intentional, research-based curriculum that scaffolds skill building along a continuum. Learning is enhanced by the ongoing focus on risk-taking, collaboration, and reflection. Partnerships with other educational leaders and organizations in our community give students opportunities for purposeful work, allowing them to see their learning making a difference in the lives of others. Along the way, students build essential problem-solving and critical thinking skills as they ask great questions. Learning by doing is a core value that is woven into the fabric of our program.

Collaboration

Middle School teams focus on design challenges, real-world problem solving, innovation, and service opportunities.

[Brookwood.edu/designchallenge](https://brookwood.edu/designchallenge)

Partnership

Since 1990, Brookwood has partnered with Lesley University's Masters of Education program to prepare the next generation of teachers through a year of active participation in our classrooms guided by our faculty.

[Brookwood.edu/partnerships](https://brookwood.edu/partnerships)





"My children credit their time at Brookwood for building a love of learning that served them well in high school and now in college."

Chat Reynders, Parent of Chase (Grade 8), Charlotte '11 and Clare '11

A Roadmap for Continued Success

Brookwood graduates are ready! Their strong academic foundation positions them to thrive in the most challenging high schools and colleges. They have developed the **courage** to take risks, the **resilience** to learn from their mistakes, and the **commitment** to take responsibility for themselves and to care for others and our environment.

Learn more about where Brookwood students go to high school and college: brookwood.edu/outcomes

Leadership

As the oldest members of the Lower School, third graders create and implement activities that allow them to put their emerging leadership skills into practice as mentors to younger students.

Confidence

Through a wide variety of leadership opportunities, eighth graders hone their communication skills and build confidence as role models within the Brookwood community.

Brookwood.edu/leadership

Pocket Guide to Brookwood



Founded in 1956, Brookwood School is a non-profit, non-denominational, coed day school for Grades PreK through Eight.

Campus & Resources

- 30-acre campus
- 6 outdoor classrooms
- 2 turf fields and 2 gyms
- 3 art classrooms and 1 clay studio with kiln
- 160 computers, 110 iPads, and 7 3D printers
- 50 programmable robots, 3 drones, and 2 laser cutters for design/build engineering
- 18,513 books in library
- 1,000 square foot science gymnasium
- 50 pairs of boots for science fieldwork

People

- 375 students from 39 communities
 - * 23% ride the bus
 - * 87% participate in after-school programs
 - * 30% of the student body receives \$2.3 million in financial aid
- 60 full-time faculty; 71% with advanced degrees
- 16 Parents' Association committees
- 2,198 graduates

Arts & Athletics

- Music, art, and physical education begin in PreK
- Intramural sports begin in Grade Six; interscholastic sports in Grades Seven and Eight
- 4 a capella groups and 16 ensembles
- 55% of students participate in after-school music lessons
- 500 pieces of student artwork on display

Brookwood in the World

- Relationships span from Cape Ann to Rwanda
- Wellspring House, Harborlight Community Partners, Beverly Bootstraps, Food Project, and Backyard Growers are among many community connections
- French, Spanish, and Mandarin world language classes begin in the Lower School

Begin Your Brookwood Journey

The only way to discover if Brookwood is right for your child is to see for yourself. Schedule your visit today by contacting the Admissions Office:

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