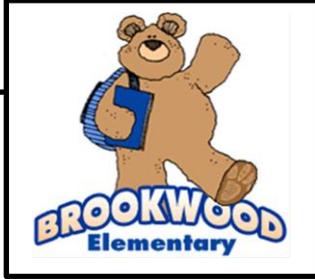


THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

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Principal's Message:

I can't believe it, spring has finally arrived! I know the warm weather brings the temptation to let studies slide. This is an important time of the year and students need to continue to work hard. Please encourage your student to reach for their goals. Our end of level tests are quickly approaching. It is critical that students are in class, on time, well rested and have eaten a good breakfast every day, but especially during the testing period. Listed below are the current test dates. These are the dates the state has set aside for testing and are not flexible, unless of course the state Board of Education changes them!

☐ May 7-23rd: End of Level (CRT) 3rd-6th Grades.

Spring is also the time children want to shed their winter clothing. Shorts and skirts that were appropriate in the fall are often too short in the spring due to the growth spurts many of our children experience. Shorts and skirts must be at least mid-thigh length or longer when seated. If you think your child's shorts or skirt are too short, they probably are! Tank tops, halter tops, cut-offs, and bare midriffs are not appropriate dress for school. Students will be asked to call home for a change of clothes or be provided with sweat pants or a shirt when clothing is inappropriate. In the interest of good hygiene, proper and safe footwear (shoes) need to be worn at all times. Sandals and flip-flops are not appropriate for playground and gym activities. Please check our *Lost and Found*, we have many articles of clothing that have not been claimed.

Spring is an exciting time of year for me. It is a time when I see tremendous growth among our students. Great strides have been made academically and socially. It is great to watch the students as they learn and grow. Thank you for your support and all you do!

Julie Mootz

Dates to diarize:

Apr 13	11:00am - 5 th Grade Maturation Canyons District Cultural Heritage Celebration
Apr 23-27	Earth Week
Apr 27	Kindergarten Orientation
May 2 or 9	PTA Board meeting (to be advised)
May 7-11	Teacher Appreciation week
May 17	Fun Run
May 28	Memorial Day – No School
June 5	Field Day
June 6	Last Day of School – dismiss 12:55

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News from the PTA....

March was an eventful month, full of activities: the Book Fair, Reading Den, SEP dinners and Safety Week (remember "click it or mom gets a ticket".) We'd like to send a big thank you to all of our amazing commissioners and their committees who did so much for our school children and community. We hope spring recess was an enjoyable time with your families. We look forward to earth week, maturation and kindergarten orientation during the month of April.

Remember to continue sending in box tops.

May 7-11, we are looking forward to Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a good opportunity to show gratitude for our teachers.

May 17 will be our Fun Run. We are hoping for a sunny, rain-free day this year.

Our last event of the school year is field day June 5th please contact Mareille Taylor 801-895-5316 mereillet@gmail.com if you are able to assist in any way. Field day is a huge event and leads to many opportunities for volunteers. We love volunteering at Brookwood with so many of you! Thanks for making Brookwood a great place!

Sincerely,
Ellen Sperry and Stephanie Shumway
PTA co-presidents

A note from the treasurer.....

Dear Room Parents

Please turn in all your receipts promptly to help us re-allocate funds if necessary.

Thank you , Kim Kehl

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Thank you to everyone who attended the Beach night on March 22nd - there was a great turnout and everyone had lots of fun. This was not a PTA fundraiser but the DJ from that night has offered us his services free of charge to play music at our Field Day.

EARTH WEEK

24 – 27 April

As part of this celebration, we will be holding a Cartridges for Kids Recycling Campaign. The winning class will win a Pizza Party. As in past years, we will be collecting items for Cartridges for Kids, who will then pay the school for the items we collect.

Here is a list of the items CFK will accept:

iPads/Tablets/eReaders	iPhone
Laptop	iPods
Working GPS	Laser Cartridges
Working Calculator	Digital Camera
Cell Phone and PDA	Ink Jet Cartridges
Video Games and Game Consoles	Movie DVDs (no burned disks)

We will not accept computer monitors or computer consoles or anything else not on the list above. Please help us raise some money for the school AND responsibly recycle these items. Students may bring these items to school during Earth Week.

In addition, students should wear GREEN on Wednesday, April 25. Students are also encouraged to pack an 'earth-friendly' lunch on Wednesday (if they bring home lunch). Earth-friendly lunches include: using glass or plastic containers rather than Ziploc baggies; using a reusable drink container rather than a one-time water bottle or pouch drink; using washable silverware rather than one-use plastic; using linen/washable napkins; and any other clever 'Earth-friendly' ideas for packing a lunch!

FUN RUN

Mark your calendars.....

May 17th

Younger kids at 6pm
(2nd Grade and younger)

5K Run at 6:30pm
(anyone who would like to take part)

A Subway dinner deal will be available for purchase.

Watch for the Fun Run registration and t-shirt order forms.

Don't miss out!



Please contact Diane Boud if you would be willing to help
djboud@uphill.com or (801) 403 5131

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 7 – 11

This is a notice for all students and parents.....

Teacher Appreciation Week is a great opportunity to thank all of our teachers and school staff for all the effort and hard work they do on behalf of our children.

We will be placing a pouch on each teacher/staff member's door and then parents and students can put notes, letters and/or pictures in it to show their thanks and appreciation.

More information will follow but in the meantime you can start thinking of how you would like to express your thanks to our staff members.

We hope you will all participate and we look forward to showering our teachers with love and appreciation.

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Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

March was a great month, we practiced addition, started learning about digraphs, and became great at measuring. During April Kindergarten will be leaping into subtraction, will continue becoming great readers, and we are definitely going to start focusing more on reading our sight words, and becoming better writers! Keep up the awesome work Kindergartners!

First Grade

First grade is always full of fun and adventure. We have been learning about the life cycle of plants. We planted wheat grass and watching it grow was lots of fun. We will be learning about parts of a plant, what they need to grow and be healthy. The students always love this science unit and it is fun to watch how excited they are about nature. We will also talk about the water cycle during April as well as signs of Spring.

Please, please continue reading at home each night for 20 minutes. This is so important for your child. Also keep studying spelling and doing the Math Homework Packets. We still have 2 months of school even though Spring activities have begun. Return homework folders each and every Friday.

Please make sure if it is a cool day to send your child with a jacket for recess. It is not fun to be outside if it is cold without a jacket. As the weather warms remember Brookwood's dress code. If you have questions please ask.

As always we are so grateful for all the parent volunteers that help us in our classroom each and every day. Thanks for all your time and support!!!

Second Grade

April flowers bring May flowers and "thank you's " from second grade. A big thanks to all the "Meet the Master Moms" for your help this year. We all enjoyed learning about Georgia O'Keeffe and doing our colorful landscape project. Thanks, as well, to the "Hands on Science Moms". The children loved learning about rocks and doing the activities. Thanks, also ,to Mrs. Beckstrand for teaching music to our second graders. We had so much fun learning about Vivaldi and his piece, "The Four Seasons". Everyone got to participate with rhythm sticks or other special effects as we listened to "Spring".

We will be busy as bees learning in our classrooms in April. In math we are finishing up Topic 10, Using Addition and Subtraction and will move on to Geometry. Thanks for your support on daily math homework. We will continue to do lots of reading and writing. Remember to have your child read to you orally each day. Spring lends itself to some fun science lessons and projects.

We' ll have a great time learning together!

With warmer weather arriving, remember to help you child follow the dress code as printed in our planners. We hope you all had a great spring break. Thanks for all you do to support your child.

Third Grade

We would like to give a big THANKS to all the parent volunteers who have helped with Baggy Books this past year. We are so grateful for your wonderful help with this valuable program.

In MATH we are finishing Area, Perimeter and Measurements. Our up-coming units will focus on tables, graphs, charts, probability, and various other related math topics.

We will start reviewing all subjects to prepare for the CRT's that will be held in May. This is the first year that all CRT Tests will be taken on computers. No paper copies! YEA! Tests go from May 9th to May 23rd. If you have to miss during these times, check with your child's teacher for exact test dates.

May 10th is our Super Science and puppet making day. Mrs. Ruppel is still looking for volunteers. Please call her if you can assist on that day from 9:15 to 12:15.

Third grade classes will all be scheduling an ice cream party for students who pass all their times tables through 9's. Each teacher has her own schedule so check with your student to find out how he or she earns it and the date. You can help at home by practicing oral or written drills, playing math games, practicing flashcards and playing computer games. Students should practice about 5 to 10 minutes per night, 5 nights a week on basic multiplication facts through the twelve times tables.

In Language Arts we'll finish "A Feast of Words on a Planet Called Earth and Beyond". It includes idioms, poems, suffixes, and looking at informational texts.

The weekly tickets will change to reflect our new Language Arts and Unit topics. Students still bring home their weekly ticket each Friday, get it signed, and return it by Monday.

Kidd's students are sponsoring Jump Rope for Heart and will perform at the school kick off assembly on April 11th at 2:15 p.m.

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Fourth Grade

With only three weeks of school this month, April is going to go by so fast! We are feeling refreshed from Spring Break and ready to finish out the year strong. We are looking forward to the Great Utahan presentations. Remember students need to dress as their famous Utahan and come ready to present to the other 4th grade classes and parents. Ms. Johnson's class will present on Tuesday, Apr. 17th, Mrs. Smith's on Wednesday, Apr. 18th, and Mrs. Finlinson's on Thursday, Apr. 19th in the KIVA.

We are looking forward to our field trip this month to the brand new Utah Museum of Natural History and the Daughters of Utah Pioneers Museum. Thank you in advance to the many parents who have volunteered to chaperone these field trips and help them run smoothly.

With May around the corner, we are reviewing and studying for our end-of-year tests. We want to remind parents and students to utilize the great resources we have including the IXL math practice website and the UTIPS science and language arts practice tests online. These are great tools to use and will help prepare us for the tests.

Fifth Grade

April in fifth grade has one thing on everyone's mind: MATURATION. We are going to be delving into the fascinating world of growing and changing on Friday, April 13 at 11am. Parents are invited to attend with their students if they would like. We are also gearing up for testing as we begin to wrap up the year's curriculum. Although testing will be in May, it is never too early to begin working on those skills that students will be responsible for knowing before the end of fifth grade. IXL is a great place to practice and students will soon be able to introduce you to the UTIPS website that allows the teachers to make review tests to help students prepare for the content and format of the CRTs.

We look forward to helping the students to begin work on State Reports. This extensive project will carry on until the end of the school year and will culminate in a State Fair to take place on the same day as our 5th grade program, June 1. Our 5th grade program will have songs that we have been learning all year and share some memorable moments in American History. Be sure and ask your students about it!

Sixth Grade

The sixth grade had another busy month in March. Thank you to all those who made the time to come in for SEP conferences. It was great to see the new goals students set for the rest of the year and to praise them for all of their hard work.

For club in March the students worked together to create murals and ate tons of popcorn. The sixth grade teachers still can't get the smell of butter off their hands! We were excited to see more students attend this club because it means they have been prepared with all of their assignments. In the event of a delay we encourage all students to complete their contracts so they are able to join club each month.

In Social Studies we have been studying the Industrial Revolution. The students each researched an inventor and have discovered some amazing facts to use in the persuasive essays.

In the month of April we will begin our country reports. We want to encourage students to stay on track so that each section will be completed on time and this amazing project doesn't become overwhelming☺

Important Dates:

4/9- Country Reports begin

4/30- April Club

