

# THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

A Brookwood PTA Publication

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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- May 6-22<sup>nd</sup>.

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.

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!

*Mrs Julie Mootz*

### Dates for your calendar:

Apr 19	Kindergarten Orientation
Apr 22 – 26	Earth Week
May 1	PTA Board meeting – 12:30 in the Kiva
May 6 – 10	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 16	Fun Run
May 27	No School – Memorial Day
June 6	Field Day
June 7	Last day of school

### PTA Board 2012 - 2013

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### News from the PTA....

The PTA Board and Commissioners are working hard to bring the last few events of the year to a fun and successful close! Be sure to participate in Earth Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, the Fun Run, and Field Day!

We are so grateful to the parents & volunteers who make our school AMAZING! Thank you for your dedication & support!

***Denise Richard and Kathryn Turley***  
PTA co-presidents

If you have any outstanding receipts and you need to claim money back from the PTA please submit them as soon as possible. We only have a few months left of school and need to get these taken care of in our budget.

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Brookwood Elementary School Community  
Council Presents

ART-A-PALOOZA & Gallery Walk

Silent Auction and Bake Sale too!

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Thursday, April 11, 2013 - 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Donations can also be dropped off at the office.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call at [\(801\) 209-1527](tel:8012091527) or via email at [cvyvinkel@comcast.net](mailto:cvyvinkel@comcast.net)

## Earth Week

April 22 to 27

Monday – Cartridges for Kids recycling campaign begins

Wednesday – Wear green to school and pack an earth-friendly lunch

Fun events will be happening all through the week. We hope this helps to create an awareness that spreads over in to our everyday lives.

Every little bit helps to make our earth a better place.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 6 to 10

Let us to show our teachers how much we appreciate them for everything that they do for us.

Save the date.....

## **BROOKWOOD FUN RUN**

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

6pm – Kids Run and 5K

Subway Meal Deal

Look out for a training schedule coming home with your student April 1 so that you can be prepared for the event.

We are looking for volunteers to help us on the day of the event.

For questions, or if you just can't wait to volunteer, contact  
Shelby Hales [801-930-9359](tel:8019309359)

## VOLUNTEER MUSIC TEACHER NEEDED

We are in need of someone to teach our children at Brookwood all about music. Our current music teacher is moving away and needs a volunteer to take over from her.

Please contact Trina Beckstrand for more information...

801 942 2182 Home

801 573 8229 Cell

[trina.beckstrand@gmail.com](mailto:trina.beckstrand@gmail.com)



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## Grade Level Updates

### Kindergarten

We had a great spring recess but are so excited to be back in school. We have been working on addition and using fun addition boxes to help us. We are continually reviewing our letters and sounds to help us become great readers and writers. We are excited to have the molar man come visit us this month so we can learn about keeping our teeth and mouths clean. Remember to keep bringing back your baggy books so you can become better readers.

### First Grade

In First Grade we are busy working on our Art-a-Palooza projects. This is a fun time for us and we truly hope you will support us and the PTA by attending this fun event and seeing what all the grades are doing. We have also been busy with picture taking for our 1st grade DVD. Please get one of these your student will treasure it for years to come.

In April we will be studying plants, we learn about the parts of the plants, what they need to grow and different types of plants. The students will love doing this unit and we are excited also. Please watch for the plant they will bring home and look at plants around the neighborhood.

We are also busy working on our Writer's Workshop books, these are books the students write and illustrate. In May we will have an Awesome Author's Day and you will be invited to attend and see all our hard work. You could help by encouraging your child to write at home also.

This time of year it is so important to keep up with the homework. Continue to read for 20 minutes 5 times a week, and do your Math Homework Packets. Practicing the math flashcards is also so important. We would like the students to have their math facts memorized.

Thanks for all you do, we love your children and the great support we get from you!!!

### Second Grade

Happy spring! We are busy and happy in second grade. Our next 5 weeks in reading will be about what it means to be responsible. Each week we will focus on a different aspect of this theme. This week we have been reading about firefighters and other community helpers. Miss Mellor arranged a visit from four firemen. They talked to us about what they do and even let each child go inside their ambulance truck and walk all around the hook and ladder truck and see all their equipment. The children's favorite part was when they turned on their lights and sirens as they left.

In math we been working on measurement. We are measuring with rulers and yard sticks as well as centimeter rulers and meter sticks. The children love these hands on math lessons. Our next topic will be telling time so give your child lots of practice at home telling time before and after the hour. Thanks for all your support with math homework and daily oral reading. It makes a huge difference.

In the arts we are all excited about Art a Palooza. Be looking for more information on this fun event. Mrs. Garrett has been working hard with the students on an amazing art project. Be sure to come and see them displayed. We are also loving music with Mrs. Beckstrand each Wednesday and learning about composers as well as reading music.

We are planning a field trip on May 2nd to This is the Place Heritage Park. We will be eating lunch at the park and enjoying the different learning stations they provide. This will be a very fun and educational field trip.

We appreciate our many parent volunteers. Thanks for all you do!

### Third Grade

April MATH Topics 16, 17, & 18 include Perimeter, Area, Time to the minute, Elapsed Time, Data, Graphs, and Probability. Our current ticket book is tied to the Cultural Unit we're studying in Language Arts. The students are earning beads daily to achieve weekly goals. Our unit includes topics each week about different cultures and different people's lives.

Our next fun ticket-activity is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Parents please check student's tickets each Friday, look for "infractions", sign the ticket, and get it returned by Monday. It's the student's responsibility to work off all their infractions! We encourage them to do so within a day. A reminder to students and parents, lost tickets CANNOT BE REPLACED and may prevent a student from attending a special fun activity.

Kidd's Class will perform in the Jump Rope for Heart Assembly on Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>. Parents of Kidd's students are invited to come watch our presentation.

An early note for parent's to mark your calendars and plan to attend our evening Hoedown program scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Fourth Grade

We are into the last leg of the year with a lot of fun coming up! We are looking forward to the first of many exciting field trips. This month each class will go to the Utah Museum of Natural History for the first of 3 total trips. We would like to thank in advance all of the parents who are willing to come help and supervise on all of our field trips.

We are also looking forward to seeing the students present their "Great Utahan" reports. We know students have been hard at work at home researching and reading up on their great Utahan and are excited to see their great presentations. We would like to encourage students to start preparing for the end-of-year tests by reviewing class materials, and utilizing resources like IXL to review everything we have learned. You can do it!

As always a big thank you to all of our parents who help daily, weekly, monthly, or at any events we have throughout the year. We are greatly appreciative of all the support we feel.

## Fifth Grade

We had a wonderful field trip in March. We can't thank Derek Brown enough for arranging such an amazing opportunity for the kids. They were able to see rooms in the State Capitol that aren't usually open to visitors, each student got their picture taken while sitting in the Governor's desk, and we toured the Mummy Exhibit at the Leonardo Museum. He even had the pictures developed for each student. We are so grateful for his help and that of all the parents who came on the fieldtrip. Thank you for making it a wonderful day!

We are beginning our State Reports this week. This project will take us about 4 – 6 weeks. Each student should have brought home the information sheet for you to sign. This project will include having the student doing research at school and then writing each section of the report at home. They will have a full week to write each report at home. This report will need to be typed.

We recently began a new science rotation. The test day for this unit will be Tuesday, April 16. We will begin our final science rotation the next day.

Our current unit for social studies is westward expansion. We will begin our new science rotations the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>. For language arts we will be continuing our fifth unit in Reading Street. Remember to check the fifth grade blog for weekly updates on what we are learning during language arts.

Other important dates include:

- April 11 – Art-A-Palooza – We hope you can come and support this wonderful event! You are invited to make a card or scrapbook page with the fifth grade teachers that night.
- May 6 - CRT testing begins!

Thank you for all your support! We love working with your children.

## Sixth Grade

Congratulations to all of our 6th graders! On April 11 they graduate from Sandy Police Department's NOVA program (Nurturing Opportunities, Values, and Accountability.) Students have worked hard to develop problem solving skills and self awareness through mentoring and class discussions.

May will be a busy month. We will celebrate our country exploration with the International Fair and Food festival on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Criterion Based testing will be on May 6, 7, 16 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Remember to get a good night's rest and to eat a hearty breakfast on test dates.

Looking ahead:

4/11 - NOVA Graduations in classrooms

4/23 - Peer Leadership Teams

4/22 - 26 Earth Week

4/26 - April Club

5/6 - 10 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/6 - 7 Criterion Based Testing / language arts

5/13 - Fieldtrip to Clark Planetarium

5/14 - 15 Criterion Based Testing / science

5/16 – Fun Run

5/16 and 20 - Criterion Based Testing / mathematics

5/17 - International Fair / Food Festival

5/27 - Memorial Day - no school

5/31 - May Club