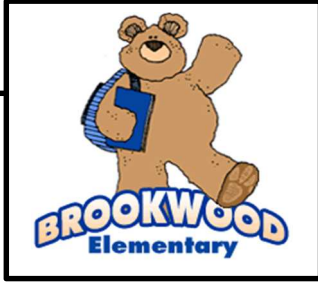


THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

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Mrs. Mootz notes...

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 or SAGE is quickly approaching. SAGE will replace our CRT in grades 3-5. For more information on the SAGE, please go to <http://sageportal.org/>

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.

Spring is also the time children want to shed their winter clothing. 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. Mootz

Dates for your calendar:

Apr 2	PTA Board Meeting (12:30)
Apr 14-18	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Apr 21-25	Earth Week
Apr 25	Kindergarten Orientation

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Thank you SCC for the amazing Brookwood fundraiser. Art-a-palooza was a wonderful success and so much fun for everyone in attendance. Thank you Jen Wilhite for an educational safety week and thank you Deanna Lambson for the information surrounding media safety.

In April, we can look forward to Spring Break, April 14-18; relax and enjoy!!! Thank you to Kristi Reardon for heading up Earth Week, April 21-25. Students and parents, Kristi has worked very hard to help you all understand the importance of playing an active role in caring for our planet and ways everyone can make a difference.

In early May, Brookwood will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5-9. Thank you Lindsi Stevens and Karen Sander for your creativity in showing Brookwood's teachers just how important they are and how much we love each and every one of them.

Tighten your laces and get ready for the Fun Run just around the corner, May 15.

Upcoming PTA meetings: April 2, 12:30 pm and May 7, 12:30 pm in the Kiva. Enjoy the beautiful spring flowers and sunshine.



Anna Roumpos and Valerie Rahaniotis

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Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

A special thank you goes out to all of the parents and students who attended Parent Teacher Conferences in March. We are busy in Kindergarten working hard on addition, large numbers, and will soon be doing subtraction. Thank you for working with your student at home on these math concepts. These can simply be practiced using the flash cards we sent home, while setting the dinner table (counting/adding/subtracting utensils and plates) also by talking about numbers while driving in the car together. We have been learning new Amazing Words in Reading Street and continue to have students work their way up our Sight Word Rainbows in their classrooms. Please continue to work on sight words, the more repetition the students have, the better.

We are focusing on writing and are enjoying your students abilities and strengths as we introduce how to correctly write sentences.

Looking forward, the Kindergarten Testing will take place at school on May 2nd, please make sure your child has a healthy meal and plenty of rest before coming to school, especially on that day.

We love teaching your children, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

The Kindergarten Team

First Grade

In first grade we are learning all about plants, their parts and what they need to grow. We planted wheat grass and we will plant something else also. We will make a sprout house after spring break.

We are also very busy being Awesome Authors. We are writing and illustrating books. We will have a very special day in May called "Awesome Authors," we will have a short program and parents and grandparents can come see our books. More info to follow.

Remember our field trip on April 8th. This will be so much fun..

Please watch the weather and dress for it since we will be eating at the park and walking back to school.

Don't forget about homework, keep reading and doing math. To earn the gold medal your child needs 150 books. Please help them reach that goal.

Thanks to all who help in our classrooms, you are amazing!!

Second Grade

Second Graders are busy measuring everything in sight! Seriously, centimeters, inches, yards and feet are all around us and we are learning to understand the differences. We will soon be measuring time with clocks and learning both analog and digital. We must learn to tell time to the 5 minute mark.

We have been studying pronouns as well as character and settings in Reading Street. We have read a variety of genres as we study these concepts. We still have so much we want to learn. It's going to be a busy spring!

Thanks for helping your student dress appropriately for this crazy weather. We like to get fresh air every day if possible. We love our students and appreciate your support in reading and math (yea IXL!!!!) at home.

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Third Grade

In Math we are just finishing testing on the last 4 topics we've studied, and on Monday April 7th we start a week of Topic 17 (Telling Time and Elapsed Time) and finish the month with Topic 20 (Graphs & Statistics). It looks like all the classes will be scheduling their ice cream parties in May; so keep practicing multiplication facts at home. Don't forget to make it fun!

Unit 5 will soon be done and we'll begin Unit 6 in LANGUAGE ARTS, which will take us into the end of May. The Theme for Unit 6 is "What Does Freedom Mean?" Weekly parent Information handouts on Mondays have vital information to help support weekly reading, language, and spelling skills at home.

In our TICKET BOOK the students are still earning beads for another two to three weeks. Please help by signing and returning your student's ticket every Monday. It is the student's responsibility to work off infractions, but your support at home is appreciated. And note that lost tickets CANNOT BE REPLACED.

Our next activity day will be towards the end of April or early May. All students must have 6 signed tickets with all infractions earned off to attend!

Fourth Grade

This year is going by quickly, and we still have so much to learn and do! We are excited for spring break and ready to finish out the year strong.

We are looking forward to the first of many educational field trips. Each class will go to the Utah Museum of Natural History, The State Capitol, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Museum, as well as This is the Place State Park. We would like to thank, in advance, all of the parents who are willing to chaperone these field trips and help them run smoothly.

Although most testing will be in May, it is never too early to begin reviewing those skills students will be responsible for knowing before the end of fourth grade. IXL and Pearson Successnet are great places to practice all concepts taught. Also, we encourage you to take time to go online and complete some SAGE practice tests with your child at www.sageportal.org/training-tests.

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

March has been an exciting month. Thank you for taking the time to come to SEP's. We love talking about the accomplishments each student has made.

During the month of March we had Art-A-Palooza. Students had a fun time completing the chalk art project.

We also completed our DWA and are currently preparing for our Sage writing test.

We are currently starting our state reports for social studies. This is a fun exciting time of learning. At the conclusion of our year, we will display information about our states, and perform our Patriotic Program. We hope to see you there.

Thank you again for your support. We are looking forward to a great end of the year.

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Earth Week will be April 21 – 25th

Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting for the Cartridges for Kids Campaign. The class that collects the most points will win a pizza party.

Here's a list of things you can be saving up to bring in.

iPads/Tablets/Readers – 10 pts
iPhones/Smart Phones – 10 pts
Laptops – 5 pts
iPods – 2 pts
Working GPS – 2 pts
Laser Toner/Cartridges – 2 pts
Working Calculators – 2 pts
Digital Cameras – 2 pts
Cell phones and PDAs – 1 pt
Ink Jet Cartridges – 1 pt
Video Games and Game Consoles – 1 pt
Movie DVDs – 1 pt

Other fun activities that will be happening that week include: an Earth Area in the School Library, a Grocery Bag decorating project at school with Reams, an Earth-day chalk-a-thon during school, an Earth Day movie during class, walking tours of the outdoor learning center during class and on Tuesday, for National Earth Day, wear green to school and bring an "earth-friendly" lunch.

Check out Bear Books by the front office. Feel free to drop one off or purchase one for \$1.

Keep clipping Box Tops, Soup Labels, and Coca Cola Codes. They are adding up!

Teacher Appreciation Week – May 5th-9th Mark your calendars!

Monday – Wear your teacher's favorite color

Tuesday – Dress your best to impress

Wednesday – Write your teacher a thank you note

Thursday – Bring a school supply to school

Friday – Bring a flower from your garden (at least 6 inches long) to be gathered and put in a vase

Parent volunteers needed for teacher car wash on May 6th. Contact Karen Sanders or Lindsi Stevens at karensander@earthlink.net or lindsidee@gmail.com.

Brookwood's Annual Fun Run

It's springtime, which means it's time for the Brookwood Fun Run! Save the date, Thursday, May 15, for our annual Kids Run at 6:30 pm and 5K at 7 pm.

This year we are excited to award all participants a medal as they cross the finish line! Our favorite Brookwood Bear mascot will be returning to race in the Kids' Run and pose with runners and families for pictures. Dinner will be available for purchase, and the evening will wrap up with raffle prizes and an outdoor movie.

We are lucky to have T-shirts with artwork from *****. Our love and thanks to her family. They will be for sale after spring break.

It will be a very fun evening and we hope you can join us, and Love Life!