

THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

A Brookwood PTA Publication

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Principal's Message:

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take the time to thank all of our volunteers. We have so many parents, grandparents and community members who give freely of their time to Brookwood. We are so fortunate to have so many volunteers at our school. Whether it is Mrs. DeRose who runs our Star Reading program, Mrs. Beckstrand who provides excellent music instruction, or the many parents who volunteer every day at Brookwood. All of this helps Brookwood maintain a high level of academic excellence and reinforces the true meaning of community.

Last month Brookwood hosted the regional PTA meeting. Aside from having great refreshments and a welcoming school environment, everyone commented on our great sixth grade ambassadors. Sixth grade students served as Brookwood ambassadors for the PTA visitors. The visitors were very impressed with our students and their leadership. Way to go sixth graders!

Have you Filled a Bucket Today?

We continue to have many bucket fillers at Brookwood! Our teachers, staff and students are working hard to be bucket fillers every day. Please visit our school and see our front *Brookwood Bucket Board*. When we have ten names in a row, we will reinforce each of the ten students with the Mystery Motivator. I can't wait! Also, come see your child's name in the Golden Book.

Brookwood Bear of the Week

This week we began our *Bear of the Week* program. This program recognizes one student in each grade who best demonstrated the weekly expectation.

This week's award is for **Safety** and went to:

Kindergarten: Hannah Wall

1st grade:

2nd grade:

3rd grade:

4th grade

5th grade:

6th grade:

Happy Holidays

All of us at Brookwood wish you a happy, safe and restful holiday season!

Mrs Julie Mootz

Dates for your calendar:

Dec 14	School Orchestra Performance - 10 am
Dec 19	School Sing along – 9:30am (standing room only)
Dec 20 to Jan 1	Winter Holiday
Jan 2	Return to school
Jan 9	PTA board meeting – 12:30pm in the Kiva 6 th grade registration evening at Albion - 6pm kiva
Jan 10	7 th grade registration evening at Albion - 6pm kiva
Jan 15	5 th & 6 th graders register online for Albion, (during school day)
Jan 17	Parent Night 7-8pm, media center
Jan 21	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day

PTA Board 2012 - 2013

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News from the PTA....

Winter is finally here! It is a much slower time for PTA as we all focus on getting ready for the holidays and Winter Recess.

We are grateful to all our commissioners and parent volunteers who have contributed time to make our programs successful.

We want to take this opportunity to let you know how much all the volunteers are appreciated.

Best Wishes for a wonderful holiday and happy New Year!

Denise Richard and Kathryn Turley
PTA co-presidents

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Thank you for every boxtop that you save! Every single boxtop helps! Last month, we purchased five new laptops for our teachers with the money received from Boxtops.

The new laptops will make a positive change in our teacher's classroom instruction. Thank you!

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Lions and Tigers and Parking Lot Safety .. Oh my!

Thank you for everything you have done to help ensure our student's safety in the parking lot. Student safety is always our number one concern.

We would like to remind you about our parking lot procedures: Please pull into the drive through lane and pull forward. Your child will come to your car. Once you pick up your child, you can pull out of line and continue to exit.

Here are a few reminders and suggestions for safety.

- Please, please, please slow down!
- Please use the designated crosswalks. We are all models for the children.
- The lane closest to the school is only used as a bus lane.
- Your child will walk out to the island once your car is in the drive through lane. We do not want students walking out into the parking lot. It is safer for them to wait for you to drive up.
- *Please do not park in front of the kindergarten or second grade door and wait for your child. Pull forward. There is a line of cars behind you.*
- *Please do not double park. Please stay in the drive through lane and be patient.*
- Our safety patrol members are here to help. Please be kind and follow their instructions.



C H E S S C L U B

IT'S YOUR MOVE!

We've been meeting Friday mornings bright and early at 8 am and have had a blast. Volunteers and 4th, 5th and 6th graders - it is not too late if you would like to join us! Congratulations to our Chess Club members who have advanced to the following ranks during November:

PAWN:

KNIGHT:

BISHOP:

ROOK:

Did you know that Kayden Troff (who just won the world youth chess championship in Slovenia) is from West Jordan? Pretty cool!

We have two more weeks of chess club in December and will start the chess ladder in January. Don't miss it!

To register your child and/or to register as a volunteer either pick up a form in the office or register online

at www.BrookwoodChess.blogspot.com. Questions?

Email Jan at BrookwoodChess@gmail.com or call [801.520.6055](tel:801.520.6055).

Save The Date for...

ART-A-PALOOZA & GALLERY WALK

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

The Brookwood School Community Council is hosting the third annual *Art-A-Palooza and Gallery Walk*. Parents and students have the opportunity to *Take Part In The Arts*. We want to show parents and the community what artistic students we have here at Brookwood by spending an evening observing and creating art!

As in the past, we will have free art activities for all to enjoy. New this year is a *Silent Auction* and back by popular demand is the Brookwood Bake Sale. All funds raised from this event will benefit all Brookwood students and will be used for technology needs and for continued art enrichment.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this event and will be holding a planning meeting in January (date to be determined) contact Channa

Vyfvinkel vyfvinkel@comcast.net with any questions.

We Need Pictures!

We have begun work on the 2012-2013 grade DVDs and are looking for more pictures. If you have **photos of events from this school year**, please drop them off at the school office on a CD or they can be emailed to Channa at vyfvinkel@comcast.net. Please include the name and grade of each student in the photo.

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call at [801.209.1527](tel:801.209.1527) or via email at vyfvinkel@comcast.net

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Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

We are enjoying the holiday season. We have been doing many fun projects and have more to come. We are excited to learn how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

We are working on learning all of our letters and sounds by winter break. Keep working hard so everyone can reach the goal.

We are looking forward to the Christmas sing along (for morning Kindergarten) and a fun Christmas party for morning and afternoon Kindergarten.

Remind students to wear jackets. Thanks parents for all you do to help your students succeed.

First Grade

In first grade we are learning about Christmas around the World in December. We would like to thank those parents who have volunteered to come in and speak to our classes. The students truly do enjoy this. We also love all the trees you decorated at home. They are all so different and fun to look at. We are calling it our First Grade Festival of Trees. Stop by and walk through our hall to see them. It will make you smile.

We are also learning about all different types of communities in our Reading Street books. Centers are always a highlight of the day in first grade, we so appreciate all the moms who help with these each week. In math we are working on additional and subtraction to 12 right now using ten frames.

Please remember to study the math flash cards with your child, they move on to the next number when they can pass them off when they are memorized. You will have the holidays to finish up the December math homework. Please read over the break also. This is very important to keep their skills up.

We hope you all have a great Holiday Season this year!!

Second Grade

Happy Holidays! We are completely enjoying the season in Second Grade. Lots of singing, wonderful books to read, and special art projects are keeping us busy and happy. We had a great time doing our dance performance on December 6th and sharing the result of lots of practice and learning. Tanner Dance is a big time favorite with all our students. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the Meet the Masters Program. We have been learning about the artist, Frederic Remington. Our students can't wait to do their desert landscapes. Thank-you parents for making this program possible. We are looking forward to music classes with Mrs. Beckstrand coming up in January.

We continue to work hard in Reading Street to become excellent readers and writers. The hard work is paying off! We are seeing great growth in our students. In math we are working on using mental math to add and subtract two digit numbers. Thanks for helping your children complete math homework and read baggy books. Your support at home and in the classroom makes a huge difference.

Winter break will soon be upon us. We hope you will enjoy reading some special books together. Writing thank-you notes could give your child some great practice in writing. Looking for chances to practice math skills in real life situations will help your child keep math skills sharp. Let your child "wow" you with his/her mental math abilities and keep counting money.

Thanks for sharing the gift of your children with us this year! We are looking forward to an amazing 2013 in Second Grade.

Third Grade

Keep up with reading using Baggy Books and Holiday Books in December.

From December 3rd through 7th we will finish MATH Topic 6 (multiplication skills, multiplication tables, commutative property, and distributive property). Then we'll have a week of "Enrichment / Re-teaching Math Classes" during the second week of December and the third week will be just a few days of review.

We are looking forward to starting MATH Topic 7 in January, DIVISION!!!

Parents need to check their student's ticket on Friday's for any "infractions", sign the ticket, and help their student get it returned by Monday. YES, students DO need to work off all their infractions! We encourage them to do so within a day. A reminder to parents, lost tickets CANNOT BE REPLACED and may prevent students from attending the special activities.

Kidd's class will be practicing and performing "A Christmas Carol". They will present it for their parents on the 18th. The students will bring home an invitation with exact times.

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Fourth Grade

Thank you for your support at SEP's! We couldn't do it all without the amazing parental support we receive. Work on the goals that were set at conference to help your child be the best they can.

Please continue to encourage your child in being responsible by getting their planner signed EVERY night and recording their reading minutes. We are beginning to see an improvement with this fourth grade in showing better responsibility. Please continue to read 20 minutes a day during the winter break. These minutes will still count towards their independent reading grade. We would also like to remind and encourage you to continue using the IXL math website and to practice math skills over the break. Have a great holiday season and we'll see you bright and fresh for the new year!

Fifth Grade

What a busy and exciting time it is! We will have much going on in December and January. Colonial day is December 7. Don't forget about the Sing Along on December 19. Albion Middle school registration will be in January. More information will be coming about this registration.

Our month will be busy and full of learning, as usual. For social studies, we will be focusing on the Revolutionary War. Math will involve decimals and fractions. We will be ending our second science rotations on December 5. Science rotations will then be postponed until the first of the year. Rotations in January will be as follows:

Mrs. Morris' class will go to Ms. Carr for electricity
Mrs. Guevara's class will go to Mrs. Morris for health
Ms. Carr's class will go to Mrs. Guevara for heredity

Finally, we want to thank all of our parents who have been supporting us, as a fifth grade team, this year. It was been a year full to change, additions, and busy days. Your support is truly appreciated.

Sixth Grade

Sixth grade will continue to work on a variety of exciting projects in December as the students anxiously wait for Christmas break to begin! NOVA starts January 10 with Officer Martin. As part of the sixth grade curriculum, we will start learning dances.

The sixth grade team wants to remind all students to read for at least 20 minutes each day, have planner signed and continue to be prepared for each day.

Please remember to dress your child appropriately during the winter months! We hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday season!

Mark your calendars:

12/20 to 01/01 - Winter Break

January 8th - Albion will be here in the afternoon to talk to the **students** about middle school.

January 10th - Registration evening for **parents** at Albion 6pm in the Kiva.

January 15th - Albion will be here (during day) to help our **students** register online.

