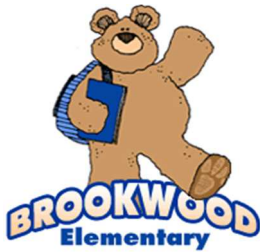


# THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

A Brookwood PTA Publication

## DECEMBER 2013



### Mrs. Mootz's Message:

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take the time to thank all of you. We have the best teachers and students at Brookwood. We also have so many incredible 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. Turley 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 had its annual Food Drive for the Utah Food Bank. With your help, we filled seven large barrels with food. It was incredible. Thank you.

### 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.

### Happy Holidays

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

While you are doing your holiday baking and party planning look Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, and Coca Cola Rewards Points on the items you purchase. These quickly add up and greatly impact Brookwood. Glue them on the collection sheets that are sent home or turn them in in a little bag -- it doesn't matter so long as they get turned in!! Always designate your teacher so your class gets the credit toward the incentive party!

### Dates for your calendar:

Dec 4	PTA Board meeting – 12:30 in the Kiva
Dec 23	Winter Recess Begins
Jan 6	Return to school from Winter Recess

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### NEWS FROM THE CO-PRESIDENT'S CORNER



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS BROOKWOOD BEARS

If you are interested in holding a position on the PTA board or being a PTA commissioner for the 2014-2015 school year please contact the PTA co-presidents elect: Nicole Fisher [fisherpc@yahoo.com](mailto:fisherpc@yahoo.com) or Anne Wood [annegwood14@msn.com](mailto:annegwood14@msn.com)

Brookwood is looking forward to celebrating our first cultural fair on Thursday, February 20, 2014. This cultural celebration is made possible through a grant awarded to Brookwood with the goal of broadening its cultural horizons. Our cultural focus will be in conjunction with Brookwood's annual service project and the Building Youth Foundation. This will be an evening event for families and students will be involved in artistic displays and performances so please put it on your calendars. More information will be on its way soon. If you are interested in helping with Brookwood's cultural fair please contact Shelley Wootton [slwootton@gmail.com](mailto:slwootton@gmail.com)

Enjoy the long winter break this year December 23, 2013 – January 3, 2014. The Bears return to school Monday, January 6, 2014. Have a joyous, safe and healthy holiday season. We look forward to ringing in an exciting new year with all of our fantastic Brookwood families. Thank you again for your continued support of Brookwood and our wonderful children. Let's continue to make Brookwood a positive, accepting center of learning and growth.

CHEERS

Anna Roumpos & Valerie Rahaniotis

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## Grade Level Updates

### Kindergarten

We really enjoyed getting to meet with parents and students for Parent Teacher Conferences in November. In December we will continue to work on the alphabet and with comparing numbers in math. We are looking forward to our Polar Express Day and Christmas Around the World Week along with Class Parties.

### First Grade

Wow, what a fun month the 1st grade has planned. We are learning about Holiday traditions around the world. We have guest speakers Monday through Thursday each week of December. We will learn so much from these speakers. A big thank you goes to Tiffany George for helping us with this. Be sure to ask your child about the country or holiday they learned about.

We also are very excited about our 1st grade Festival of Trees. We will display the wonderful trees you decorated at home in our hallways. The school is invited to walk through and enjoy the trees. Please feel free to come and enjoy our wonderfully decorated hallways.

We know this is a very busy month but please keep reading 20 minutes each night and don't forget to record your book and minutes in your homework folders. December math will be due the 1st day back to school in January.

In math we are doing our geometry unit. The students love this and the activities are challenging but fun. Be sure to ask your child about this. We love your child and want the very best for them, thanks for your support and help in our classrooms. Have a great Holiday Season in your homes with your families!!

### Second Grade

Yahoo! We're doing doubles! Second Grade is going to start double digit addition and subtraction, after the winter break anyway. We have been working all year to get to this point. It is very important that our students continue to practice their math facts so that this is not such a struggle. Thanks for your help at home.

We are doing Unit 3 (Creativity) in Reading Street and we have some interesting stories to read, as well as more word work with verbs, adjectives and antonyms. Our creative and persuasive writing skills are really improving too.

We really enjoy the time we get to spend with our students. They have been trying to make good choices with friends as well as in the classroom. We love the "Kelso's Choice" program and are encouraging our children to learn how to function as a group and individually with cooperative skills.

Dress your child in warm clothing for the weather each day. We will go out if we are able to...we'll keep our fingers crossed that we have fewer "inversion" days!

### Third Grade

Most of the students passed the topic 5 practice test! We have now begun Topic 6, Multiplication-Use Known Facts which will be the completion of the multiplication unit and will end this month. Look forward in January to begin division! It's essential for parents to help at home by practicing basic facts, checking the daily math drills, and checking math homework. Don't forget to make it fun!

In LANGUAGE ARTS this month we are in Unit 2 – SMART SOLUTIONS. You may have noticed the "Family Times" handout your students brings home each Monday has changed format but still gives an overview of the unit skills for that week.

Our TICKET BOOK for December and January is "stickers" that are matched to the story of the week. 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 much appreciated.

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## Third Grade Continued...

And remember lost tickets CANNOT BE REPLACED.

Mrs. Stoker's Class gave a wonderful presentation of "The Great Kapok Tree" in the Kiva. Maybe you heard what a great job they did!

Ms. Kidd's Class is preparing to present their annual play of "A Christmas Carol". Parents will receive their invite to attend the performance from their student in just a few days.

## Fourth Grade

Thank you for your support at SEP's! The fourth grade teachers thoroughly enjoyed meeting with parents and students, celebrating hard work, focusing on areas for improvement and setting meaningful goals to help all to have a successful term and year! We are grateful for the amazing parental support we consistently receive. Thank you, also, to our parents who volunteer and contribute many hours to our classrooms and grade level activities.

Fourth grade is concentrating on a variety of meaningful, exciting learning opportunities in December as the students anxiously wait for Christmas break to begin! We enjoy seeing the great growth in our students . . . the hard work is paying off. The fourth grade team wants to remind all students to read for at least 20 minutes each day (remember to record time read in planners), have planner signed, and continue to be prepared in all subjects, every day! We would also like to remind and encourage you to continue using [pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://pearsonsuccessnet.com), [IXL.com](http://IXL.com) and to memorize/practice math skills and facts over the break.

We hope you all have a happy and healthy holiday season!

Mark your calendars:

December

20 Fourth Grade Winter Recess Activity

23 Winter Recess Begins

January

6 Return to School from Winter Break

6 Fourth Grade Citizenship Activity

20 Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL

## Fifth Grade

We have had a blast during the month of November. We learned more about colonies and are getting ready for Colonial Day on December 6th. We are also learning our Christmas songs that we will share at the school sing along.

In Math we learned Algebra, and multiplication with decimals.

We are beginning our second rotation for science.

Mrs. Duncan's class is learning electricity with Mrs. Carr.

Mrs. Carr's class is learning heredity with Mrs. Guevara.

Mrs. Guevara's class is learning health with Mrs. Duncan.

We even flew paper airplanes for our incentive party. Students competed for furthest, and most tricks.

We would like to thank all the parents for their support and help to make this a great year. We could not do it without your support.