

THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

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Principal's Message:

Safety, Safety & Safety

The safety of your children and our faculty has always been our number concern at Brookwood. In the past month, we have practiced both a Lockdown and a Shelter-in-Place drill. In the event of an emergency, it may become necessary to lockdown the school and we want everyone to know what to do. Shelter-in-Place is similar to a lockdown except students and staff are allowed to move around inside the classroom. A Shelter-in-Place is appropriate in a situation that might not have the potential risk to students or staff for harm or injury. Preparedness is the key.

Along with safety drills, staff badges, locked doors and sign in sheets for visitors, you will see a few more safety changes in the upcoming months. The district, to further protect our students and staff, is installing a new buzzer system. When completed, the doors that lead to the classrooms will be locked and office personnel will unlock the door for each person with a buzzer. We want our students and faculty to teach in a safe and secure environment. I welcome any suggestions or feedback for the school.

Parent Night

Each month we have been hosting a one hour Parent Night. Our intent is to provide you with better communication about Brookwood, whether it is the curriculum, data, or anything else. We have hosted three Parent Nights this year. In October, we had a presentation on Reading Street, in November we covered Pearson Online tools and last month we explored the Common Core. All of the material presented will be available on the school website or call the school and we can provide copies. Our last two Parent Nights will cover student data and PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). Our next meeting is February 21 from 6-7pm and the topic is, "Understanding Your Child's Data." I hope you can join us. I look forward to seeing you there.

Reading is Essential and FUN

Brookwood just finished our winter benchmark assessment for oral reading fluency. All of our students were assessed in the area of reading. Students in grades 1-6 are assessed by reading 3 different grade level passages for one minute each. Using a standard scale, we can determine how well you child is reading and books that are appropriate for each his/her level. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. One of the best ways to help your child with reading is to read with them every day. This habit helps with fluency and instills a love of reading.

Mrs Julie Mootz

Dates for your calendar:

Feb 8	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Development Day
Feb 14	Valentine's Day Activities
Feb 18	NO SCHOOL – President's Day
Feb 21	Parent Night 6-7pm "Understanding Your Child's Data"
Feb 22	5 th grade President Wax Museum
Feb 25 to Mar 1	White Ribbon Week
Feb 26	5 th grade to Symphony Abravanel Hall
Feb 28	Early Dismissal - Teacher Prof Development
Mar 1	Friday early Dismissal – 1:55pm
Mar 5	Picture day
Mar 6	Reading Den – 8 to 8:45am Come enjoy milk and donuts together
Mar 6	PTA board meeting – 12:30 in the Kiva
Mar 6-7	Book Fair
Mar 6-7	SEP conferences
Mar 8	No school – comp recess

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News from the PTA....

February is going to be a fun month! The Room Parents have planned some fun activities for the grade Valentine's Day parties. Thanks to everyone who is helping to organize these activities. The 6th grade parents have been working hard to make the 6th grade Valentine's Day Dance a day to remember. A special thanks to all the teachers for helping and supporting the room parents.

Deanna Lambson and her committee have been busy planning White Ribbon Week. We will get to see all of their great ideas the last week of February. Please remember to sign IN and OUT in the volunteer book located in the office when you come in to volunteer. Thanks!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Denise Richard and Kathryn Turley
PTA co-presidents

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Be a Media Detective!

Our WHITE RIBBON WEEK (Media and Internet Safety week) is coming up soon *from Feb. 25th to Mar. 1st*

This year Brookwood students will learn how to be media detectives!

Did you know that the average 8 to 18 year old in the U.S. spends nearly 8 hours a day using entertainment media? That means we have to teach our children to be smart about all the messages they receive.

During White Ribbon Week, we'll ask important questions about all the messages that come to us whether on TV, print or online. At the same time, we'll have lots of fun!

Please set aside the morning of *Wed. February 27* to come to school and enjoy a cold cereal smorgasbord with your child! After a tasty bowl of cereal, please plan on joining us for a 20 minute parent meeting about helping our kids be media savvy.

Here are some questions to help you and your child T.H.I.N.K. before buying into a media message:

T—Is the message TRUE?

H—HOW did they get my attention?

I—I can choose. Is it a good choice for me?

N—Does the message promote something NEGATIVE or POSITIVE?

K—Always KNOW who made the media and Why.

ART-A-PALOOZA & GALLERY WALK – DONATIONS NEEDED!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2013 Art-A-Palooza and Gallery Walk on **Thursday April 11th** hosted by School Community Council. 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.

Plans are already underway to make this night one to remember and the goal is to raise \$10,000! If you would like to donate a product or service for the auction, please contact Abby Pohlman at abbyrog@hotmail.com or Channa Vyfvinkel at Vyfvinkel@comcast.net or bring your donation to the office. (It is tax deductible!)

CHESS CLUB ROCKS!

You should be so proud of your chess players! They are learning a lot of critical thinking skills, cool chess strategies and showing great sportsmanship to boot! Congratulations to those that have achieved the following ranks:

PAWN: **Ariyan Sabel, Lucy Dagleist**

KNIGHT: **Rachel Butler, Parker Olsen, River Terry**

ROOK: **Adam Kimball, Mikey Murray, Arcadia Tolley**

KING: **Shelby Talbot, Cal Thomson**

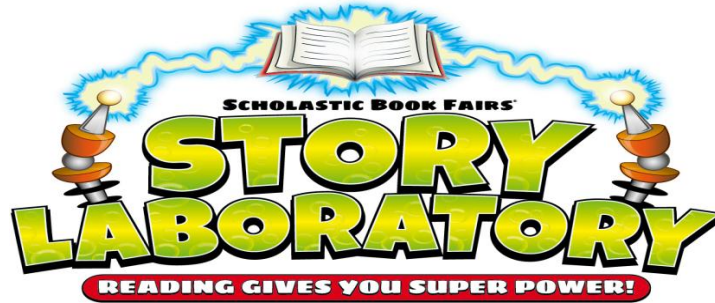
Ask your kids to show you a fork - pretty impressive! We welcome new volunteers or 4th, 5th or 6th graders to join us at any time - Friday mornings at 8 am in the cafeteria!

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We are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate the chess club for the 2013/2014 school year.

Only a basic understanding of chess is necessary! Please contact Anna Roumpos at 801 867 8293 or annars@g.com if you are able to assist or need other information.

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BROOKWOOD BOOK FAIR: March 5 to 7

Our spring book fair is just around the corner. We are looking for volunteers to help make this event successful. Please contact Nicole Fisher at fisherpc@yahoo.com or (801) 455-8706 if you would like to help. Thanks!

<u>Monday, March 4th</u>	(8:45am-12:00pm Set Up)	6 to 8 Volunteers Needed
<u>Tuesday, March 5th</u>	(12:00-1:30pm)	5 Volunteers Needed
<u>Wednesday, March 6th</u>		
8:00-9:00am	<u>Reading Den Breakfast</u>	8 Volunteers Needed
12:00-1:30pm		5 Volunteers Needed
4:00-6:00pm		3 Volunteers Needed
6:00-8:00pm		3 Volunteers Needed
<u>Thursday, March 7th</u>		
12:00-1:30pm		5 Volunteers Needed
2:00-4:00pm		3 Volunteers Needed
4:00-6:00pm		3 Volunteers Needed
6:00-8:00pm		3 Volunteers Needed
<u>Monday, March 11th</u>	(8:45am-12:00pm Take Down)	6 to 8 volunteers Needed

5th Grade Maturation

Please add the following to your calendars:

Friday, April 5th
11am

Girls in the Kiva
Boys in the gym

For any questions contact Kaye at 801 942 7222

School Community Council Mid-Year Report Available

Brookwood's School Community Council (SCC) has completed the 2012-2013 mid-year report which can be found on-line at

<http://brookwood.canyonsdistrict.org> under

Community / School Community Council. The SCC invites and encourages all parents, faculty and staff to attend SCC meetings and to volunteer to help with SCC sponsored activities. Future SCC meetings will be held in the faculty lounge from 7:45 to 8:45 on Friday February 15th, Friday April 12th and Friday May 10th.

The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.
Tom Bodett

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Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has lots of fun things planned for the month of February. We are excited to Celebrate Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school. Kindergarteners are working hard to earn love money to spend at our Valentines store. At the end of February we will be going on our first field trip to the Utah Museum of Natural History. We are continuing to work on our letters and sounds. We have been enjoying measuring things around our classroom as well.

Please continue reading with your children. Also, remember to send your students with coats or jackets. Thanks for all you do!

First Grade

In 1st grade we are busy preparing for our 100th day of school. We will be doing many fun activities on February 6th, one is to dress up like you are 100. We have 4th and 6th graders helping us with some of our activities.

We continue to work hard in reading and math. Each week is a new phonics skill and math concept. Parents we hope you read our notes we send home weekly outlining what we are doing. Our students are becoming good readers and good writers. We love the progress we are seeing.

We will be learning about Presidents's George Washington and Abraham Lincoln this month. We will also focus on weather and the seasons. If time permits we love to do a little on penguins.

Please read 20 minutes 5 times a week and continue to practice math facts at home also. Thanks for all you support!!

Second Grade

We are so excited that the groundhog did not see his shadow and spring is on its way! Thanks to the parents who have helped with indoor recess. You are the most thoughtful group of parents. We appreciate you so much.

We had fun celebrating the 100th day of school. We are happy about all that the children have learned so far this year. They are doing a great job with regrouping in both addition and subtraction. In Topic 10 in math we are adding and subtracting money and learning to estimate using mental math. Our next topic will be Geometry.

In Reading Street we have completed our first reader and are on to the second one. They have loved the stories and we are seeing good progress in their reading skills. We are now doing weekly tests on the computer. You can look up their scores and see the test online. The immediate feedback they receive when taking a test online seems to be very motivational.

We appreciate your continued support with baggy books. Having your child read out loud really helps their fluency. Thanks also to those who have make math facts a priority. It makes a big difference when they can add without using their fingers!

A million thanks to all our parent volunteers! You help to make second grade a great place to be.

Third Grade

MATH Topics 10 and 12 are on schedule for February. Topic 10, Geometry, is the study of shapes and Topic 12 will begin our study of Fractions. Please do help at home with hands on experiences and practice activities as well as homework.

Biographies are getting close to the end of the unit for all students and their home and school projects should be done. Each class has a deadline and also a day to present their projects to their class. Don't forget parents are invited to visit 3rd Grade and see all our displays on Friday February 15th from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. It's open house style so come when you can.

Parents need to check their student's ticket each Friday. Look for any "infractions", sign the ticket, and help your student 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 activity.

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Fourth Grade

We would like to give a big thank you to Mrs. Harris for setting up and preparing students for the incredible opportunity of singing for the Governor at the Capitol building. Thank you parents for your support in this event, it was a huge success!

We will be creating covered wagon Valentine's boxes this year here at school. We just ask parents to provide a shoe box. We would like to thank Mrs. Finlinson's parent volunteers who are putting time and effort into planning a fun Valentine party.

We have begun our second round of science classes. Please spend time with your child reviewing the concepts they are learning. They each have a science journal that is full of information to help them understand and learn all about the world around them.

More than ever, there is a great need for all fourth grade students to have all their multiplication facts memorized. Time should be spent every night practicing these facts until they are mastered. As we work on multiple digit division, it is very clear that the students that do not know their facts are struggling. Thanks for your extra help and support at home.

Fifth Grade

First off, we want to thank you for your patience during middle school registration and for your continued support.

Our current unit for social studies is government and the constitution. This will last most of February.

Starting February 11, students will begin a new unit of science with their own teacher.

For language arts we are studying our fourth unit in Reading Street. Remember to check the fifth grade blog for weekly updates on what we are learning. One of our main focuses right now is studying persuasive writing. Students will be taking the fifth grade writing test in the beginning of March so please encourage your child to put forth their best effort in writing.

Other important dates include:

- February 12 is Career Day from 9:15 – 10:30. Thank you to those parents who are willing to come speak.
- Valentine's Day Party on Thursday, February 14
- Presidential Wax Museum February 22 starting at 9:15 AM. Remember that the reports are due on February 20 so students can present to the class prior to the Wax Museum.
- We will be visiting the Symphony on February 26. PLEASE be on time because we will be leaving as soon as school starts. Remember to dress nicely.

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

Sixth Grade

Sixth grade is looking forward to a productive and exciting month. The sixth grade team wants to remind all students to continue having their planners signed nightly, to have passports signed every Friday, and remember to record your Independent Reading minutes!

Officer Martin began the enriching NOVA program this month. The students actively listen while he creates an engaging learning atmosphere emphasizing the value of making good choices. He allows students to participate with hands-on activities and explains how to apply various valuable lessons into their own daily lives. We truly appreciate his enthusiasm and concern that he has for all students at Brookwood! ☺

The sixth grade students are anticipating the Valentine's Day Dance, which will take place on Thursday, February 14, 2013. The students have been spending a great deal of time learning the various dances such as the Cha-Cha, Boot Scoot N' Boogie and Virginia Reel.

Be sure to check out <http://mrsr6th.blogspot.com> to see photos from all of our fantastic events as well as blog writings from our amazing sixth grade authors!

Dates to remember:

2/14 Valentine's Day Dance

2/28 February Club

