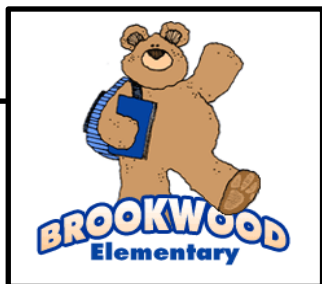


# THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

A Brookwood PTA Publication  
**MARCH 2013**



## Principal's Message:

Brookwood Bears are always SAFE, KIND AND RESPONSIBLE. Our school rocks!!

Last month Brookwood was evaluated to see how well our students and teachers know the school wide expectations!!!! Woweee! We scored a 96% on the SET (School-wide Evaluation Tool), which is an increase from 79% in the fall. The SET is a tool that assesses the implementation of positive behavior supports in a school. (pbis.org) Way to go Brookwood Bears; you are SAFE, KIND & RESPONSIBLE and you demonstrate this every day!

This month our students will be participating in "Safety Week". While our students are focusing on safety, I hope our parents will as well. Our drive thru lane operates very efficiently when everyone follows the rules. I have noticed lots of parents stopping at the kindergarten doors to release students. I've also noticed parents pulling up beside the drive thru lane and motioning for their student to walk between cars. Please consider the safety of all our students when entering the school drive thru lane. An alternative to waiting in the drive thru lane is to pick your child up at the back of the school or to use the walkway located on the southwest corner of our school.

As part of safety in the school, you may notice two more changes. Firstly we have installed a buzzer system to enter the general classroom area. Please remember to always come through the front doors and once you have signed in, we will "buzz" you into the classroom area.

Second, we will notice an online sign in. Instead of "paper and pencil, you will log into a computer. The computer will more accurately log who is in the building and for how long. We are very excited about these changes. Please be patient with us as we implement them and I know it will be smooth sailing.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. We appreciate every minute you devote to our school.

*Mrs Julie Mootz*

## Dates for your calendar:

Mar 8	No School – comp recess
Mar 18 – 21	Safety Week
Mar 25 – 29	Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
Apr 3	PTA board meeting 12:30 in the Kiva
Apr 5	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation
Apr 19	Kindergarten Orientation
Apr 22 – 26	Earth Week

## PTA Board 2012 - 2013

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## News from the PTA....

PTA commissioners have been very busy this month. Thanks to Deanna Lambson and her committee for a very informative and fun White Ribbon Week.

March has started off as a very busy month. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Book Fair, Reading Den and SEP dinners. A special shout out to Anne Wood and Nicole Fisher for organizing the event. Thanks to everyone who supported the Book Fair and Reading Den this year, it was a great success! Jen Wilhite has been promoting safety all year and has a fun week planned this month for Safety Week.

We still have Brookwood t-shirts left. Please contact Sarah Weaver if you are interested in purchasing one. Please remember to turn in all receipts for PTA events as soon as possible. The PTA Check Request Form is located in the PTA box in the office.

Have a wonderful and safe Spring Break!

*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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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation

Please add the following to your calendars:

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
11 am

Girls in the Kiva  
Boys in the gym

For any questions contact  
Kaye at 801 942 7222

On April 8th there will be an assembly to start a fundraiser to help the people of the Navajo Nation located in the four corners area.

The organization, *Building Youth Around the World*, will be putting on this assembly and collecting winter coats and jackets as well as used and new books for the month of April.

Please go through your closets and libraries and donate to this good cause.

There will be prizes given out to the classes that collect the most items.

Thank you for your donations!

Please call Shelly Wootton @ [801-944-1067](tel:801-944-1067) or email [slwootton@gmail.com](mailto:slwootton@gmail.com) with any questions.

Brookwood Elementary School Community  
Council Presents

## ART-A-PALOOZA & Gallery Walk

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

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

We have put the FUN in Fundraiser and want to invite YOU to Brookwood Elementary School's third annual *Art-A-Palooza and Gallery Walk*. Parents and students have the opportunity to

*Take Part In The Arts* where the classes and art activities are FREE! New this year will be a *Silent Auction* and back again by popular demand is the *Brookwood Bake Sale*. Funds raised from this event will benefit all Brookwood students and will be used for teacher grants and for continued technology and art enrichment. Plans are underway to make this night one to remember and the goal is to raise \$10,000.00! We need donations so if you would like to donate a product or service for the silent auction, please contact Abby Pohlman at [abbyrog@hotmail.com](mailto:abbyrog@hotmail.com) or Channa Vyfvinkel at [vyfvinkel@comcast.net](mailto:vyfvinkel@comcast.net). 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:801-209-1527) or via email at [vyfvinkel@comcast.net](mailto:vyfvinkel@comcast.net)

## Bake Sale Returns for Art-A-Palooza on April 11, 2013!

Last year's Bake Sale was such a big hit that we have decided to bring it back this year for the *Art-A-Palooza & Gallery Walk*.

Heather Gardner and Leslie Sarin are getting donations from local bakeries, but we also need Brookwood families to donate homemade or purchased goods to make this a successful bake sale.

We need as many people as possible to bake or buy two dozen of their favorite treats (cookies, bars, cupcakes, brownies, crispy treats, fudge, caramel popcorn, etc.) and deliver them to Brookwood's gym or office on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> or Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please have your goodies pre-packaged if possible but we will welcome all donations. They will be selling in \$1 increments. Example: one large cookie for \$1, two medium cookies for \$1 or three small cookies for \$1.

If you have any questions, contact Heather Gardner at [\(801\) 656-9803](tel:801-656-9803) or Leslie Sarin at [\(801\) 599-6838](tel:801-599-6838).

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## CHESS CLUB NEWS!

There are all kinds of new things happening at Chess Club.

Four students represented Brookwood at the **Preparatory State Chess Tournament** on February 2nd. We had a team goal of getting four points. When we got there we were told that they had to combine age brackets and that all of our players would be playing in the 6th to 10th grade age bracket. Despite playing much older kids, our team scored 5.5 points! Congratulations to [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

**Third graders are now welcome to join Chess Club!** We have had sixteen join us so far and we are having so much fun. We love having you!

**Advancements.** Congratulations to the following Chess Club members who have achieved the following ranks:

PAWN: [REDACTED]  
KNIGHT: [REDACTED]  
ROOK: [REDACTED]  
QUEEN: [REDACTED]

On March 9th we will be sending more Brookwood Bears to the **State Chess Tournament** at the University of Utah. If your chess player would like to go, you can register at [www.clarkwork.com/utahchess](http://www.clarkwork.com/utahchess). (Carpools available.)  
Go Brookwood!

Finally, we will be holding our own **Brookwood Tournament** during Chess Club for several weeks in April and May. The tournament will tentatively be open to all players who have achieved the rank of Bishop. We may tentatively have another bracket for our Pawns and Knights if there is enough interest. There are a lot of Knights that are close to becoming Bishops - so make good use of your time in Chess Club during March so that you can participate! **Trophies/ribbons** will be awarded to tournament participants at the end of the tournament in our final Chess Club meeting at the end of May.

Any questions? Please call Jan at [801-520-6055](tel:801-520-6055) or email [BrookwoodChess@gmail.com](mailto:BrookwoodChess@gmail.com).

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:801-930-9359)**

A special shout out to all our volunteers.  
You help make Brookwood the best!

Leslie Sarin for SEP Dinners  
Stephanie Shumway and Ellen Sperry  
for Reading Den  
Deanna Lambson, Sarah Weaver, Lisa  
Anderson and Nicole Fisher for White  
Ribbon Week  
Brent and Jen Wilhite for Safety Week  
Nicole Fisher and Anne Wood for the  
Book Fair

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss*

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## Grade Level Updates

### **Kindergarten**

We loved learning about our Presidents and celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. We are 100 days smarter! Our Kindergarteners are becoming such good writers. We enjoy writing in our journals. We are working on learning numbers 10-15 and we will start addition and subtraction soon as well. Our Kindergarteners are doing such a good job following our school rules: being safe, kind, and responsible.

Kindergarteners, continue to read your baggy books each night so you can become better readers.

### **First Grade**

In first grade we will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day and spring. These are all fun and exciting events. The students have really been working on their writing skills. We are all having students become authors and illustrators which is very rewarding for teachers and students. You could discuss ideas at home for interesting stories with your student, make sure it has a problem and a solution. We will be having an Awesome Author day so watch for that event. All classes have been working hard on dances with Tanner Dance, this performance will be sometime in April so watch for that also.

Please continue to read 20 minutes for 20 nights in the month, this is so critical for your child's progress. Thanks for returning homework folders every Friday. Keep completing the math homework also, we know once spring hits these things seem to take a back seat but they are so important.

Thanks for your support.

### **Second Grade**

We sure appreciated having a chance to celebrate each child at our parent teacher conferences. It is fun to see all the growth that has taken place since the beginning of the year. The support and encouragement you give from home makes a world of difference. Thank you!

Our Changing World is the big idea we have been reading, writing and discussing in our reading program recently. The children are becoming very competent at writing paragraphs with topic sentences, details and a great concluding sentence. They know how to provide evidence from the text. It is amazing!

Geometry is our current topic of study in math and we will soon be on to fractions. The hands on aspect of these topics makes them very enjoyable. The second graders love learning big words like parallelogram! We continue to work on learning all our math facts. A few minutes of practice each night will be of great benefit to your child.

A special thanks to all the parent helpers for Hands on Science, Meet the Masters, baggy books and small group stations. You help to make Brookwood a wonderful place to be.

### **Third Grade**

MATH Topic 12, our study of Fractions, has not yet concluded. We will complete it by March 7<sup>th</sup> take the test and then we will have a week of review and a second chance on the test. The third week of March will be Topics 14 and 15 on Measurement. As usual hands on experiences and practice activities at home help to build an essential knowledge base. Let your child use the measuring tape, ruler, measuring cups and spoons, scale, and thermometer. You can teach them how to find the perimeter and the area of a shape or room. Don't forget to do some activities in metric units too.

Our new ticket book for the next six weeks is tied to the Cultural Unit we'll be studying in Language Arts. The students will need to earn beads daily to achieve the weekly goal. Students who earn all weekly goals will also attain the highest level and get an extra reward.

Parents need to check their student's ticket 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 activity.

Kidd's Class has been practicing jump rope skills as they gear up for the Jump Rope for Heart Assembly coming in April. Parents of Kidd's students are invited to come watch our presentation. Watch for the date in the next newsletter.

Biographies were so much fun! Thanks to the many parents and grandparents who came through and saw our displays.

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## Fourth Grade

The end of the year seems to be getting closer and closer! We have started our fifth science unit of study. Only one more to go! We are continuing to learn much about the state of Utah and look forward to some fun related field trips coming this Spring.

As we move through the math units, it is important as ever to really have our math facts down. The division and multiplication facts help us as we learn about fractions, decimals, and other important math concepts. Practicing those facts at home is still essential for success.

We enjoyed our last Meet the Master's experience in learning about and trying our hand at the artistic stylings of Henri Rousseau. We appreciate the continuous support of all of our parents in making so many experiences possible for our students.

## Fifth Grade

We enjoyed seeing all of you at SEP conferences. Thank you for taking the time to visit with us and plan for your child. We care very much about each child and look forward to seeing how they grow throughout the rest of the school year.

Our current unit for social studies is westward expansion. We will begin new our new science rotations the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>. For language arts we are studying our fifth unit in Reading Street. Remember to check the fifth grade blog for weekly updates on what we are learning during language arts. We are so proud of how hard everyone worked to prepare for DWA. Thank you for all the support you gave at home to help prepare your child for this writing test.

Other important dates include:

- March 18 – Field trip to the Capitol and museum
- March 25 – 29 Spring Break! Please be safe and have a great time.
- April 5 – Fifth Grade Maturation Program
- April 11 – Art-a-palooza – We hope you can come and support this wonderful event!

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

## Sixth Grade

Sixth grade is excited that March is here and finally the weather is getting warmer outside. What a great time to focus on conferences as students set goals they wish to achieve before the end of the year. Thank you to all of the students and their parents for scheduling SEP appointments and taking the time to meet with the teachers. We know working together is so important for your child's success.

A huge thank you goes out to Mrs. Harries and Mrs. Allen for coordinating this year's Valentine's Dance. What a huge success! Thank you to all the parent volunteers as well as all the donations we received for decorations. The dance was an event the students will never forget.

During the month of March, all sixth grade students will strive to have their planners signed daily, passports signed weekly and to read at least 20 minutes every day! Most importantly, students will continue to come to school with their amazing personalities and their desire to learn that make the sixth grade teachers truly love their job!

