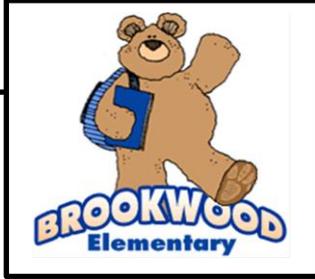


THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

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Principal's Message:

I can almost feel it, Spring is on the way! I think our students can feel it too! Spring is also a time to really buckle down in school. Our End of Level testing period is quickly approaching and our teachers are doing all they can to prepare the students.

Did you know one of our teachers could be the next "Canyons School District Teacher of the Year"? You may nominate one of our teachers. The nomination form can be found on the Canyons School District web site. I hope each of you will take the time to submit a nomination. Nomination forms must be submitted by April 10th, 2012.

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 notice 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.

On another note, our lost and found is overflowing! Please check the bin in the cafeteria for any lost items next time you are at school.

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

Julie Mootz

Dates to diarize:

Mar 9	Comp recess – NO SCHOOL
Mar 19 – 23	Safety Week
Mar 22	Beach night – 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the gym \$3 dinner deal – come dressed for the beach
Apr 2 – 6	Spring Recess – NO SCHOOL
Apr 11	PTA Board Meeting – 12:30pm in Kiva
Apr 13	5 th Grade Maturation Canyons District Cultural Heritage Celebration – see page 4

PTA Board 2011 – 2012

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News from the PTA...

February was a busy month for so many Brookwood volunteers. A heart filled thank you to the many volunteers who helped make February extra special with valentine class parties and some wonderful activities. An extra grateful thank you to Kristi Reardon, our PTA EML representative, who provided a number of events for our Brookwood Bears promoting diversity. Our children focused on REAL Life experiences with internet Safety Week thanks to Deanna Lambson and her amazing committee. Brookwood Bears mastered some much needed skills to stay safe on line and to recognize "real life" experiences and friends.

Every class is prepared for an emergency. The PTA purchased granola bars to supplement for any students who did not return their emergency preparedness bags. Hopefully they will not be needed and will provide an after school treat the last day of school.

March is an exciting month whether it comes in like a lion or a lamb.

March 19-23 Safety Week

Thanks for all the support, time and energy from our Brookwood community. We are the luckiest PTA in Utah! We are continually amazed and appreciative of all the volunteer time that goes into making Brookwood a great school. Thank You! Thank You!

Sincerely,
Ellen Sperry and Stephanie Shumway
PTA co-presidents

A note from the treasurer.....

Dear Room Parents
Please turn in all your receipts promptly to help us re-allocate funds if necessary.
Thank you , Kim Kehl

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GOODBYE.....

Dear Parents and Students,

After much thought and mixed emotion I have decided to retire from my position as Administrative Assistant at Brookwood so that I can spend more time with my children and grandchildren. I will be working through SEP conferences so March 8th will be my last day.

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful experience it has been for me to work at Brookwood for the last 15 years. Words are inadequate to tell you how much your friendship and support has meant to me. My relationship with both students and parents has enriched my life. I am hopeful our paths will still cross and I can continue to enjoy associating with each of you.

We have found a delightful and well-qualified replacement, Stacey Pike, who has already been working part-time in our building with our Achievement Coach. We are confident as you get to know her you will enjoy the skills and personality she brings to the office.

Thanks again for allowing me to be a part of your lives.

Bonnie Carter

Safety Week March 19-23

"Click It Club"

Monday, March 19 - We will hold a 9:30 am assembly for the entire school. This 1/2 hour assembly will be presented by the Utah Dept. of Public Safety and Primary Children's Medical Center and will focus on seat belt safety.

Tuesday, March 20 - Brookwood's NOVA Officer will make a safety address on Bear TV and we will pass out "click it club" pencils and stickers in the cafeteria during lunch.

Wednesday, March 21 - We will have a "seatbelt convincer" set up on the South side of the school, during lunchtime. This will be run by the Utah Highway Patrol and allows students to get in a "car" and crash at 5mph.

Thursday, March 22 - We will be passing out a treat at lunchtime.

Friday, March 23 - We will have a crashed car on display on the South side of the school for the entire day. This will give students a chance to see a totaled SUV that was involved in an actual crash, in which a man fell asleep at the wheel, crossed the median, hit an oncoming vehicle, rolled and survived the whole thing BECAUSE he was wearing his seatbelt!

In addition, we will have some "click it club" posters displayed around the school for the week as well A-Frame signs that will be displayed in the drop off zone before and after school.

A big THANK YOU to Brent & Jen Wilhite for making this possible!

Chess is the gymnasium of the mind.

- Blaise Pascal (famous 17th century French mathematician)

We are happy that new chess players keep joining and so proud of the accomplishments of all the Chess Club Members! It isn't too late to join. If you are in 4th, 5th or 6th grade, please join us every Friday at 8 a.m. And if you would like to help, we would LOVE to have you!

Congratulations to those that advanced in rank in February! Our new Bishops: Shelby Talbot and Cal Thomson. Our new Knights: Connor Dangerfield, Mitch Fisher, Blake Grimshaw, Lucas Hansen, Tyler Hunt, Adam Kimball, Michael Murray, Brittany Stroud, Arcadia Tolley and Jake Ward.

Thank you so very much to our volunteers - we couldn't do this without you!

Questions or comments? BrookwoodChess@gmail.com

Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

We have been having so much fun in Kindergarten! Our 100th day of school was a blast! We even had a great time at our Valentine's party spending all of our love money.

We have been learning how to add. For the next few weeks, we will be playing some really fun games to reinforce what we have been learning!

Our reading skills are really starting to take off! We have added several new sight words to our vocabulary, and we are looking forward to some fun activities to solidify them before first grade.

We will also be learning about animals this month, as well as how to stay healthy.

First Grade

We are looking forward to seeing you again for Parent Teacher Conferences. We want to celebrate the growth since our November meeting.

We will be looking for signs of Spring (if we can find any at this time) for March. We continue to push reading, writing, and math progress.

Dr. Seuss' birthday helps us practice our reading, rhyming, and writing. He will be our author of the month.

Hands-on science is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th. We will be making Oobleck—it's tons of fun with Dr. Seuss' goo.

Keep up the fluency practice by reading a book several times. First graders love when they can record their reading and then listen to what it sounds like. Practice rereading again several times and try to improve the fluency. You can time your child and work to improve the reading, too. Good fluency is enhanced when our first grade friends know their sight words for quick recall.

Daily addition/subtraction drills are scheduled to help with automaticity of the math facts. Please practice regularly at home the math flashcards.

Second Grade

March certainly came in like a lion so it should go out like a lamb. In second grade we will be observing and learning about the weather this month. We will also have some fun with Dr. Seuss as we remember his birthday with a crazy hat day and some fun reading and writing activities. Meet the Masters and Hands on Science will add to our learning opportunities in March. Thank you parent volunteers for making these programs possible. Second graders love them.

In math this month we will continue learning to add and subtract with regrouping. This is a challenging subject so we will be doing lots of practice using a variety of methods— mental math, manipulatives (cubes), and paper pencil. We will have some fun reading and writing about leprechauns this month as well.

Thanks so much for your support in helping your children be responsible for their homework. These good habits will pay rich dividends in the future. We look forward to seeing each of you at SEP's and sharing with you your child's accomplishments.

Third Grade

The Third Grade Hoedown was a great success and we can't express enough thanks to the parent helpers who assisted with getting things ready for the event.

The students have studied and tested in Basic Geometry and Fractions. In March we will review and use those concepts and move on into measurement. We will study Customary and Metric measurement. This will also include perimeter, area, and volume. You can help at home by doing measuring activities using rulers, measuring cups and spoons, scales, and bottles.

Third grade classes will all be scheduling an ice cream party for students who pass all their times tables thru 11's. Each teacher has her own schedule so check with your student to find out how he or she earns it and when it will be. You can help at home by practicing written or oral drills, playing math games, practicing flashcards and playing computer games. Students who have not passed facts yet should practice about 5 to 10 minutes per night, 5 nights a week on basic multiplication facts.

In Language Arts our next unit is called "A Feast of Words on a Planet Called Earth and Beyond". This will include idioms, poems, suffixes, and looking at informational texts.

The weekly tickets will change to reflect our new Language Arts and Unit topics. Be sure to look for your student to bring home their weekly ticket each Friday and sign it.

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Fourth Grade

The end of the year seems to be getting closer and closer! We have started our sixth and final science unit of study. 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 look forward to our last Meet the Master's project as we will be learning about the style and technique of artist Georgia O'Keefe.

We appreciate the continuous support of all of our parents in making so many experiences possible for our students.

Fifth Grade

March in fifth grade is filled with some great things. Most notably is the field trip to the Utah Symphony downtown at Abravanel Hall at the end of the month. We will be learning about the parts of the orchestra, Russian composers, and symphony etiquette, just to name a few. We are continuing to prepare for the DWA state writing assessment. The students are working with the Utah Write website to get ready. This assessment will take place later on in the month. We look forward to the final grade period beginning for students. It's a great time to make some final goals and finish fifth grade strong!

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 all the amazing parents 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 read at least 20 minutes every day! Most importantly, students will continue to come to school with their amazing personalities that make the sixth grade teachers truly love their job!

Dates to remember:

3/8-No School

3/30-Club

4/2-4/6-Spring Recess

4/30-Club

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

REGION 17 PTA/CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRESENTS...

A CULTURAL HERITAGE CELEBRATION
"Creating a beautiful Mosaic"

Friday, 13 April 2012

Jordan High School Gymnasium
6:00 – 9:00pm

Free admission. All families welcome!
FOOD, CRAFTS AND ENTERTAINMENT