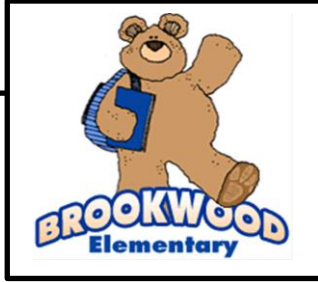


THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

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Principal's Message:

This has been an exciting year filled with many challenges but more importantly many rewards. I feel very fortunate to be in a school with such bright students and supportive parents. It has been a wonderful first year for me and I thank you. I see the hundreds of hours parents invest in our school and our children each day and I wish to thank each of you. Support from parents comes in many forms. Some parents are able to come to school and volunteer in the classrooms and on special projects. Others help out from home or work. However, every parent has an opportunity to be supportive and to help children to be their best with the attitude they display. I know working together, as a team, we can give our children the education they deserve. I would also like to thank our teachers and staff for the support and caring attitude our children feel each day. Brookwood Elementary has one of the finest groups of people I have ever worked with. I am honored to be a part of the Brookwood Team!

The PTA at Brookwood deserves a special thank you. Ellen Sperry and Stephanie Shumway and the executive board have worked tirelessly to help support our children and the programs at Brookwood. They have organized scores of PTA volunteers to help in various areas.

Our School Community Council, under the direction of Channa Vyfvinkel, has been very supportive of our students and school. Not only did we fund four talented Reading coaches, but we were able to fund the Tanner Dance program in grades K-3. Technology has been a focus and we have been able to fund audio enhancement for all classrooms, IXL math program in grades 3-6, and new headsets for each grade. I continue to be amazed by the support and generosity of our community.

May is a very important month for students at Brookwood. The students will take part in many culminating activities and also participate in the end of the year testing. It is important for students to be well rested, have a good breakfast and be on time, especially during test week. Please make sure your children don't miss out on these academic opportunities.

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy summer. I also hope that reading every day and keeping math skills sharp are a part of every Brookwood family's summer activities. School registration will be online and you will receive more information about this.

Thank you again to the many people that make Brookwood Elementary such a nice place to be.

Julie Mootz

Dates to diarize:

May 17	Fun Run
May 28	Memorial Day – No School
June 5	Field Day
June 6	Last Day of School – dismiss 12:55
Aug 27	First day of school (registration will be online this year. Details to follow during the Summer)
Aug 30	Back to School night

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News from the PTA...

The month of April was eventful at Brookwood - every month is filled with so many great activities coordinated by wonderful volunteers! Thank You to Tracey Gass for the 5th grade Maturation program, Colleen Jones for Kindergarten Orientation and Kristi Reardon for Earth Week. It has been a great year to be involved with the PTA. We have had the privilege to work with many talented and dedicated people and feel so grateful that our school has such amazing support. It is all the volunteers who have truly made the PTA programs this year successful. Thank you 2011-2012 PTA Board Members Derek Brown, Kim Kehl, Sarah Hopkins, Kristi Reardon and your Presidents Elect, Denise Richard and Kathryn Turley. We hope they know how much we really do appreciate all they do for our school community. We still have three big PTA events coming up to finish out the year, Teacher Appreciation, Fun Run and Field Day. These Brookwood traditions require enormous planning and effort. Thank you in advance to Jenesse Durling, Kelly Stoddard, Diane Boyd, Shelly Hale and Mareille Taylor for their willingness to lead these activities. We are asking for all of you who can to please volunteer at the Fun Run or Field Day. You can sign up at the front office for Field Day or contact Diane Boyd at djboud@uphill.com for the Fun Run.

As we come to the end of the year we want to ensure that the PTA has reimbursed all those who have made purchases. Please turn in all receipts to Kim Kehl no later than June 6th, the last official day of school. After this date she will no longer be able to make reimbursements for the 2011-2012 school year. At the present moment, we have excess funds and plan to purchase new playground equipment (balls, soccer goals, tennis rackets.....etc) to be in the school and ready for next fall.

Thank you again for all the support and help we have received this year. It has been such a great opportunity for us and we have enjoyed serving the wonderful children and faculty of Brookwood.

Sincerely,

Ellen Sperry and Stephanie Shumway

PTA co-presidents

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Chess Club

The endgame begins!

The "endgame" is the final phase of a chess game, and that is where we find ourselves with Chess Club: there are only three more weeks left! Our last Chess Club meeting / Chess party will be on Friday, May 18th. It has been a wonderful year and you should be so proud of your kids! Let's keep going strong right up to the last week . . . or jump back in if you've fallen off the chess board.

In March and April, eleven kids moved up in rank. Watch a demonstration of scholar's mate from one of our new KNIGHTS: *Hayley Cundiff, David Moffat and Connor Moore*. Be dazzled by the algebraic notation mastered by our new BISHOPS: *Lucas Hansen, Ethan Huang, Tyler Shumway, Brittany Stroud and Arcadia Tolley*. Learn the difference between a skewer and a pin from one of our new ROOKS: *Jaxton Goller, Shelby Talbot and Cal Thomson*. Or grab any member of the Chess Club for a game and prepare to defend your king!

We look forward to all the things we can learn, skills we can master and games we can play in the last few weeks. (VOLUNTEERS STILL WELCOME AND NEEDED!) Over the summer, play a ton of chess - keep your brains and chess skills sharp so we can all get off to a running start next school year. The more you use the skills you have learned by playing real games, the better chess player you will become. And parents, as you plan your volunteering commitments for the year to come, please keep Chess Club on your radar. We could REALLY use more volunteers and it is SO much fun. It will be at the same time next year: Friday mornings, 8 - 8:45 a.m. and open to 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Chess truly is the game for your brain! (Do a quick google search - "chess improves grades" - you will be amazed.)

Questions or comments?

Contact Jan at BrookwoodChess@gmail.com or 801.520.6055

FUN RUN

Mark your calendars.....

May 17th

Younger kids at 6pm
(2nd Grade and younger)

5K Run at 6:30pm
(anyone who would like to take part)

A Subway dinner deal will be available for purchase.

Watch for the Fun Run registration and t-shirt order forms.

Don't miss out!



Please contact Diane Boud if you would be willing to help
djboud@uphill.com or (801) 403 5131

Attention!

It's Spring time so let's do some spring cleaning and bring in those wonderful books from home for The Bear Book Cars. Since the unveiling of Bear Books at Art-A-Palooza in January, we have raised \$229. This money will go towards new sports equipment. Way to go Brookwood Bears!

Let's finish this year with a Bear Book drive to reach a goal of \$300. The book donation drop can be found by the front office. Thank you for your support. Any questions please contact Linda Kogan @ 801-913-2364 or shanghaidragon@yahoo.com

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Mrs. Guevara, Brookwood teacher of the Year. Mrs. Guevara is a beloved 5th grade teacher, who is loved by all. Not only is Mrs. Guevara a gifted teacher at Brookwood, she has supported our chess club all year. Mrs. Guevara comes in early every Friday to support our chess club. Mrs. Guevara is very special.

Will Mrs. Guevara be named the District Teacher of the Year? Join us at the May 15th Board of Education Meeting to find out. Mrs. Guevara will be honored in a special Board ceremony at 7:30 p.m. at Jordan High School, where the District Teacher of the Year will be announced. But first, make sure you drop by the Jordan High Commons Area at 7 p.m. to congratulate and share a treat with Mrs. Guevara at the Board's Teachers of the Year Open House.

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Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

April has been a really fun month in Kindergarten, but May has so many fun things in store! We have already done our Tanner dance performance, as well as our Brookwood Bear Day. We are looking forward to our Pajama Pancake Party, our end of year program and Graduation, pet week, our field trip to the zoo, our visit to first grade, and of course all of the fun end of year activities! What a way to finish out the year! We also want to thank all of our 6th grade buddies for all of the help they have given us! We want to wish them well in junior high!

First Grade

We are so thrilled with the progress our 1st graders have made this year. Please remember to keep up with the homework throughout May. We will be counting up all the books read the end of the month, remember 150 books need to be read to earn the Gold Medal. Thanks for your help in reaching this goal.

Here are some important events to remember for May.

May 15th – Jump rope for Heart, please wear sneakers.

May 24th – All Homework and Baggy Books are due as well as Library books. Please write down all books read in the Homework Folder to count toward the 150 books.

May 25th – Field trip to Thanksgiving Point, please remember if you are planning on attending you must have a background check and be cleared through the district.

May 30th – Awesome Author's Program and Book Walk. Your student has been working hard being an author and an illustrator all year. Come to school and see the books and watch a short fun filled program of songs, poems and raps. We will let you know the time later but it will be in the afternoon.

We want to thank the many, many parents who have spent hours this year volunteering in our classrooms and for many other fun events. We couldn't have done this without you!!

Second Grade

With just a few weeks of school left we are still going strong in second grade. We are having fun with science as we watch caterpillars turn into butterflies. We will be reading, writing, and keeping observation journals as we study butterflies and life cycles.

In math we will be learning about measurement --- using inches, feet and yards as well as centimeters and meters. We will also practice telling time before and after the hour. Applying these math skills to real life situations in the classroom and at home will help your child retain the information. Please keep the homework coming in. It makes a huge difference.

An exciting field trip to the NEW Natural History Museum is coming up on Monday, May 21st. We are able to have 4-5 parent helpers per class. Thanks in advance to those of you who come with us.

A huge thanks to all of our parents for your support throughout the year. We have all loved having your children in our classes this year. Have a wonderful summer and please read, read, read and keep the math facts sharp over the summer.

Third Grade

Baggy Books need to be turned in by Friday May 25th. Again we are grateful for the wonderful parent help with this program this past year.

In MATH we are finishing all math topics and starting three weeks of review of all the year's topics to refresh us in preparation for end of year testing.

The CRT's will all be taken on computer. No paper copies! YEA! Tests go from May 9th to May 23rd. If you have to miss during these times, check with your child's teacher for exact test dates. Be on time! Eat a good breakfast! Get plenty of sleep the night before!

On May 10th many parent volunteers are helping with our Hands-On Super-Science Day. Students will get some really fun activities in several science topics that day. Be sure to ask your student what they learned and what they made.

A few of our third graders have forgotten the "Gold Rule" of the Ticket. The ticket book should be treated like real gold! Just like real gold, if lost, is not replaced. 3rd grade Students had a meeting to review this important reminder and that student's backpacks are their own responsibility to clean, not their parents. However we love parents to encourage this task on a regular basis.

The weekly tickets have changed now. The students are earning actual "tickets" which go in a box for weekly drawing for prizes. You can still check their ticket book for any "infractions" they need to work off, and your student will still bring home their weekly ticket each Friday, get it signed, and return it by Monday.

Kidd's students are sponsoring Jump Rope for Heart and will assist the other grades in their events (Grades 5 & 6-Wednesday May 9th and Grades 1 thru 4-Tuesday May 15th).

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Fourth Grade

What a terrific year! A huge thank you to all the parents who helped with field trips and the Rendezvous. It is always a great treat to culminate our Utah Studies with such a wonderful event.

We will have our year end testing May 7th-10th, and 15th-16th from 11:30-12:30. If your child is going to miss any of those days, please let us know as soon as possible so we can give them the test earlier. Make sure your student is well rested with a good breakfast. Thank you parents for sharing your wonderful children with us. We appreciate your continued support and help.

Summer suggestions: READ, READ, READ!; multiplication and division drills; visit all the fun counties you learned about this year.

Fifth Grade

In fifth grade we are really finishing the year strong! In addition to our important state CRT tests, we are preparing for our Patriotic Program. This program will be presented to parents on June 1. We are so excited to see the students' work at the State Fair which will be immediately following the program. They are researching their states and practicing their roles in preparation for this big day.

We are also gearing up for our trip to JA City. The students will have the opportunity to hold jobs, receive a paycheck, and use a bank account to deposit, save, and withdraw their earnings. This field trip will happen on May 29 and we will need plenty of parents. Be sure to email your child's teacher if you are willing to travel downtown to help these students have a memorable experience. They can be reached at holie.guevara@canyonsdistrict.org, cathy.carr@canyonsdistrict.org, or katherine.dewey@canyonsdistrict.org.

Thank you for all the support you have shown these students this year. We appreciate your willingness to be involved and to help the kids have a meaningful year. We are sure they will be strong sixth graders next year!

Sixth Grade

Congratulations to all of our 6th Graders! On May 16 they graduate from Sandy Police Department's NOVA program (Nurturing Opportunities, Values, and Accountability.). A special shout out goes out to Justin Richard for winning 3rd place in his division in the Salt Lake Marathon on April 21. Way to go Justin!

May will be a busy and productive month. We begin our CRT testing on May 7th. Remember to get a good night's rest and eat a good breakfast on the day of tests. We will finish our country reports with an International Fair on May 11th. Also autobiographies will be completed and ready to be enjoyed by family and friends. Thanks! Thanks! Thanks! to all the parents who have helped this year. We have had a great year and all of our activities would not have been a success without our amazing parent helpers.

Here is a reminder of our May and June activities:

- 5/7 CRT Language Arts Part 1
- 5/8 CRT Language Arts Part 2
- 5/15 CRT Math
- 5/16 CRT Math
- 5/16 NOVA Graduation 2:00 (parents invited)
- 5/21 CRT Science
- 5/22 CRT Science
- 5/14 Clark Planetarium
- 5/29 Hands-on-Science (Bring a 2-liter bottle for rockets.)
- 5/31 Rocket Launch
- 6/1 May Club
- 6/1 Tote trays go home for cleaning
- 6/4 Cruise
- 6/5 Field Day/Auction
- 6/6 Flag Ceremony/Softball Game/Slideshow/Awards

12:55 Summer break begins!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEER STAR READING TUTORS

A hearty vote of thanks to our volunteer STAR Reading tutors for 2011-2012.

We love you! You made a valuable difference: DIANE MONTGOMERY, DEE MUNSON, LESLIE SARIN, KATHY JONES, BONNIE TINGEY, KAREN LUKE AND LINDA CLARK.

Join us next year to help with STAR Reading. We will have a training session in the fall.

Call STAR Reading Coordinator Carolyn DeRose at 801 943-8335.