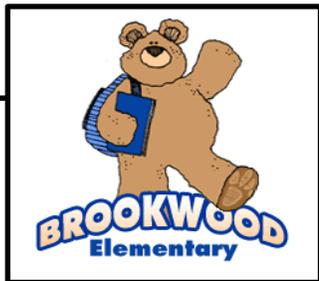


THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

A Brookwood PTA Publication

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Principal's Message:

If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share.

[W. Clement Stone](#)

With the holidays fast approaching, I want everyone to know how thankful I am to be part of the Brookwood Family! Brookwood is so great because so many people work together. First, we have outstanding teachers who love teaching and the students they serve. Second, our office, custodial and lunch staff are an essential part of the school. Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Lowry always have a smile and help to make our school run smoothly. We have the most beautiful school because of Lars Schmidt, our custodian. Our kitchen staff always has delicious and nutritious lunches for our students.

Third, our students are the best. I am thankful for students who are SAFE, KIND and RESPONSIBLE. Our students demonstrate positive leadership skills and work hard in the class every day.

Finally, I am thankful for our PTA/SCC and community. Thank you to Mrs. Richard, Mrs. Turlington, Mrs. Vyfyvinkel and all the parents who contribute many hours to our school. You help make Brookwood a real family. All of us working together make Brookwood the place to be. Thank you!

Have You Filled a Bucket Today?

Have you noticed our front bulletin board? Our theme this year is being a *Bucket Filler*. Each grade heard the story, [Have You Filled a Bucket Today](#) by Carol McCloud. We are encouraging our students to be bucket fillers by saying or doing kind things for others. Whenever an adult sees a student being a bucket filler, the student may receive a ticket. The ticket is brought to the office. At the office, the student gets to sign "The GOLDEN BOOK" and their ticket goes into a bucket for another prize. On Fridays, we pick a name from every bucket as a weekly winner. Our Friday winners get to pick a secret number and then their ticket is posted on that number on our front board. When we have 10 names in a row on the bulletin board, those ten students will receive a *Mystery Motivator*.

How can you get involved? There are many ways; ask your child about if they received a ticket, come look at the GOLDEN BOOK, or distribute tickets when you come to volunteer. We are excited to award the first *Mystery Motivator*! Thanks to all of our students for being such wonderful Bucket Fillers.

Brookwood Bear Leaders

We have many students who are taking leadership roles at Brookwood. I would like to thank our Bear leaders!

**Safety Patrol 5th grade Soccer Refs Equipment Mangers
Recycling Leaders Pledge Leaders**

Star Reading

Do you have an hour or two a week that you could read with a child? We need some volunteers for our Star Reading program. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the school at 801-826-7900.

Please remember to check the website for upcoming events.

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

Mrs Julie Mootz

Dates for your calendar:

Nov 13	Picture make up day
Nov 14	Vision screening – Grades K, 1, 3 and 5
Nov 15	3 rd Grade fieldtrip
	Parent night – 7pm – Learn Successnet
Nov 19	Reflections assembly – 3pm
Nov 21 – 23	No school – Thanksgiving
Dec 5	PTA Board meeting – 12:30 in the Kiva
Dec 20 to Jan 1	No school – Winter recess
Jan 2	Back to school
Jan 9	PTA Board meeting – 12:30 in the Kiva
Jan 21	No school – Martin Luther King day

PTA Board 2012 - 2013

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News from the PTA...

We hope everyone made it to The Book Fair! Thank you to Anne Wood and Nicole Fisher and their team for all of their hard work! Also, thank you to Ellen Sperry and Stephanie Shumway and their team for running an AMAZING Reading Den breakfast!

We also had a great Red Ribbon Week with wonderful participation from all of the students wearing their shirts backwards on Wednesday, wearing hats on Thursday, and boots on Friday! Way to go Brookwood Bears!

Thank you to Lisa Nielsen and her team for taking care of all of the submissions for Reflections. Good job to those who participated in Reflections this year!

Finally, thank you to Leslie Sarin and all of her volunteers for doing an incredible job organizing the SEP dinners for the teachers!

We truly appreciate all of the hours Brookwood Volunteers spend on behalf of our PTA events!

Enjoy the Thanksgiving Break with your families!

Denise Richard and Kathryn Turley
[PTA co-presidents](#)

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THREE CHEERS FOR CHESS CLUB!

We've had a blast at our first two meetings. We send a hearty welcome to our new Chess Club members and issue an open invitation to any and all interested 4th, 5th and 6th graders to join us Friday mornings at 8 a.m. We'd love some volunteers (maybe some more with chess experience) too!

Congratulations to our Chess Club members that have achieved the following ranks.

PAWN: Alec, Arrambide, Rachel Butler, Grace Dangerfield, Spencer Hawes, Lucy Hofheins, Kailey Huntington, Gaven Madsen, Adam Liu, Jenna Riddle, Joshua Riddle, Leia Simmonds, River Terry, and Ashton VanDerVeur.

KNIGHT: Curren Ellsworth

Chess trivia question of the month: What do they call the Bishop chess piece in Tibet and Mongolia???

Come to our next Chess Club meeting to find out!

Questions? Email BrookwoodChess@gmail.com or call Jan 801.520.6055. Want information? BrookwoodChess.blogspot.com.

Thank you and to everyone who entered this year's Reflections contest and a big thank you to Lisa Nielsen for co-ordinating it.

The theme for next year - 2013/14 is Believe, Dream, Inspire



Now that the weather has turned chilly and there is snow on the ground, we'd like to remind you to wear appropriate clothes to school!

Our children go outside to play almost every day and will need to wear winter weather shoes and clothing so that they don't get wet.

Please also remember that we have a school LOST and FOUND if your child forgets to bring home some articles of clothing!

Congratulations to the winners of our Halloween Pumpkin carving competition:

Most Overall:
Victoria Mckinnon

Most Creative:
Olivia Nelson

Most Spooky:
Amanda Lowry

Most Funny:
Alex Harries



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Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a fun and successful Halloween. We are continuing working on our sight words, writing, letters, sounds, and numbers. We are excited to start bringing our baggy books home soon. We are grateful to come and have fun at school each day.

Parents, please continue to read to your children each day as well as listen to them read to you. Have a great November!

First Grade

We had such a great Halloween, thanks to all the moms who helped with this!! We appreciate all you do for our classes.

We have many things planned for November in 1st grade. We will be learning about the first Thanksgiving, working more on our "Me, Family and Friends unit and we will also be learning about communities in our Reading Street books. In math we will work with 10 frames, adding and subtracting.

Please keep reading 20 minutes 5 nights a week, practice high frequency words and don't forget math flash cards. Your child will progress quicker with your one on one help. We appreciate your support with these homework assignments. We have notice some students are not writing their baggy books in the homework folder, these books will help you get to 150 books for the gold medal.

We want to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!!!!!!

Second Grade

The second grade had a terrific time celebrating Halloween with costumes, parade, and a fun party put on by our wonderful room parents. Thanks to all of the volunteers who were so generous with their time and talents.

We have all enjoyed celebrating your children's accomplishments at parent/teacher conferences this month. They have worked hard and come a long way since school started in August. We are so proud of them. Thanks again for all your support!

In reading we have been learning how working together changes history, allows us to meet people's needs, and to solve problems. We are having some interesting discussions about the ideas and the stories we are reading in our Reading Street books. We are working hard to be good writers and use evidence to support our ideas.

We are starting a unit on money in math. Please have your child practice counting coins at home. The children love learning about money!

Tanner Dance will wrap up this month and we will be having a performance in early December. We will let you know the exact date and time. Your children have loved dance class. It has been great opportunity for them to explore the arts.

With cold weather arriving please make sure your child has warm clothing so they can enjoy recess. Boots are especially needed when it is wet or snowy outside.

We love and appreciate each of our second graders. Thanks for sharing them with us!

Third Grade

We are looking forward to our field trip to on November 15th. A reminder to all parents who wish to chaperone or come to any school activity to have your background check complete well in advance of it.

Make sure your student is reading several Baggy Books per week. It is required reading in all third grade classes. It does affect their reading grade.

In MATH Topic 5 we are beginning to learn multiplication skills, multiplication tables and we are learning the commutative and distributive properties for multiplication.

Parents need to check their student's ticket on Friday's for any "infractions", sign the ticket, and help their student get it returned by Monday. YES, students DO need to work off all their infractions! We encourage them to do so within a day so they don't lose track of what they need to get their ticket "clean". Missing or late work needs to be turned in and checked off.

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Fourth Grade

We can't believe we're already to the second term! Halloween was such a blast and we had some very creative costumes! We'd like to thank Ms. Harris's room parents for planning and putting on such a fantastic party!

Thank you to all the parents who met with us at SEP conferences. The parent support in 4th grade is truly great and we appreciate the part you take in supporting your child's education. We look forward to another great term as we all think about our accomplishments and make goals to improve.

We will be starting our third rotation of our science units, and will continue our studies of art and Utah studies. We have been so impressed by all the independent reading our students are doing, and would like to give another reminder that 20 minutes of reading each day is our goal.

Thanks again for all of the support. We feel it every day!

Fifth Grade

We have been having a busy, but great time in fifth grade. October was filled with Reading Street, multiplication, long division, early explorers, and science. Each class will be rotating to a different fifth grade teacher for their next science unit in November. We will not have science rotations during most of December.

Science rotations in November/early December:

Mrs. Morris' class will go to Mrs. Guevara for heredity

Mrs. Guevara's class will go to Ms. Carr for electricity

Ms. Carr's class will go to Mrs. Morris for health

We also enjoyed some great parties in October. We had our second incentive party, which was a read-a-thon. Thank you to Kelli Green (our grade room parent) and all our parent volunteers for our wonderful Halloween party. Students enjoyed ice cream, a Halloween movie, a monster magnet craft, and an all-out Halloween carnival complete with games and prizes. Thank you for all your hard work! During the month of November, we will begin our Colonies unit. In addition to all the learning activities we have planned at school, students will be having their own experiences at home by working on a variety of colonial crafts, activities, and displays. They will present their projects in December. We will also be having our much-anticipated Colonial Days on December 7. This is a very busy and exciting day! Parents should have received volunteer information for this day at parent teacher conferences. If you have any other questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Sixth Grade

October was a "spook-tacular" month for Sixth Grade. October club was a huge success! Mrs. Fisher taught us the choreography to Michael Jackson's *Thriller*. What fun! Who knew 6th grade had fancy dance moves? Nice work! Our Halloween party couldn't have been more fun. We enjoyed freaky snacks, participated in 3 different rounds of 'Fear Factor' and performed the *Thriller* dance. A big THANK YOU to all of the parents who donated items, funding and their time; this experience would not be possible without your support! Thanks!

November is the month for our first SEP conferences (November 7 & 8). This will be a time for parents, students and teachers to get together and celebrate hard work, focus on areas for improvement, and set realistic goals. We look forward to this time and encourage you to clear your calendars for this important meeting.

Please take time to look over your child's work each day, discussing missed items to better understand the concepts taught. Encourage them to use their planner, writing assignments daily, to keep current with coursework. Students must have their planners signed by a parent each day.

Note the important dates below:

- Thanksgiving Recess 11/21-11/23

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Ms. Kirsten Elliott

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Mrs. Monica Rotermund

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Please check out our grade website and blog for schedules, due dates and images of the wonderful experiences we share! <http://brookwood.canyonsdistrict.org/index.php/school-life/grade-level/sixth-grade> and <http://mrs6th.blogspot.com/>.