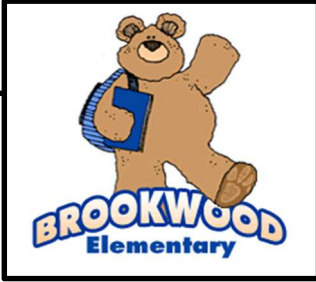


THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

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NEWS FROM THE PTA CO-PRESIDENT'S CORNER ☺

We hope you all enjoyed a safe, healthy and relaxing fall break. It was great seeing all of your princesses and monsters at the Halloween parade and thank you to all the parents who made the classroom parties a smashing success!

Thank you to our October and early November commissioners for a job well done:

Bridget Thackeray for successful vision and hearing screening
Emily Loveland for an exciting Red Ribbon Week
Lisa Nielsen for her fabulous work with Reflections
Kelli Green for getting Chess Club underway
Sarah Weaver for T-shirt design and sales. The design is a hit!
Cheri Hawes for her great work with Meet the Masters
Kristi Reardon for organizing the Hands on Science program

Brookwood Bears and families, you should be commended for the fantastic efforts in the area of box top collections thus far. We have collected \$643.70 since the beginning of the school year. Thank you to Karen Huff and Misty Herbstritt for your box top dedication.

Thank you to all the teachers, staff and volunteers for making the first round of SEP conferences run smoothly. We would also like to thank Leslie Sarin for taking care of the teachers during their busy SEP week.

Thank you to Book Fair Commissioner Faith Morgan and the the Breakfast and Books Commissioners Stephanie Shumway and Ellen Sperry for jobs well done and for all the families that added to their children's home library or their children's classroom library with the purchase of books.

Enjoy this festive time of year. We are thankful for your children and your support.

ANNA ROUMPOS AND VALERIE RAHANIOTIS



Dates for your calendar:

Nov 6	Breakfast and Books, 8 – 9 am in cafeteria PTA Board meeting – 12:30 in the Kiva
Nov 6-7	SEP Conferences and Book Fair
Nov 7	Early Dismissal at 1:55
Nov 8	No school
Nov 20	Picture Retakes and Makeup Day
Nov 26	Early Dismissal at 1:55
Nov 27 - 29	No school – Thanksgiving Break

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Mrs. Mootz's Message:

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

With the holidays fast approaching, I want to 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. Rahaniotis, Mrs. Roumpos, Mrs. Weaver 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...

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Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

We are learning so much in Kindergarten! We are working on recognition and manipulation of numbers 0-10. We are also learning new sight words! We really enjoyed our Halloween festivities and seeing all of our students dressed up in their costumes! As a Kindergarten team, we dressed up as Pinkalicious and Purplicious from two of our favorite books. We are looking forward to our field trip on November 21st to the Utah Museum of Natural History.

First Grade

In 1st grade we are working on subtraction, consonant blends in the beginning and end of words. We are becoming good readers, we read a lot every day. We hope you are reading every school night at home. Remember to read for 20 minutes and record your minutes in the homework folder as well as your books.

We will be learning about the Pilgrims, the Mayflower and the Native Americans. Thanksgiving is a fun holiday in 1st grade, we talk about what we have to be thankful for. We will have a feast on November 26th, please send small healthy snacks to share with the class. We are also working on our Me, Family and Friends unit.

We are seeing good progress in our Math flash cards. Please practice these at home along with your monthly Math homework. The more practice your child gets the better they will do in math.

Thanks again for all your support, we appreciate it!!

Second Grade

We had a fabulous time during our Halloween Party thanks to the great room parent volunteers! We really appreciate all of the daily help with baggy books, stations and Meet the Masters. We feel so fortunate to have such great parent support.

SEP time is always a great time to reflect on the progress that has been made. Even though the report card is very different this year, we are making lots of progress daily with our students. Keep doing your daily reading and math fact practice. It makes a tremendous difference in performance at school.

Once again we would like to remind our students to dress appropriately for the weather. We are having some very cold days- with more coming up! Unless it is very wet outside we try to go out for fresh air and exercise daily.

We love our second graders and appreciate being with them every day.

Third Grade

We have begun Topic 5, Multiplication Meaning & Facts. The students are very excited about it! You can help at home by practicing basic facts, checking the daily math drills, and checking math homework. Don't forget to make it fun! This topic continues through the entire month of November and into December.

In LANGUAGE ARTS this month we are in Unit 2 – SMART SOLUTIONS. You may have noticed the “Family Times” handout your students brings home each Monday has changed format and no longer has home activities but still gives an overview of the unit skills for that week.

Our TICKET BOOK for November is still “good punches”, and will be ending on November 22nd. Students need to have all infractions earned off by then to make it to the activity. You help by signing and returning your student's ticket every Monday, each week. Please know it's the student's responsibility to work off infractions! And remember lost tickets CANNOT BE REPLACED.

Thank you to the parent volunteers who have been busy checking in our Baggy Books, helping students explore with Hands on Science, and assisting with Meet the Masters Art. We LOVE your help!!!

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Fourth Grade

We can't believe we are already to the second term! October was a "spook-tacular" month for fourth grade. A big THANK YOU to all the parents who volunteered their time planning and orchestrating an amazing September citizenship activity and Halloween celebration. Halloween was such a blast; we had some very creative costumes! Thank you, also, to all the parents who met with us at SEP conferences. Our grade-level parent support is truly fabulous and we appreciate the part you take in supporting your child's education. We look forward to another great term as we reflect on and celebrate our accomplishments and make goals to improve.

We encourage you and your child to visit Pearson SuccessNet often. Pearson SuccessNet offers you the opportunity to look inside your child's day-to-day learning. Success at school can be a shared learning experience! It all begins with a simple login at the web site. Visit <http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com> to explore and learn! Please take time to look over your child's work each day, discussing missed items to better understand the concepts taught.

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

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

Fifth Grade

October has been a fun and busy month for 5th grade. We have continued our Reading Street, multiplication, division, Native American reports, explorers, and science. Each class is rotating for science. Mrs. Carr is teaching electricity, Mrs. Guevara is teaching heredity, and Mrs. Duncan is teaching health.

We also enjoyed some fun parties in October. We had a Halloween party, which included our flash mob dance to Thriller. Thank you Mrs. Fisher for all your hard work in teaching us the dance. We also had our second incentive party. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the Halloween party.

During the month of November we will be presenting our information about our explorers, and we will start to study colonies. December sixth will be our colonial day celebration. Thank you in advance for all the parents who are coming to help. If you would like to volunteer, please contact your teacher.

Mrs. Mootz's Message continued...

... 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.

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.

Holiday Food Drive

Do you have an extra can of food that you can donate? Brookwood is working with the University of Utah by sponsoring a Holiday Food Drive. All of the food is donated to the Utah Food Bank to feed those in need on our own Salt Lake valley. Our Food Drive will go until November 22nd. We appreciate any help that you can give.

Please remember to check the website for upcoming events. <http://brookwood.canyonsdistrict.org/>