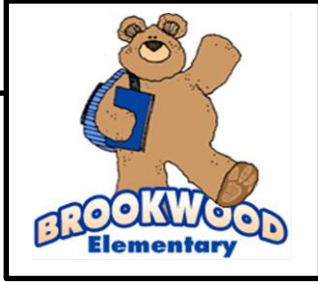


THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

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Principal's Message:

Have you seen our fun "royal photos" in the front lobby? Do you recognize your teacher? We want to thank our wonderful PTA volunteer/photographer, Mrs. Kathryn Turley, for her time and making all of us look "royally cool! ☺ You also may not recognize us on October 31st when we will be celebrating Halloween. Our parade will begin at 9:30a.m and should arrive in the gym around 10:00a.m. Students should come to school in full costume with everything labeled plus a change of clothes for afternoon and a bag to get all costumes home. Parents/family are invited to the gym to enjoy the parade. Students are asked to dress as a favorite book character and carry their book during the parade. Costumes need to be dress code appropriate, and contain no masks or weapons (real or facsimile).

I would like to thank the parents of our Brookwood students for sending us such bright and cooperative students. Our students are a joy! This is my second year and I thank you. Your kindness and support has meant everything to me. My door is always open, so please drop in anytime. I welcome the visits and any suggestions to make Brookwood the best!

Parent Night:

On Thursday, October 11th from 6-7 pm join us for our first parent night. We will be presenting our new reading program, Reading Street. The purpose is to provide you with information about the program. Our plan is to have monthly meetings on topics that you would like. Join us for an hour and let us know what topics interest you.

Star Reading

We are so fortunate at Brookwood that so many of you are able and willing to volunteer. If you can donate an hour or two a week, we could really use you to read with a child. You will be trained and work one on one with a student. Please call us if you are interested or would like to help.

Let's Fill a Bucket

Some of you may have noticed all the buckets at Brookwood. No, we're not going to the beach. This is our theme for our community. This month our students will learn more about "filling each other's buckets" to create a positive culture. This theme is based on the book; Have You Filled A Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud. The buckets are concrete way for students to understand the concept when you are kind to others, you fill their bucket and your own. Read this book with your child and watch for the bucket fillers to come home.

Student Referees

Our wonderful fifth grade students are being trained to be soccer referees at Brookwood. This is a wonderful opportunity for our fifth graders to develop leadership skills and help others. Our third grade students could use referees for their soccer games and the fifth graders wanted to help. Fifth graders will sign up to referee a soccer game during their lunch recess. We are so excited about this. Join us from 12:30 -12:55 pm to watch the games.

Author Assembly:

On October 26th, author Brandon Mull will be visiting Brookwood Elementary to discuss the writing process and share his books with us. Brandon Mull is the author of books such as; Fablehaven and the Candy Shoppe Wars. Join us for this exciting assembly. Brandon Mull will be available to autograph books. The assembly is from 11:30- 12:00pm, then stay and have lunch with your child.

Mrs Julie Mootz

Dates for your calendar:

Oct 11	Parent night
Oct 18 - 19	NO SCHOOL - UEA weekend
Oct 22	Online Scheduler opens for SEPs
Oct 26	Reflections due date
	Theme: The Magic of a Moment
	Brandon Mull Assembly
Oct 24 - 26	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 31	Halloween Parade - 9:30 in the Gym
Nov 2	Safety Assembly
Nov 7	PTA meeting - 12:30 in the Kiva
Nov 7	Reading Den
Nov 7 - 8	Book Fair
Nov 7 - 8	SEP conferences
Nov 9	No School
Nov 13	Picture Make Up day

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News from the PTA....

September has come and gone so quickly and we are excited about the many activities this year. We appreciate everyone that has participated in the "No Fuss Fundraiser" but we have not yet met our budget for this year. If you would like to participate to help support PTA activities, please fill out a form in the office. PTA is fortunate that we have so many awesome commissioners to help with 2012-2013 school year activities.

We look forward to a fun filled October. We are looking forward to Picture Day, Red Ribbon Week, Reflections and the Halloween parade and parties. The first week of November is very busy as well. Jen and Brent Wilhite have scheduled a Safety Assembly to kick off Safety at Brookwood this year. The Book Fair and Reading Den are scheduled for November 7th. Thanks for every ones support and we look forward to seeing you at these fun activities!

Denise Richard and Kathryn Turley
PTA co-presidents

Turn form into school office

I nominate..... for the Brookwood PTA office of

First and Last Name

..... for the 2013/2014 school year.

President Elect (to be President 2014/2015), Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, EML

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REFLECTIONS

The Magic of a Moment

The Reflections program is designed to enhance quality arts education for students in Pre-K through grade 12.

As participants in the program, students are encouraged to create and submit works in the following art categories:

- Dance Choreography
- Musical Composition
- Film Production
- Literature
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Please note that the due date for entries has changed to October 26th.

Application forms can be obtained from the teachers, at the school office or online at www.pta.org under Programs. Students submit their artwork which is judged by the PTA and then winning entries are sent onto the District round.

For more information please contact:

Lisa Nielsen at

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Chess Club is here!

It all starts this Friday, October 12th at 8am in the lunchroom.

Registration is still open and we welcome all 4th, 5th and 6th graders and volunteers!

Get ready for a great year.

It's your move!

BOX TOPS

Thank you to everyone who sends in their box tops.

From the money we raised last year we managed to purchase 2 LCD projectors, 3 Apple TVs and a Printer for the school.

Keep them coming!

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 24th - 26th

Wednesday the 24th:

"Turn Your Back on Drugs!"

Everyone wears their shirts backwards.

Thursday the 25th:

"Put a Cap on Drugs!"

Everyone wears a hat to school.

Friday the 26th:

"Give Drugs the Boot!"

Everyone wears boots to school.

Enter the Poster Competition

"Drugs are Un-BEAR-able!"

The top 3 classrooms with the most posters will win donuts!

NO FUSS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our **No Fuss Fundraiser** for this year. If you haven't made a donation yet, there is still time to send you money in to be put to good use. The PTA relies on this money to pay for and sponsor activities throughout the year which cannot be done without your support. Amongst these are:

Field Trips, Earth Week, Meet the Masters, Safety Week, Student Directory, Fun Run, Red Ribbon Week, Bear Reading Den, Hands on Science, Reflections, Internet Safety Week

This is the only contribution you will need to make for fundraising during the year and we'll never ask you to sell tickets or gift wrap or do any other form of money collecting.

Our suggested donation is \$30 per student but please contribute whatever fits into your family budget.

Money can be paid in at the office.

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Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

Kindergarten has finished learning the whole alphabet. We are happy to have our parent helpers in our classrooms. They do so much to help us. We have opened all our work stations and are learning how to make plans. Our Kindergartners are memorizing their sight words and moving up our rainbow. Keep up the good work.

As the weather gets colder we want to remind our Kindergarteners to wear jackets. Also, a reminder for parents to read to their children for 20 minutes a day. Happy Halloween!

First Grade

In first grade we are busy learning about Fall. We have been doing art projects and using our best writing skills. We are still working on our "Me, Family and Friends" unit.

In math we have worked on addition and now we are starting subtraction. We will revisit these all year long. You should have received our math flash cards. Your child will be tested on these every few weeks, when they pass off the 1's they will receive the 2's. This is totally individualized, they will move at their own pace. We hope you will work on these at home. They will need to say the answer in 5 seconds or less. We are working on memorization with these.

We have been learning about animals in our Reading Street books. Some of the skills we have been working on are short vowels, consonant blends, and the ending of -s and -ing. We do have spelling tests each Friday on the words sent home and the high frequency words. Please work on these at home. We love how many books you are reading at home and the amount of minutes you are reading. Thanks for working so hard!!!

Thanks so much to all our wonderful volunteers, we couldn't do it without your help. Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Second Grade

Fall is definitely in the air and 2nd graders are all making plans for Halloween! We are seeing good progress in our students reading, writing and spelling as we have immersed ourselves in the new reading program, Reading Street. As teachers, we appreciate the strong foundation the program provides as well as exciting topics to read and write about. We have been learning about Exploration and will soon start our next Unit on Working Together. The children are really enjoying the science and social studies topics that are integrated into Reading Street.

In math we are completing Topic 3, Subtraction Strategies and will start Topic 4, Place Value: Numbers to 100. Doing math homework helps your child to practice what we are learning in class and prepares them for daily quizzes (Quick Check/ Spiral Review). Thanks for helping your child be successful by studying math facts daily and encouraging them to complete and turn in their homework.

Please help your child to remember to dress for the weather. Recess can be chilly. It is always a good idea to label your children's belongings with their names.

We are all looking forward to a fun Halloween Parade and Party at the end of the month. Thanks in advance to all our room parents who will help with the Halloween Party. We appreciate all our parent volunteers and love our second graders!

Third Grade

Baggy Books have now begun in all third grade classes. Your student should read them in an evening or two and return them to school quickly to be replaced with the next one. Students are expected to read two to three per week (unless it's a chapter book).

In MATH Topic 3 is all about Subtraction with mental math skills like using hundreds charts, thinking skills, and rounding to estimate. The standard algorithm, also called "borrowing" by us old-timers will NOT be taught until topic 4, so please wait before you teach it at home.

Parents should check the 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. Behavior problems need to be worked out with the teacher.

Our field trip in September was a success. The students had fun asking about the economics of running a business and have also written thank you notes. A BIG THANK YOU to the parent volunteers who came with us and did such a great job!

Third Grade has another field trip coming up on November 15th, so heads up to any parents who want to chaperone to have your yearly background check done with the district before the end of October so you're cleared to go with us.



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Fourth Grade

What a fantastic group of fourth graders we have! We are impressed with the level of responsibility they are showing. Thanks to our great parents for helping them by signing their planners each day, monitoring independent reading, and getting them to school on time. We appreciate the time you are spending as classroom volunteers. Your help and support is amazing!

Mrs. Harris's room parents are planning a fourth grade Halloween celebration. It will be held on Wednesday the 31st towards the end of the day. The Character Parade will begin at 9:30 on that day. We're excited to see what book character costumes we'll have in fourth grade!

We are continuing our studies of Utah History, Art, and PE. We are beginning our second science units and are rotating to other teachers. Students need to continue their independent reading at home. We want every student to make our monthly reading goals!

Thanks for all you do!

Fifth Grade

We have such a great group of fifth graders this year! Our students have been working hard and doing great. We had our first incentive party at the end of September, in which students enjoyed a special treat and craft. Please remind your child that as they are on task, helping others, returning quality work in on time and making other positive choices, they will earn money for our special incentive party. Students must have \$200 in class dollars and all their work turned in to make it to our surprise incentive party at the end of October. We hope to have everyone there!

We have not been wasting any time digging into our academics this year. In October we will be learning about ancient civilizations and explorers in social studies. In math we will be focusing on multiplication and division.

Also, every family should have now received an invitation to our grade-wide blog. This is a private blog and is only accessible by private invitation. If you have not received an email invitation, please contact your child's teacher. We will post information and reminders about upcoming events as well as pictures from special activities.

We appreciate all our fantastic parents and students this year. We look forward to another great month with you.

Sixth Grade

Sixth Grade has had an exciting and productive first month of school. Students are adjusting to their new workload, writing homework in their planner and being prepared each day. Please bring questions or concerns to our attention so that your child can have a successful sixth grade year. We are already off to a great start and feel lucky to work with these amazing students!

A special thank you to all the wonderful parents who volunteer their time to help us with library and grade activities. Your involvement is very much needed and appreciated. We are looking for volunteers to help with Bear TV – please contact us if you are available to help.

Thank you also for the many parents who contributed to the sixth grade fund. Know that if you have not had the opportunity and would like to, please feel free to send your donation with your student. These funds are being put to good use! Thank you!

Mark your calendars:

10/26 - Reflections due date

10/26- October Club

10/31- Halloween Activities - Remember to wear your costume to school and all costumes should correspond with a book character and follow Brookwood's rules.

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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/>.