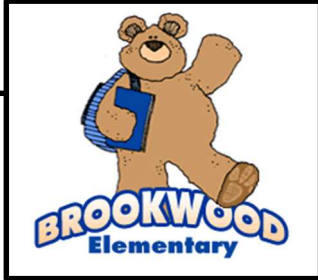


THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

A Brookwood PTA Publication

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Dates for your calendar:

Oct 2	National Walk to School day PTA Board meeting – 12:30 in the Kiva
Oct 7	No School
Oct 16	Early Dismissal at 1:55
Oct 17 – 18	NO SCHOOL – Fall Recess
Oct 21	On-line schedule opens for SEPs
Oct 21 – 25	Red Ribbon Activities
Oct 22	Fall Picture Day
Oct 24	Reflections due date Theme: Believe, Dream, Inspire
Oct 31	Halloween Parade 9:30 am
October 31	Early Dismissal at 1:55
November 1	No School

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Principal Mootz Memo:

Hi Brookwood Bears, we have many exciting activities at school this month. Please check your email, your activity calendar or Thursday folder, so you don't miss a thing.

I would like to thank the parents of our Brookwood students for sending us such bright and cooperative students. Our students are a joy! We have started a conflict management program called Kelso's Choice. We are teaching the students how to deal with problems and when to get adult help. The students are doing a great job with this program. I'm hearing students use Kelso's choices on the playground, in the lunchroom and I even heard it in the hallway.

Finally, parents and students please take a moment this month to "fill your teacher's bucket" by thanking her. Your teachers are at school early in the morning, stay late and take many classes all to help the students succeed. We have the best teachers in the district and they work very hard. Remember to take a minute and thank your teacher.

Julie Mootz

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 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.

NEWS FROM THE PTA CO-PRESIDENT'S CORNER ☺

Welcome fall! We hope the Bears enjoyed walking to school with Principal Mootz on national walk to school day.

Remember, SEP conferences are coming up on November 6th and 7th. The amazing Book Fair will take place at the time of SEP conferences, get excited to add to your child's learning library and enhance their education.

Friends of Brookwood, in years past the No Fuss Fundraiser has been very effective and has raised more than enough money to cover Brookwood's many exciting programs and activities. Unfortunately this year Brookwood's collections remain significantly down which will result in fewer events and programs for your children this year. Your continued contributions are encouraged. The requested minimum donation is \$30.00 per student, but any amount will be accepted and appreciated. Unfortunately, the PTA is only allowed to run one fundraiser per year so no further money raising endeavors will be undertaken this year. New money collecting ideas can be considered for future school years.

We again thank our Brookwood Family for its commitment to maintaining Brookwood as an A+ school. Enjoy the brilliant fall colors and time with your beautiful families.

Anna Roumpos and Valerie Rahaniotis

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RED RIBBON WEEK - OCTOBER 21-25 "A Healthy Me is Drug Free"

Monday - "PROUD to be Drug Free!"

- Wear Red.
- Stickers handed out at lunch.

Tuesday - "PICTURE your life Drug Free"

- Wear your nice clothes for school pictures.
- Sign our Drug Free Pledge at lunch and get a RED treat.

Wednesday - "Brookwood Bears are CRAZY about being drug free!"

- Crazy hair day.
- Posters are due to the front office.

Thursday - "A drug free future is a BRIGHT future!"

- Wear neon or bright colors.
- Posters from the contest will be hanging in the hall.

Friday - "TEAM UP against Drugs!"

- Wear your favorite team's apparel.
- Poster winner will be announced and donuts delivered.

Enter the poster competition

Must be 11x14 size (half a poster board) and not have any pictures or drawings of drugs. Posters are due Wednesday to the front office and the winner will be announced Friday. Winner earns a donut party for their class!

Don't forget the PTA Reflections Art Contest!

The 2013 Reflections Theme is : "Believe, Dream, Inspire!"
Reflect on the theme. Create an Original Work. Be Recognized. The due date for Reflections is Thursday, October 24!

Entry Forms are available online at pta.org/reflections or in the main office

Questions? Contact Lisa Nielsen @ lisa_nielsen2@hotmail.com or 801-733-0986

Chess Club

Make friends, play chess, win prizes, and have FUN!
Chess Club begins Thursday, October 24th. The club will be every Thursday morning starting at 8:00 am and ending at 8:45 am. Every student from 3rd grade to 5th grade is welcome to come and join in the fun! You don't even need to know how to play chess – there will be volunteers to assist you. Come join your friends as you learn the game and get better each week. Toward the end of the year, we will have our chess tournament, so start playing NOW! (And you will have a chance to win prizes each week just for showing up!)

To parents: We are still looking for more volunteers. Please text Kelli at 801-680-8854 if you are willing. Thanks!

Box Tops for Education

Just a reminder to clip and donate your Box Tops, Soup Labels, and Coke Points. Recruit friends, family and co-workers to help. One 1st grader turned in over \$60 in Box Tops through a family member. If you haven't done so, link your Smiths card to Brookwood.

Contact Karen Huff or Misty Herbstritt with questions.

Book Fair – November 5th, 6th, and 7th

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Book Fair! Buy the latest books and classics as well. Support your classroom by purchasing books from your teacher's book basket. Win prizes!

Books and Breakfast will be Wednesday November 6th in the morning before school.

Parents, if you are interested in volunteering to help with the book fair, please email Christina Wong at christina@groundworksdesign.com.
See you there!

The Brookwood Bulletin is edited and put together to be sent out within the first two weeks of each month. If there is anything you would like added into the newsletter please send an email to Christina Wong at christina@groundworksdesign.com

UTAH NATIONAL GUARD VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT

Monday, November 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm
Huntsman Center, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
Utah PTA, in partnership with Utah National Guard, is also holding an essay contest for military families. A military family is one that has a father, mother, sister or brother presently serving in the Active, Reserve or National Guard (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard). If children live with guardians who are presently serving, they are also included.

The theme for the essay contest is "Why I am proud of my Veteran!" Essays must be no more than 500 words. Email or send entries to:
Kathy Allred, Utah PTA Military Families c/o Utah PTA
5192 South Greenpine Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84123 or kathy@utahpta.org, 801-372-1274, Fax: 801-261-3110

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Grade Level Updates

Kindergarten

We're rolling out the alphabet in Kindergarten! We are enjoying learning each letter and a special snack to go with them. We are working hard on math concepts and learning all about syllables. Thank you to all our wonderful parent volunteers for the month of October. Please remember to send your students to school in weather appropriate clothing. We will be going out to recess unless it is raining/snowing. We are looking forward to our Halloween Parties coming up!

First Grade

We are so excited we finally have our routines set and we are off and running. The first graders are loving to learn and seem to enjoy all that our day offers them. We appreciate your support in all that we do. Thanks so much for the many hours you have volunteered all ready.

In October we will be learning about Fall, working on our "ME, Family and Friends Unit." and of course doing some fun things for Halloween. We also have a special visit from the fire department and we will work on fire safety. This visit is one of our favorite things, your child will learn what to do in case of a fire in your home. There will be some homework for you to make a plan in your home, a small investment of your time will be needed.

In reading we have worked on nouns, verbs and adjectives. Your child should know what these are. It is amazing how much they have learned in such a short period of time. We hope you are doing your home reading each night, this is so important for fluency and comprehension. Please record minutes and books that are read. Math homework is also very important to support what we are learning at school. We have started our math flashcards, practice these so your child can say them within 5 seconds. We hope to have a students tested twice a month on these. When they have master the 1's then the 2's will be sent home.

Second Grade

Our second graders have finished the first unit in Reading Street and learned important concepts like; main idea and details, subjects and predicates, synonyms and different types of sentences. It has been a busy and productive time for all of us. We are so glad to see the independent reading minutes being logged in the planners. A big thanks to the volunteer parents who are helping to make baggy books possible.

In math we have covered addition, subtraction and are busy learning how these two important operations are connected. We have begun dancing with Miss Rachel of Tanner Dance and are tying our movement in with our curriculum. We look forward to many fun and creative weeks of physical activity.

You may not realize that Friday is a very important day of the week for us. We do Spelling, Dictation, Writing, Phonics, Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension tests every Friday. That is a lot of work for our kiddos and we try to do something "fun" that ties into our curriculum for the last 30 minutes of the day. We call it "Fun Friday" but it is very important data for us to plan our teaching around. Thanks for making sure your little ones are there and ready to do their best!

Halloween is always a favorite time for our little ones. We want to thank the many volunteers in advance for making this holiday special in second grade! We love you!

Third Grade

In MATH we are already on Topic 3, Subtraction. Students will learn a variety of methods for subtraction in addition to the familiar algorithm. You can help at home by checking the daily math drill and homework. Parent reminder: New math words are "regroup" and "rename", old word is "borrow"

In LANGUAGE ARTS we have completed Unit 1 and taken the Unit Test. Unit 2 will also last six weeks and if you check the weekly "Family Times" colored handout each Monday it gives the spelling, reading, and grammar focus for that week.

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3rd Grade Continued...

Our TICKET BOOK for the next six weeks will be tickets that earn “punches”. More punches are considered good! Please check, sign, and return your student’s ticket each week. Remember, it’s the student’s responsibility to work off infractions! and lost tickets CANNOT BE REPLACED. We are looking forward to the field trip to The Leonardo on Oct. 24th. Parent chaperones should be ready with their volunteer application, including background check, completed prior to the event. Check with the office to make sure you have been cleared for this year.

Fourth Grade

What a fantastic group of fourth graders we have! Fourth Grade has had an exciting and productive first month of school. 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 fluency, as well as getting them to school on time.

A special thank you to all the wonderful parents who volunteer their time to help us with class and grade activities. Your involvement is very much needed and appreciated. Thank you, also, for the many parents who contributed to the fourth 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! Your help and support is amazing!

You can support your child’s learning by reviewing, discussing, and practicing the skills and concepts using Pearson SuccessNet at home! This resource allows students access to online textbooks, tests online, as well as complete remediation activities.

Here are a few easy steps to start making the most of this valuable site.

- Go to <https://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com>
- Log in using your student’s username and password. They have done this often and should be able to easily guide you.
- Go to the top, right-hand corner and click “parents”
- You will see four boxes that will allow you to view your child’s progress.

By selecting the test progress you will be able to identify which topics have been successfully completed and which need to be revisited. Visiting this site often and practicing concepts will help your child make the most of learning! Let us know if you have questions.

We are already off to a great start and feel lucky to work with these amazing students!

Fifth Grade

Our fifth grade 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 some exciting curriculum for October. We will be learning about ancient civilizations and explorers in social studies. Multiplication and division will be the "hot" topics for Math this month. Every student has received their IXL passwords and directions to log on. IXL is a great program to review and reinforce math concepts.

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