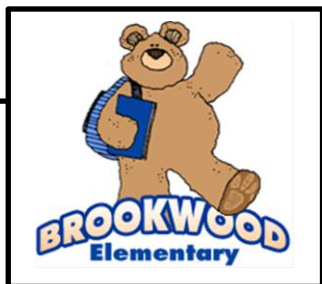


# THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

A Brookwood PTA Publication

## SEPTEMBER 2012



### Principal's Message:

Welcome back Brookwood Bears. We are off to a great start! We have the best students, teachers and community at Brookwood.

**Brookwood Bears are always SAFE, KIND & RESPONSIBLE.**

We have had some staff changes this year.

Please welcome them to the Brookwood family.

- Mrs. Larsen, Miss Paulsen- Kindergarten
- Mrs. Buckner- First Grade
- Miss Mellor – moved to Second Grade
- Mrs. Harris – Fourth Grade
- Mrs. Morris- Fifth Grade
- Ms. Elliott- Sixth Grade
- Lars Schmidt- head custodian

Our goal is for our students to achieve academic excellence and strive to be positive role models. Our teachers excel in classroom instruction. Last year, we had a goal of 85% of our students reaching benchmark on our Oral Reading Fluency assessments. Our students surpassed that goal and 91% of our students were reading at benchmark. With our new reading program, **Reading Street**, we are confident we will continue to see academic gains.

### Parent Nights:

There will be monthly "Parent Nights" at Brookwood, beginning in October. The purpose of the meetings is to provide better communication about our school. Each month there will be a specific topic; Reading Street, Envision Math, transition to middle school, proficiency based report cards and more. Our first meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup> and we will be providing an overview of our new reading program. Please join us!

### Safety & Volunteers:

We love our parents and volunteers!!!!

For the safety of our students we ask that you come into the building when checking your child out of school. We also ask that you have a photo ID. This is meant to ensure the safety of all students in the building. Canyons School District requires all volunteers to complete an annual background check. You may do this online at [www.canyonsdistrict.org](http://www.canyonsdistrict.org). background check is quick and easy. We are unable to allow volunteers to work with students or teachers until this background check has been completed. Once complete your name will be placed list for us to check when you come in. Please make sure you sign in and out at the office when you are visiting a classroom. It is critical for us to know who is in the building at all times. In the event of an emergency or a drill we must account for all visitors. The faculty and staff have been instructed to send volunteers and visitors back to the office if they do not have a pass. If you need to drop something off to your student, please let us call them to the office. This is less disruptive to instructional time. We appreciate your help with this and know you support our efforts to keep our students safe.

Finally, thanks for all you do. I am so happy to be part of the Brookwood community. I look forward to a great year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

**Mrs Julie Mootz**

### Dates for your calendar:

Sept 17	Hearing screening – all grades
Sept 19	PTA Commissioner Treat and Meet 9:00 to 10:30 – Paula's Bakery and Coffee Shop
Oct 3	National Walk to School day PTA Board meeting – 12:30 in the Kiva
Oct 8	NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
Oct 9	Picture Day
Oct 18 – 19	NO SCHOOL – UEA weekend
Oct 22	Reflections due date Theme: The Magic of a Moment

### PTA Board 2012 - 2013

Co - Presidents	Denise Richard and Kathryn Turley
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### News from the PTA...

The PTA is excited for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

THANK YOU for participating in our NO FUSS FUNDRAISER. Thanks to our awesome Brookwood parents, we can once again have all of our PTA programs and events without sending the kids around to their neighbors selling wrapping paper or holiday treats.

Congratulations to the winners of the No Fuss Fundraiser drawing:

Maloree West won the Wii Fit  
Tino Roumpos won the Roku System  
Emily Loveland won the Crockpot  
Nina Rohaniotis won the Toaster  
Paden Hansen won the Inkjet Printer  
Jake Green won the Bicycle

PTA meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at 12:30 in the Kiva. If you aren't able to attend but have any PTA issues or questions please contact us.

**Denise Richard and Kathryn Turley**  
PTA co-presidents

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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

The due date for entries is October 22. 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:  
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A huge shout out and thanks to.....

*Paula's Bakery  
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7835 South Highland Drive  
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For supporting our PTA

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 Tracey Gass at [trayzface@gmail.com](mailto:trayzface@gmail.com)

## September is National Emergency Preparedness Month

Disasters can strike without warning and families need to be prepared for them.

At Brookwood we like to be prepared by keeping an emergency snack on hand in the classroom for each child in case they need to stay longer at school for any reason.

The PTA and teachers will provide each child with a water bottle but we ask the parents to please send a zip lock bag to school that is clearly marked with your child's name containing a non-perishable snack. You could also enclose a comforting note to your child if you would like to. These bags are kept in the classroom all year and will be sent back home if they aren't made use of.

## *The Games are about to Begin!*

CHESS CLUB Meetings for 4th, 5th and 6th graders start Friday October 12th, bright and early at 8 a.m. Chess is FUN and is a lifelong skill. Research shows that chess improves literacy and logic to boot! Meetings will include practice matches and instruction on rules and strategy. Certificates are awarded as new skills are mastered and we hope to compete in local tournaments. We have a great curriculum and a fantastic group of kids from last year and a bunch of new ones we can't wait to meet. It isn't too late - we'd love to have you join our chess club at any time. (If you were in chess club last year and want to continue, please register again so I can plan how many supplies we will need and also so I know I have updated information.)

Now all we need are volunteers! We need volunteers to help with beginners (you don't need to know chess - you can learn from our great curriculum right along with your kids!), to help with more advanced beginners and to help intermediate kids. (Basic chess knowledge helpful.) The curriculum is all online if you want to get a jump start during the week, but everything is perfectly outlined in the student guide books as well if you just want to show up on Fridays. DADS / WORKING PARENTS - THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO BE INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL LIFE IN A LOW STRESS WAY - ALL BEFORE WORK! Just come and play for 45 minutes and then head into work from there. You won't believe how much fun it is.

To register your child and/or to register as a volunteer either pick up a form in the office or register online at [www.BrookwoodChess.blogspot.com](http://www.BrookwoodChess.blogspot.com). Questions? Email Jan at [BrookwoodChess@gmail.com](mailto:BrookwoodChess@gmail.com) or call [801.520.6055](tel:801.520.6055).

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## Grade Level Updates

### **Kindergarten**

Kindergarten is off to a great start. We went on a treasure hunt throughout our school and learned many fun things about our school. Some of the places we visited were our office, the library, the computer lab, and our classroom. We are learning about sorting, the letters of the alphabet, how to be a good friend, singing fun songs, and how to be a bucket filler (being helpful and serving others). We're excited for the rest of the year to come. Have a great month!

### **First Grade**

In 1st grade we are working hard on our rules and routines. It is such a change for these little ones to stay at school all day. They will be tired and ready to play. Always ask about their day and try to find out things they enjoy. Let us know if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child. You can always e-mail any of us.

In September we will be doing our Me, Family and Friends unit. This is always fun for the students, we find out favorite things in your child's life. We are also working hard on our new Reading program. We hope you are working on the high frequency words at home. This will really help your child to feel confident in reading at school. Our Baggy Book program will start this month also. Your child will bring home 2 books to read each night. These should be fairly easy, please read them 3 to 5 times each and talk about the story. You should return the books each day so you can receive new ones.

Please remember to read 20 minutes 20 times a month, this is the best gift you can give your child!!! Homework folders are due every Friday. Be sure you are working on the Sept. Math Calendar. We realize there is a lot to do at home but we know your one on one help is the best thing for your child. Thanks for all you do!!!!

### **Second Grade**

"Welcome back! School's begun. Time for work and time for fun." We are certainly enjoying getting to know our new second graders. They are a great group! We have jumped right in to our new reading program and are learning lots of "amazing words" and having great discussions about exploring different communities. Ask your student about rural, urban, and suburban communities. We will be exploring space and nature over the next couple of weeks. We are have been writing and reading personal narratives. It has been interesting to hear about your children's favorite places to explore.

In math we have had fun graphing our favorite foods, places, birthdays and even eye color. We learned about bar graphs, pictographs, tables and tally charts. Now we are working on writing addition and subtraction number sentences for stories about joining, separating, and comparing. We are working on understanding the connection between addition and subtraction. Make sure to help your child practice those math facts a few minutes every day.

It will be essential to their success in math as we move along.

The children are learning to write in their planners daily and be responsible to do their homework each night. We greatly appreciate you support and involvement in your child's learning. Don't forget to record their reading minutes daily on their reading calendars in the planner. One hundred minutes a week is our goal.

Our new second grade team is excited to be working together. It is going to be a great year. We feel lucky to spend our days with your precious children. Thanks for all you do to support us. We have the best kids and parents here at Brookwood!

### **Third Grade**

Baggy Books are not scheduled to start until October.

In MATH we are finishing Unit 1 on Place Value and beginning Addition with single digits and moving into two and three digits with renaming.

All students should know the "Gold Rule" of the Ticket. The ticket book should be treated like real gold! Just like real gold, if it's lost, is not replaced. 3rd grade Students had a meeting to review this important information and to remind them that it is a student's job to clean their own backpack. Parents should check the ticket on Friday's for any "infractions" they still need to work off, sign the ticket, and help their student get it returned to school by Monday.

3rd Grade is going on a walking field trip in conjunction with our Economics Unit on Friday September 21st. We'll be visiting business' in the Fiesta Village shopping center.

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## Fourth Grade

We would like to welcome Mrs. Harris to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade here at Brookwood! She is excited to be here and to join such a fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> grade team! She comes to us from another Canyons district school and we feel lucky to have her on our team! Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Finlinson and Mrs. Harris are all so thrilled to be your teachers this year! Thank you to all the parents who supported us in coming to SEP's. It is so great to meet you and tell you a little about 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

We're already off to a great start this September, and we want to remind you and your families that your Citizenship Cards should be filled with stamps rather than reminders. Remember to keep your planners updated and to get them signed every single day. All students who stay organized and stick to the plan will be able to attend the first Citizenship Activity at the end of the month. We would love every single student to be there!

Get reading! We ask that all students read a minimum of 100 minutes per week. Remember we are here to help and would be happy to help you select a book that is on your reading level and interest. We are geared up and ready to start our first science units. We are excited to learn all about the water cycle, rocks and minerals, and environments!

Get ready for a fantastic year in fourth grade!

## Fifth Grade

We were happy to meet all of our new fifth graders and parents at this year's meet and greet. We have already found that we have a fantastic group of fifth graders this year! Our students have been quick to catch on to the rules and procedures and have quickly dug into learning

We are currently working on math—place values, U.S. geography, and Reading Street. We have begun music with Mrs. Beckstrand, started our school supply art project, and learned some new games in physical education. Our fifth graders are already working hard on becoming the best, well-rounded students they can be

## Sixth Grade

As a sixth grade teaching team, we are excited to begin another amazing and productive academic year. This year we will not be departmentalizing. Each teacher will be responsible for each discipline.

Mathematics instruction for students will focus on developing problem solving and reasoning skills enabling students to investigate and understand the real world. Students will be challenged with new concepts daily. The afternoon math workshop serves as an opportunity for all students to revisit, practice or enrich the concept of the day.

Language arts will focus on reading, comprehension, vocabulary and literacy skills through small group and whole class instruction as well as speaking, spelling, English, and writing on a daily basis. Students will be challenged to work to their highest potential.

Social Studies and Science will be integrated into the writing assignments. This will ensure that the students are able to apply writing and reading skills through real life topics.

Art, computers, physical education, and music all play a large role in shaping our 6<sup>th</sup> graders into well- rounded individuals. This year is packed with fascinating topics and content core areas! Our goal is to have a productive year while engaging the sixth graders through fun and enriching learning strategies.

If you have not had the opportunity to donate to the Sixth Grade fund, please consider making checks payable to Brookwood

Elementary Sixth Grade. Donations will be used to support activities, clubs, rewards and field trips for *all* sixth graders. Thank you!

We look forward to working with both you and your student, together as a team, to make this their best year! Please feel free to contact us with needs and concerns you might have.... E-mail works best for us. We understand that some circumstances require an in person meeting. Please make an appointment first to ensure we can devote our full attention to you and your child.

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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/>.

Dates to know:

9/28-September Club

10/26-October Club

10/31-Halloween Activities