

# THE BROOKWOOD BEAR BULLETIN

A Brookwood PTA Publication

## SEPTEMBER 2013



### Dates for your calendar:

Sept 6	Room Parent Meeting – 2:30 in the Kiva
Sept 19	PTA Commissioner Meeting
Oct 2	National Walk to School day
	PTA Board meeting – 12:30 in the Kiva
Oct 16	Early Dismissal at 1:55
Oct 17 – 18	NO SCHOOL – UEA weekend
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

### PTA Board 2013 - 2014

Co - Presidents	Valerie Rahaniotis and Anna Roumpos
Co-Pres. Elects	Nicole Fisher and Anne Wood
Vice President	Misty Walker
Secretary	Denise Glenn
Treasurer	Jill VanderVeur
EML	Shelley Wootton
Newsletter	Christina Wong
Teacher Rep	Monica Rotermund

### NEWS FROM THE PTA CO-PRESIDENT'S CORNER ☺

Welcome back Brookwood Bears! We are so excited for another fantastic year at Brookwood Elementary. Our school is so fortunate to have Principal Mootz in the lead, a talented staff always hard at work and involved families ready to jump in and help. We are honored to serve as PTA co-presidents this year. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions, concerns or suggestions. We are always open to new ideas and looking for ways to improve our school programs. Thank you to everyone who helped kick off the 2013-2014 school year with our back to school night event. We hope you and your children enjoyed the chance to re-unite with your Brookwood family after a fun summer break.

We would like to kindly ask you to donate to Brookwood's no fuss fundraiser if you have not yet done so. \$ 30.00 per child enrolled at Brookwood is the requested minimum donation. The no fuss fundraiser allows many important programs to enrich your child's educational experience throughout the year. Some of these programs include: holiday parties, meet the masters, hands on science, music, chess club, the fun run, field day, red ribbon week and white ribbon week. Please keep in mind that these programs cannot exist without your financial contributions.

We would like to introduce our amazing PTA board for the 2013-2014 school year and thank these women for their commitment to Brookwood's success: Treasurer: Jill Van Der Veur, Vice President: Misty Walker, Secretary: Denise Glenn, Newsletter: Christina Wong, EML: Shelley Wootton, Co-presidents elect for the 2014-2015 school year: Nicole Fisher and Anne Wood.

Please remember PTA meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 12:30 in the KIVA, anyone is welcome to attend. We are looking forward to a safe, kind, responsible, fun and successful year at Brookwood.

GO BEARS!  
Anna Roumpos & Valerie Rahaniotis

### Mrs. Mootz says welcome...

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. Metcalf - Kindergarten
- Mrs. Besis - Speech Pathologist
- Lindsay Dean- Instructional aide

We are implementing a new program at Brookwood and it is called Kelso's Choice.

This program teaches our students conflict management skills. Not only are Brookwood Bears safe, kind, and responsible, but now our students will have a tool when there is conflict. Everyone in the building is learning it together and I have sent home lessons by email.

### 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). We are unable to allow volunteers to work with students or teachers until this background check has been completed. Please make sure you sign in and out at the office when you are visiting a classroom. 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.

Thank you for everything you have done to help ensure our student's safety in the parking lot. Student safety is always our number one concern.

I would like to remind you about our parking lot procedures. Please pull into the drive through lane and pull forward. Your child will come to your car. Once you pick up your child, you can pull out of line and continue to exit. Here are a few reminders and suggestions for safety.

1. Please, please, please slow down!
2. Please use the designated crosswalks. We are all models for the children.
3. The lane closest to the school is only used as a bus
4. Your child will walk out to the island once your car is in the drive through lane. We do not want students walking out into the parking lot. It is safer for them to wait for you to drive up.
5. Please do not park in front of the kindergarten or second grade door and wait for your child. Pull forward. There is a line of cars behind you.
6. Please do not double park. Please stay in the drive through lane and be patient.
7. Our safety patrol members are here to help. Please be kind and follow their instructions.

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

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## REFLECTIONS

### Believe, Dream, Inspire

The Reflections program is designed to enhance quality arts education for students in Pre-K through grade 12. We hope you have some great ideas for your art projects!

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 Wednesday, October 22. Rules and entry forms are available online at [utahpta.org/reflections](http://utahpta.org/reflections). Entry forms will also be available in the office after October 1st. We can't wait to see what you dream up!

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 [lisa\\_nielsen2@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa_nielsen2@hotmail.com)

## Student Directories

Don't forget to purchase your Brookwood Bears Student Directory. The deadline to buy one is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Forms are available in the office and the office staff will be taking the payment as well. Directories are \$5 each.

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](mailto:christina@groundworksdesign.com)

## Box Tops for Education

Box Tops are going strong at Brookwood. So far this school year we have collected \$ 200!!!

Turn in Box Tops to your teacher or the box at the entrance of the school. Be sure to write your teacher's name for the contests we will be having throughout the year.

In addition to Box Tops, we are collecting Campbell's Labels for Education (soup labels) and Coca Cola MyCokeRewards points. The Coke Rewards program is new to Brookwood this year. Watch the Thursday folders and the school website for additional information. Those participating in the Kellogg's Family Rewards program can donate points online for a cash donation.

Just a reminder to link your Smith's card to Brookwood to participate in the Smith's Earn & Learn program -- the barcode was sent home previously. For families who have a Target RedCard, be sure to enroll in the "Take Charge of Education" program and designate Brookwood to receive up to 1% of all eligible purchases!! Be sure to recruit friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. A little bit from each person adds up quickly.

Please contact Karen Huff or Misty Herbstritt if you have any questions.

## Brookwood T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

It is not too late to show your school spirit and order a Brookwood T-shirt or sweatshirt. The shirts are light blue with a dark blue logo and are available in traditional cut, \$6, and fitted cut (for girls), \$8. Sweatshirts (hoodies) are also light blue and cost \$16. Please visit the office to place an order before Oct. 1. A sample shirt is also available at the office. We hope everyone will wear their shirts every Friday this year. Questions call Sarah Weaver, 801-733-4003.

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## Grade Level Updates

### **Kindergarten**

We are working hard in Kindergarten already! We are learning all about our classroom rules and Brookwood expectations. We have started on our alphabet and get to enjoy a new snack each day that goes along with each letter!

We are working on our Alphabet Writing Books, and many other items. Work time centers are being introduced to the students so they are able to learn more about all of the different activities Kindergarten has to offer. We are expecting to send home results from the first week assessments soon. This will include a letter explaining your individual child's scores. Please let us know if there are any questions. We are off to an exciting month of learning! :)

### **First Grade**

In 1st grade we have been very busy building our classroom community with our students. We are working on rules and routines. We are learning what it looks like to be a first grader. We are working hard on letters, sounds, numbers and words. We are reading and writing every day.

In September we will be learning about Johnny Appleseed and doing math and reading activities with apples. We will also start our "Me, Family and Friends Unit." The students usually love both of these. We will also be painting sunflowers and doing music.

Please remember to read 20 minutes five times a weeks. This can be reading TO your child, WITH your child or if they are ready BY themselves. We call this "to, with and by." Don't forget to record books and minutes you read in your homework folder. Thanks for all your support!!

### **Second Grade**

Second grade is in full swing! We love having our little ones back to start off a great year. Our students have already started taking their weekly tests in the computer lab and logging in their reading minutes. Please make sure your child is reading at least 20 minutes per night and it is being logged on their calendar in the planner. Teachers will check once a week to see if a total of 100 minutes are being read.

We have learned about urban and rural in Reading Street and also explored space with an astronaut. Short and long vowels are no problem for us! We can find the main idea of a story and are trying to remember what the details are...we are really going to grow this year.

Math is also going great with reviewing addition and subtraction. We love it when our second grade friends review their math facts daily as well.

A BIG thank you to all the wonderful classroom volunteers. We are so grateful for the time you share with us, we couldn't do this without you. Mrs. Smith, Miss Mellor and Mrs. Garrett are delighted to have the opportunity to work with your children this year.

### **Third Grade**

In MATH we are starting with Topic 1, Numeration (which is all about place value, comparing, and ordering numbers) and Topic 2, Basic Addition. You can help at home by checking the daily math drill and homework. In LANGUAGE ARTS this year we will study 6 units of 6 weeks each. Each week has its own spelling, reading, and grammar focus. The six weeks of Unit 1 are all about Living and Learning. Look for the "Family Times" colored handout each Monday that gives an overview of the unit for that week.

Our TICKET BOOK is for the first six weeks of school. The students will be earning Third Grade Dollars each week. At the end of this unit the students will get to go to the Third Grade "Store" on October 4th and spend their money! Please 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.

We are looking forward to the first two field trips coming up on Sept. 20th and Oct. 24th. Parent chaperones need to 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.

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## Fourth Grade

As a fourth grade teaching team, we are excited to begin an amazing, fun-filled academic year. This year is packed with fascinating topics and content core areas! Our goal is to have a productive year while engaging the fourth graders through enjoyable and enriching learning opportunities.

We are already off to a great start this September, and want to remind you and your student that your Citizenship Cards should be filled with stamps rather than reminders. Remember to keep your planners updated and 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! Mark your calendars! 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.

Fourth grade is geared up and excited about our first science units. We are eager to learn about the water cycle, rocks and minerals, and environments!

The fourth grade teachers are thrilled to be 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 to ensure we can devote our full attention to you and your child.

Get ready for a fantastic year in fourth grade!

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## Fifth Grade

We are very excited to start a new year. One change in the fifth grade faculty is Mrs. Duncan. She has taught in the sixth grade for the past two years and now joins the fifth grade team.

Our fifth grade students have been very impressive. They were quick to learn the rules and procedures. We appreciate all the students that are prepared each day for class. Thank you for all the help they receive from home.

We have been working on number sense and decimals in Math. In Language Arts, we have been continuing to study comprehension, cause-effect, subjects and predicates. For Social Studies we will continue to study the United States.

We are starting this unit with the geography of the United States. For Art, we are making a school supplies collage, and in PE we continue to learn new skills and games.

If at anytime you have concerns please feel free to email us.

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