

Brookwood Banner

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November 2023

As a Leadership Team, we are so grateful to work with our Brookwood community. October brought Thanksgiving reflections as our Brookwood students shared the many things they are thankful for.

We were so excited to come together with our friends and colleagues at Woodhaven in our Christian Program for a joint Thanksgiving Chapel! Thank you to Woodhaven for organizing and hosting the chapel. We are already looking forward to our next combined worship service for Christmas, which will be held here at Brookwood School on Thursday, December 21.

It was so much fun to celebrate Halloween with a Costume Parade. The hallways at Brookwood were filled with happy, smiling faces of our students and staff. We were grateful for the opportunity to bring our school community together to celebrate these fun events. Thank you to all of the parents who attended and joined us in the gym. Please check out our Brookwood Facebook Page for some amazing pictures!

Heading into Fall Break, we trust you will find time to rest, relax and enjoy some quality family time. As we shift our focus to Remembrance Day, let us all take some time to pause and reflect. Let's remember to always be grateful for the sacrifices of the many soldiers who fought for our freedom! We are so BLESSED to live in Canada! We will remember...

Rosanne McIntyre, Acting Principal
Stephanie Carrozza, Acting Assistant Principal

Brookwood School Share A Thought



We value the thoughts and ideas of our community. Please check out our Brookwood website and share your feedback with us.

PSD Community Family Support Resources:

[November Stronger Together Newsletter](#)



Alberta Health Services - Families can self-refer for services such as Speech Language, and Occupational Therapy. Links and phone numbers:

[Age 6-18 Summary of Services FAQ Document](#)
[Pediatric Rehabilitation Services Summary Document](#)

- **780-735-3489** - 6 to 18 years: Speech-Language services, Occupational Therapy services, Physical Therapy services
- **780-408-8793** - 0 to 5 years: Speech-Language services
- **780-735-3491** - 0 to 5 years: Occupational Therapy services, Physical Therapy services

Did you know that the Canada Dental Benefit provides payments up to \$650 per eligible child under 12 years of age?

[Canadian Dental Benefit Poster](#)
[Canadian Dental Benefit Factsheet](#)

A promotional poster for the Canada Dental Benefit. It features a close-up photo of a smiling young boy on the left. On the right, the word "Smile!" is written in a large, bold, blue font. Below it, the text reads: "The Canada Dental Benefit is available for children under 12". Further down, it says: "Find out how eligible families with an income under \$90,000 can get up to \$650 for dental care." and "Canada.ca/dental". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. At the bottom of the poster, the Government of Canada logo is on the left and the word "Canada" with a small flag is on the right.

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Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada

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PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

In PSD, we help support families who need help getting their child(ren) to school. We know there are many factors that affect attendance:

- Parents' work schedule
- Transportation
- Family events
- Appointments

Often families don't realize how much school their child is missing and the impact that has on everyone. They are more behind than you think.

1 DAY MISSED = 2 DAYS BEHIND



19 or more days

Missing just **TWO** days every month can add up to **19** days in a school year. This is the equivalent of missing an ENTIRE MONTH of instructional days.



10 to 18 days

Students who are absent an average of 15 days per year miss **1 YEAR'S WORTH** of school by their graduating year.



9 or fewer absences

Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Some of our students and staff have life-threatening allergies to nuts and nut products. Therefore, our school is "NUT-AWARE".



We are asking for your help and cooperation in ensuring our school continues to be safe by not sending any nut products to the school. Thank you in advance for your commitment to our safety!

Pick-Up/Drop-Off Safety Reminder:

The bus lane in front of the school is reserved for buses and maintenance vehicles from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm daily. Please do not enter the bus lane during this time.

The main through lane in the parking lot is a DROP and GO lane. Parents are expected to remain in their vehicle. Your child will walk from your car to the school with the assistance of staff in safety vests. Vehicles in the bus lane and unattended cars in the drop and go block flow and create hazards to the safety of our students.

Please park in the guest parking area or the overflow lot if you wish to walk your child to their door or to the main entrance. Additionally, please note there are three reserved parking stalls in the staff lot. Please do not park in

these stalls at any time through the day. **d from their homerooms and exit through their designated doors at 3:05 p.m.**

- Parents/Guardians picking up students at school will be asked to wait outside the school.
- We would appreciate your assistance to ensure that all of our Brookwood students are safe and accounted for at the end of the school day. Here's how you can help:
 - *Please ensure that your children meet you and stay with you at the end of the school day.*
 - *Please do not allow your children to play on the playground & swings prior to Bus Dismissal at **3:15.***

Dogs on Property



As much as we all enjoy pets, we ask that you keep your dog at home or away from the playground and general school population during school hours. For the safety of our students and your pet, distance is key.

Due to allergies and safety, pets cannot be brought inside Brookwood School, so we kindly ask that you please not bring your animals inside the school or on school property at any time. This includes both big and small dogs.

If you do walk your dog to school to meet your children after school, please kindly wait near the north fence by the bus loop entrance or on the east side of the fence near the alleyway. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter!

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

- We are happy to welcome volunteers at Brookwood School this year!
- **For safety reasons, volunteers and visitors - are required to check-in at the office.**
 - Our office staff are always happy to help you!

As the weather changes and winter gear is coming out please make sure you are clearly marking your child's gear with student names or initials as we have many identical jackets, footwear etc.



NOVEMBER NOTES ...



Picture Retakes - Monday, November 6th

Remembrance Day Ceremony:

Friday, November 10th at 10:45 a.m.

Parents/Guardians are invited to attend.

A reminder to Choir parents to please send children in concert blacks which means black tops, pants, shirts or dresses. Mrs. Gottenbos has black clothing to lead if needed.



Pattern Day November 24th

Dress with any pattern you want

Fall Break - November 13th - 17th

MORNINGS

- Supervision begins at **8:15 a.m.** We look forward to welcoming students at that time.
- ****Please Note:** Students will **not** be able to enter the school earlier than 8:15 and wait in the common areas.
- Parents/Guardians bringing students to school will be asked to wait outside the school.



AFTERNOONS

Students will be dismissed

Kindergarten PD Day - November 24th No School for Kinders

Christmas Concerts Coming Soon !!

Kindergarten

Mini concerts will be held in the art room as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 6

10:30 K Nachai

11:00 K Hoyland

11:30 K Fitz

Thursday, Dec 7

11:00 K Nachai

11:30 K Hoyland

***No specific costume needs, please send them in their concert best.**

***Make sure to be on time. These concerts are short**

Grade 1's

- An afternoon performance on **December 18** will feature all the grade 1 classes,
 - Start time is **2:00 pm** in the school auditorium
- There are no specific costume needs for this event.
 - Please feel free to send your child in their concert best.

Grade 2's

- An afternoon performance on **December 19** will feature all the grade 2 classes
 - Start time is **2:00 pm** in the school auditorium.
- There are no specific costume needs for this event.
 - Please feel free to send your child in their concert best.

Grade 3's & 4's

These older classes are preparing a Christmas musical. There will be several performances to accommodate the large numbers of students and audience members. Three tickets per family will be allotted. These tickets will be sent home at the beginning of December. All students attending Brookwood will be able to view the grade 3-4 concerts.

**** Please take note of the following class groups:**

- **Group A: 3A, 3J, 3/4C, 4K**
- **Group B: 3R, 3S, 4F, 4V, 4S**

Wednesday, December 13

- **2:00 pm** Dress Rehearsal for group A
 - Family & friends are invited. No tickets required.
- **7:00 pm** Evening Performance for group A
 - Tickets required to attend

Thursday, December 14

- **2:00 pm** Dress Rehearsal for group B
 - Family & friends are invited. No tickets required.
- **7:00 pm** Evening Performance for group B
 - Tickets required to attend

Parent Volunteers Needed

If you have a few hours to spare and can help with the set or costumes for our Christmas play, we would really appreciate the help!

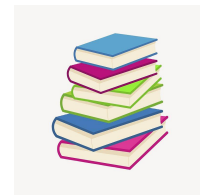
In addition to sprucing up our costumes, we will be building a lifesize gingerbread house as our backdrop. If you can help with either, please send an email to Mrs. Gottenbos and she will sort out the jobs & work parties.

Thank you so much!!

BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Thank you to the Brookwood School Association for organizing the Book Fair for our students and families.

More than \$10,000 in sales - WOW!!



Brookwood School Council & Association - Annual General Meeting

**Monday, November 21 - 6:30pm (in the Art Room)
See below for more information.**



Hi! You are invited to the 2023 - 2024 Brookwood School Council and Brookwood School Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.** The meeting will take place at Brookwood School in the Art Room.

The purpose of the AGM is the nominations and elections of position holders for both the School Council and the School Association. Other agenda items will be discussed in accordance with our regular monthly meeting, such as:

- Monthly School Board Trustee's Report, Monthly Treasurer Report, Fundraising/Event updates, Hot Lunch & Club Moo, opportunities for parents to ask questions, provide input and support for our school and more

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL provides a method for parents, families and community members to be informed, participate, and have a voice in the educational experiences of Brookwood students. The council consults on and assists with planning events, allocating fundraising proceeds for the school such as contributing to field trips, covering the costs of educational subscriptions such as Raz Kids and Mathletics, as well as organizes Hot Lunch and Club Moo

Elections will be held for the following school council positions on a one-year term:

- Council Chair (incumbent: Doug Lorenz)
- Council Vice-Chair (incumbent: Angele Medeiros)
- Council Secretary (incumbent: Nicole Patras)

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION contributes to the success of our school by coordinating and running fundraising and other events such as the Hot Lunch program, Scholastic Book Fairs, Brookwood's Read-A-Thon, holiday concerts, and more. The association helps create great experiences for our students and school community by raising funds and organizing parent volunteers to help run events and programs

Elections will be held for the following school council positions on a one-year term:

- Association President (incumbent: Lisa Huffman)
- Association Vice President (vacant)
- Association Treasurer (incumbent: Tyneal Johnson)
- Association Secretary (incumbent: Nadine Homer)

Parents are encouraged to attend BOTH meetings and can do so without assuming a formal role - you DO NOT need to take on a nominated titled position to participate. General information on school councils and roles that we hope to fill can be found at the Alberta School Council's Association (ASCA) website.

Everyone in attendance at our November AGM Meeting will have their name entered to

WIN 1 OF 4 \$25.00 "ONE4ALL" GIFT CARDS.

This is our way of thanking you for taking time out of your busy lives to come and see what we are all about. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

Brookwood School Council & Brookwood School Association Members

Numeracy Corner



Did you know that playing card or board games can improve and strengthen your child's math skills while also creating valuable family bonding time?!

Read the following article to find out more!

"Family game nights boost children's math skills, 20 years of studies suggest"
[*CTV News - "Family Game Night Boosts Children's Math Skills"*](#)

****Each month here, we will share an easy math game for you and your child to play:***

Make Ten Card Game"



Materials Needed:

→ Pack of playing cards for each player (or could play with a partner)

Objective: To practice adding and making "Friendly Numbers"/ "Friends of Ten"
ie. $1+9$ / $2+8$ / $3+7$ / $4+6$ / $5+5$ (which is also a double) / $6+4$ / $7+3$ / $8+2$ / $9+1$

Instructions:

1. Student turns over and lays out 5 cards beside one another and then 5 more cards below (see pic)
2. Students are to make ten with 1 or more cards ie. $10+0$, $6+4$, $1+7+2$. When they make a set equaling ten, they are to remove the cards and replace them with new face cards.
3. Repeat until the deck is out of cards.
4. If playing with a partner, could compare who has more sets to see who "wins"

Instructional videos:

- [Make Ten Card Game](#)
- [The Make Ten Game: an awesome K-2 math card game](#)

Literacy Corner



BEING REGULARLY
READ TO AT HOME, PRIOR
TO BEGINNING SCHOOL,
IS THE SINGLE MOST
SIGNIFICANT FACTOR
INFLUENCING A CHILD'S
EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS.

National Commission on Reading, Children's Access to Print Material and Education Related Outcomes

@SUNNYSEEDCO

*Please remember to cuddle up and read with your child each night!
Research shows that having a parent(s) read with their child is one of the
best indicators of a child's success in school.*

MARK THESE DATES!!

Nov 1st - Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza

Nov 6th - Picture Retakes

Nov 9th - Hot Lunch - Pizza 73

Nov 11th - Remembrance Day

Nov 13th - Nov 17th - NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK

Nov 21st - School Council AGM

Nov 22nd - Hot Lunch - Pizza 73

Nov 24th - Kindergarten PD - NO School for Kinders

Nov 24th - Pattern Day

Nov 30th - Hot Lunch - Subway

**Did you know that Brookwood School Association and Cobs have
partnered together as a fundraising option??**

COBS BREAD

Anytime you stop in mention you're
with Brookwood school and a
percentage of your purchase will be
donated back to the school to help with
the outdoor classroom.