

Brookwood Banner

DECEMBER 2023

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

As a Leadership Team, we are grateful to work with our Brookwood community.

We are grateful for the opportunities to bring our school community together. We hosted a Remembrance Day Ceremony and took time to acknowledge and express our appreciation and gratitude for the many soldiers who fought for our freedom! In our Christian Program, we look forward to a Joint Christmas Chapel, joined by Woodhaven students, on December 21 here at Brookwood School.

We appreciate our Grade four students who continue to take on leadership roles in our school. Our Grade four classes plan "Fun Days" and create a focus for our school each month. We are really excited to provide this leadership opportunity for our students! GO TEAM 4!

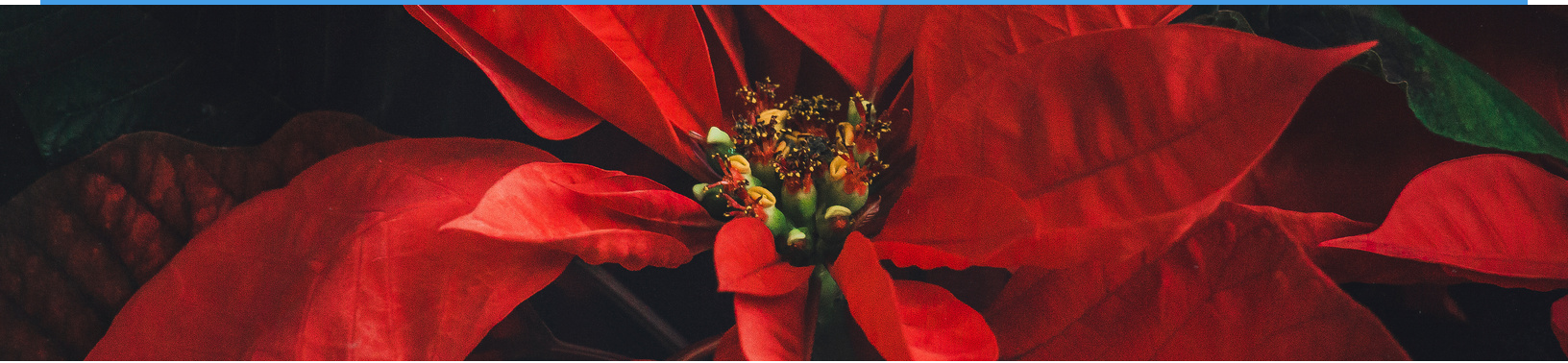
We will be celebrating Christmas in many different ways at Brookwood School. Our students and staff have been busy preparing for our Christmas Concerts and we are so excited to share the finished products with you! Please reference specific details regarding our Christmas activities in the Brookwood Banner and remember to check out our Brookwood Facebook Page for some amazing pictures!

As we head into the beautiful Christmas season and Winter Break, let us all take some time to pause and reflect on our many blessings! Please take some time to rest, relax, and enjoy some quality family time.

On behalf of Brookwood School Staff, we wish your family the gifts of peace, hope, love, and joy this Christmas season! Thank you for the blessing of working with your children!

Blessings,
Rosanne McIntyre, Acting Principal
Stephanie Carrozza, Acting Assistant Principal

DECEMBER NOTES



CHRISTMAS CHEER DAY

Friday, December 15th
Anything Christmas or Holiday themed dress-up



CANDY CANE SALES

Grade 4 Leadership Students will be selling candy canes on Friday, December 8th and 15th, as well as, the last day of school before Winter Break, Thursday, December 21, for 50 cents each. All proceeds from the sales will go towards the Grade 4 Farewell.

PAJAMA DAY

Wednesday, December 20



Christmas Joint Chapel
Brookwood School Gym

Thursday, December 21 @ 9:00 am

Oh, come let us adore Him.

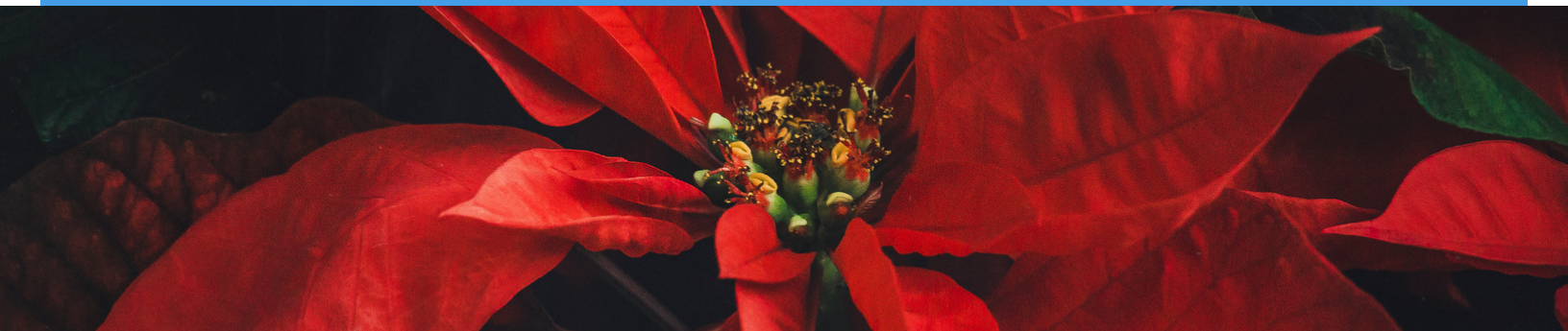
JOINT CHAPEL

Praying Parents will follow chapel in the Art Room
Please note that Christian Program Kindergarten students do not have class on this day, but students and parents are welcome to attend. All are invited. We look forward to worshipping and celebrating with you!

NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 5



DECEMBER NOTES



COINS FOR CHRISTMAS

LAST YEAR, THE SPRUCE GROVE KINETTES ASSISTED 656 LOCAL FAMILIES PROVIDING \$95,000 IN GROCERY GIFT CARDS AND TOYS TO 762 CHILDREN. NOW UNTIL DEC 8TH, WE WILL BE COLLECTING "COINS FOR CHRISTMAS". TOGETHER, OUR BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



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: DECEMBER STRONGER TOGETHER NEWSLETTER



2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION WOULD LIKE FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR. THIS SURVEY TAKES INTO ACCOUNT PREVIOUS FEEDBACK PROVIDED BY OUR STAKEHOLDERS. THIS SURVEY INTENDS TO CLARIFY A FEW REMAINING DATES. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CALENDAR IS IN DRAFT FORM ONLY AT THIS POINT.

THE SURVEY WILL BE OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 21, 2023.

SAFETY NOTES

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 vehicles. 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 throughout the day. **Students will be dismissed 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.

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!

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SCHOOL REMINDERS

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!

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.



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

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.

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL

THANK YOU to all who attended and volunteered for this year's Brookwood School Council.

Thank you,
Volunteers!

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO WELCOME OUR
2023/2024 BROOKWOOD SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS
SCHOOL COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS - MEGAN S & MELODY B
SCHOOL COUNCIL SECRETARY - NICOLE P

AS WELL AS OUR 2023/2024
BROOKWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS!
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT: TYNEAL J
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION VICE PRESIDENT: BRAD M
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION TREASURER: LISA H



THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF
OUR MEMBERS AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS
FOR DEDICATING THEIR TIME TO HELP MAKE
OUR SCHOOL AN EVEN BETTER PLACE FOR
OUR STUDENTS.

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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 Fitzgerald

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. Four tickets per family will be allotted. These tickets have been sent home so check your child's backpacks. 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



MARK THESE DATES



- Dec 5th - Kinder Finding Nemo @ Horizon Stage
- Dec 6th - Hot Lunch - Pizza 73
- Dec 6th - Kindergarten Christmas Concerts - M/W
- Dec 7th - Kindergarten Christmas Concerts - T/Th
- Dec 7th - Grade 4 Finding Nemo @ Horizon Stage
- Dec 8th - Candy Cane Sales
- Dec 13th - Christmas Concerts Grade 3 & 4 - Group A
- Dec 14th - Christmas Concerts Grade 3 & 4 - Group B
- Dec 14th - Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza
- Dec 14th - Grade 2 Little Mermaid @ Woodhaven
- Dec 15th - Christmas Cheer Day (wear anything cheer)
- Dec 15th - Candy Cane Sales
- Dec 15th - Grade 3 Little Mermaid @ Woodhaven
- Dec 18th - Grade 1 Christmas Concert
- Dec 18th - Grade 1D & 4 Little Mermaid @ Woodhaven
- Dec 19th - Grade 2 Christmas Concert
- Dec 19th - Grade 4 Skiing
- Dec 19th - Grade 1 Little Mermaid @ Woodhaven (1K, 1S, 1B)
- Dec 21st - Pyjama Day
- Dec 20th - Hot Lunch - Jacks
- Dec 21st - Joint Christmas Chapel
- Dec 21st - Candy Cane Sales
- Dec 22nd - PD DAY - NO SCHOOL

NUMERACY CORNER

GAMES FOR MATH SKILLS

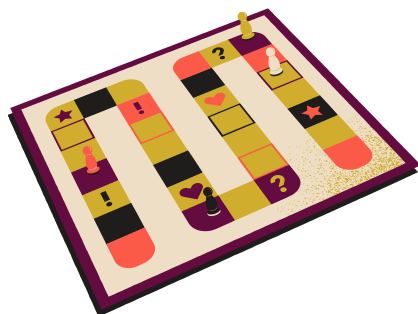
Did you know that playing card or board games can improve and strengthen your child's math skills while also creating valuable family bonding time?!

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"](#)

*This Christmas, consider starting a tradition of giving your family a board game to play over the Christmas holidays. Here are a few suggestions of games that are fun to play but also strengthen math skills:



Snakes and Ladders
Trouble
Dutch Blitz
Crib
Monopoly
Sequence
Yahtzee
UNO
Roll For It
Splendor
Ticket to Ride
And many more!



[15 Fun Math Board Games That Help Develop Math Skills](#)