

Brookwood Banner



April 2024

WEBSITE: <https://brookwood.psd.ca/>

FACBOOK: [Brookwood School](#)

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

As a Leadership Team, we are grateful to work with our Brookwood community. April is a time to celebrate that Spring is here! We welcome the sunshine and longer daylight hours.

We would like to give a huge shout out to our Brookwood School Association for organizing such a successful “Read-A-Thon” and “Brookwood Clue” in March. Special thanks to our students and their families for their focus on reading for 52,439 minutes and for raising \$18,881.45. **WOW!** It was truly a community effort! *We value your partnership!*

Our Grade four students continue to take on leadership roles in our school and have been planning “Fun Days” and creating a focus for our school each month. We are really excited to provide this leadership opportunity for our students! **GO TEAM 4!** Please reference details in the Brookwood Banner and remember to check out our Brookwood Facebook Page for some amazing pictures of our April activities!

In our Christian Program, we hosted a Joint Chapel with Woodhaven Middle School on March 19. This chapel provided us with an opportunity to focus on and celebrate Easter, which is one of the core foundational beliefs in our Christian Program.

We trust you enjoyed Spring Break with your family and that you had a **Blessed Easter!**

Welcome Back Brookwood!

Karen Stride-Goudie
Principal

Rosanne McIntyre
Assistant Principal

APRIL NOTES



Parent/Teacher Interviews

- Kindergarten - Fitzgerald and Grades 1-4
 - Monday, April 8
4:00pm - 7:00pm
 - Thursday, April 11
4:00pm - 7:00pm
- Kindergarten Nachai & Hoyland - Student LED Conferences
 - Monday, April 8
4:00pm - 7:00pm
 - Thursday, April 11
3:30pm - 7:30pm

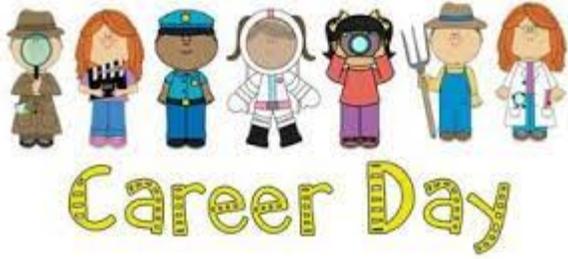


NUMERACY GAMES during Parent / Teacher Interviews



*Please stop by the Art room for some Numeracy Games during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Come join the Numeracy Lead Teacher, Brenda Carlson, in the Art room by the office to learn some new games to help your child practice their math facts and skills.

APRIL NOTES



April 19th

Dress up in your favorite profession

April 19 - School Wide Assembly @ 9:15

Featuring our Brookwood Spirit Team and ...

Special Guest Presentation from "RUN WILD"

<https://www.runwild.ca/home>

Visual Arts Celebration
April 23rd and 24th



APRIL NOTES

PSD COMMUNITY FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES APRIL STRONGER TOGETHER NEWSLETTER



Stronger Together

A monthly newsletter with information to help you and your family navigate your child's educational journey.

April 2024 - HEALTHY FAMILIES

PARKLAND SCHOOL DIVISION

BROOKWOOD SHARE A THOUGHT

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



2024 - 2025 Kindergarten Registration

- Begins February 12th
- Must be be 5 years old by December 31, 2024

[Click here for Registration Link](#)

The banner features a green chalkboard background with a white list of registration details. In the foreground, there is a red apple, a white mesh pencil holder filled with colorful pencils, and several loose pencils on a white surface.

APRIL NOTES



**Alberta
School Councils' Association**
Promoting parent engagement in public education

Our school council is a member of the Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) and will be attending the ASCA conference and AGM April 26-28. We will vote on seven proposed resolutions, and if approved, [ASCA will advocate for these resolutions on our behalf](#) to the education minister and province. Part of the job of the school council is to represent the needs and wants of our school to the province, so we want to give parents a chance to have input on which resolutions should be advocated for. If you would like to participate, please fill out [this anonymous survey](#) by April 12th. We will be finalizing our votes at our April 16th meeting (6:30 pm in the Art Room - all parents welcome). Any questions please contact Melody and Megan at 'brookwood.scchair@partner.psd.ca'.

Detailed information is provided in the survey, but here are the resolutions:

- *P24-01: Integrate Climate and Biodiversity Education Throughout the Curriculum from K-12.*
- *P24-02: Funding for More Assessments of Learning Disabilities*
- *P24-03: Improving Indoor Air quality (IAQ) in Alberta Classrooms & Shared Environments*
- *P24-04: Equity in Playground Funding*
- *P24-05: Preserving Safe and Inclusive Spaces for 2SLGBTQI+ Students*
- *P24-06: Resource Support for French Immersion Teachers (Available Before Implementation of Curriculum Changes)*
- *P24-07: Enhanced Reporting of and Support for Class Size and Complexity*

APRIL NOTES

Calahoo Meats: Ready for barbecue season? For our last fundraiser of the year, we invite you to stock up on quality local products and specialty food items from Calahoo Meats while supporting our school! Catalogs and order forms will be sent home on April 2 and must be turned in with payment by April 23rd. Order pickup will take place at the school on Friday, May 10th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with us, please contact Lisa and Tyneal at ['brookwoodschoollassociation@gmail.com'](mailto:brookwoodschoollassociation@gmail.com).



Enjoy quality local products and specialty food items while supporting our school!

DETAILS

Order forms will be sent home with students on **Tuesday, April 2** (click to view digital copies of the [catalog](#) and [order forms](#)). The school earns \$5 or \$10 for each item ordered.

All order forms and payments need to be handed into the school by Tuesday, April 23rd (we have to submit our order to Calahoo by April 26th). Payment can be made by Cash or Check (checks can be made out to Brookwood School Association).

DELIVERY

All orders will be shipped to the school and must be picked up by families on **Friday, May 10th**. Just in time for a May Long Weekend barbecue! Parent volunteers will be available when school gets out to retrieve your order for you.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our School Association funds a lot of great experiences for students, such as cultural events (local plays, in-school experiences), field trips (Grade 4 ski lessons), and other celebrations. We have spent over \$20,000 in the past two years on a new stage for performances and 30 new Chromebooks for our growing student population. We are also working on the purchase of new playground equipment for the kinder/grade 1 playground. It wouldn't be possible without all the great fundraising done by our Brookwood community!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer with us, please reach out to Tyneal and Lisa at ['brookwoodschoollassociation@gmail.com'](mailto:brookwoodschoollassociation@gmail.com). Thank you and happy grilling!

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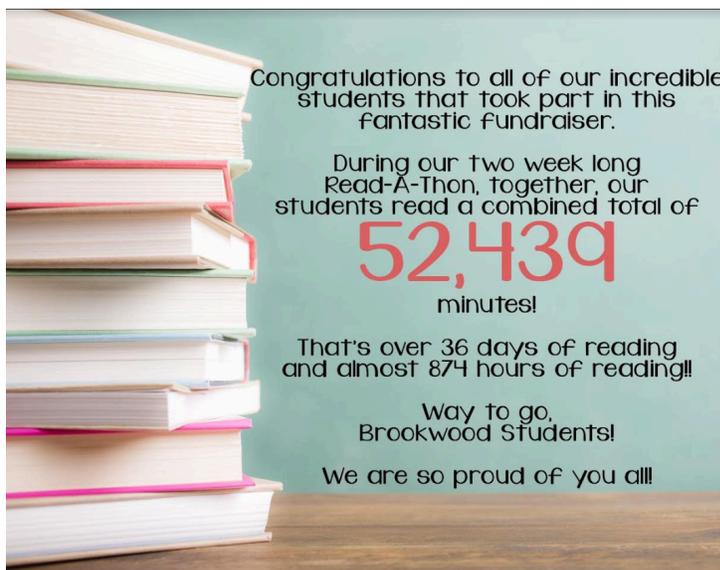
WOW!

Thanks to the hard work of our students and the amazing generosity of our Brookwood families and community, our Read-A-Thon raised a total of

\$18,881.45

The funds raised will go towards the Kindergarten/Grade I Swings, as well as educational programs and subscriptions for our whole school.

A big thank you to the incredible donors, volunteers, and to everyone who participated in this year's Read-A-Thon.



Congratulations to all of our incredible students that took part in this fantastic fundraiser.

During our two week long Read-A-Thon, together, our students read a combined total of

52,439

minutes!

That's over 36 days of reading and almost 874 hours of reading!!

Way to go, Brookwood Students!

We are so proud of you all!

GET INVOLVED



April 16th

Brookwood School Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Brookwood Association Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend!!!!

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

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.

MARK THESE DATES

April 1st - No School Easter Monday

April 3rd - Hot Lunch - Pizza 73

April 8th & 11th - Parent/Teacher Interviews

April 11th - Hot Lunch - Jacks

April 16th - School Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m. and
School Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.

April 17th - Hot Lunch - Boston Pizza

April 15th - 19th - National Volunteer Week

April 18th - Gr. 4 Telus World of Science Field Trip

April 19th - Brookwood School Assembly - 9:15 a.m.

April 23rd & 24th - Visual Arts Celebration

April 25th - Hot Lunch - Subway

April 29th - Kinder M/W Telus World of Science

April 30th - Kinder T/Th Telus World of Science

NUMERACY CORNER



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:***

"Pick Three" (variation of "Memory")

Materials Needed:

Deck of cards

Objective:

To make a math sentence using **three** cards ie. $5+3=8$

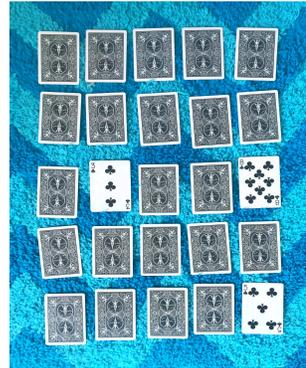
Set Up

This game is best played in pairs, but can be played in larger groups if needed. Students will first lay out the cards randomly, face down. (Face cards should be removed, or assigned a value).

How to Play

One student will randomly turn over 3 cards. If they can make a number sentence out of the 3 cards (for example, $3 + 5 = 8$), they get to keep all 3 cards. If not, they turn them back over and it is the next student's turn.

Whoever ends the game with the most cards wins!



LITERACY CORNER

Literacy Corner

Do your kids beg you to read the same book over and over? Well that's good news as the saying that "practice makes perfect" is really true in this case. Here are a few benefits to reading the same book repeatedly:

- **"It dramatically expands vocabulary**
- **It tunes children into the musicality of language, understanding how words flow and connect**
- **Hearing the same story repeatedly helps a child understand all the components of the story**
- **Kids start to comprehend the storyline**
- **Kids start to recognize words and letters**
- **Kids learn how words connect to form phrases and sentences"**

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So what is a favourite book in your household that is on repeat? Keep reading it!!

**Taken from pediatrician [@healthiest_baby](#)*

When you read the same book to your child over and over again



Your child will learn more new words

Maria Daou
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