

Brookwood Banner



September 2024

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

FACEBOOK: [Brookwood School](#)

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Welcome to all of our returning students, parents, families and staff! Welcome to all of those who are new to our Brookwood School community. We look forward to getting to know you!

As we look toward the future in education, it gives me great pleasure to bring my many years of experience in both Public and Christian school settings to the Brookwood community. As an educational leader, I am passionate about fostering collaboration, innovation, respect and trust. I look forward to building relationships with students, staff and parents at Brookwood, as we all work together - *“Striving to be the best we can be!”*

At Brookwood School, we are committed to activating Parkland School Division’s Vision and Mission:

Vision: “Our students possess the confidence, resilience, insight and skills required to thrive in, and positively impact the world.”

Mission: “We assure supportive learning environments, meaningful experiences and healthy relationships that create opportunities to develop resilience, to gain diversity in perspectives and to achieve enduring success.” As a school and school division, our ultimate goal is ... **“student success and well-being”**.

As a staff, we are dedicated to providing opportunities for students to achieve academic success and to be respectful and kind members of our community. Martin Kornfeld states, “If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we just might set the world in the right direction.” Students ... we believe it’s important for you to ... *“Respect Yourself, Respect Others and Respect Our Space”*. Get ready ... it’s going to be a great year at Brookwood!

Please feel free to email me at karen.stridegoudie@psd.ca or call (780 962-3942) at any time with accolades, comments, questions, and concerns. I am excited to be your Principal!

Karen Stride-Goudie
Principal

Welcome to a new and exciting year at Brookwood School! It is with great excitement that I join the administrative team with Karen Stride-Goudie to serve Brookwood School as Assistant Principal. I am thankful for the opportunity to continue to work alongside our dedicated staff, engage with our students, and contribute to the continued growth and success of the Brookwood School community.

In my years at Brookwood, I have been fortunate to be part of a collaborative team with Mainstream and Christian Program staff who truly strive to be the best that we can be! At Brookwood School we are passionate about student success and wellness, preparing our students for a bright future, and building effective relationships within our Brookwood community. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our students, families, and staff as we embark on the 2024 - 2025 school year together.

Please feel free to email stephanie.carrozza@psd.ca or call (780 962-3942) should you need. Thank you!

Stephanie Carrozza
Assistant Principal

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Please reference our Brookwood School Handbook for important information. Thank you!

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL HANDBOOK



BROOKWOOD CODE:

Think of the other person.

Our students are taught ...

Before I say or do something, I will ask myself:

- ❖ *Will this be helpful?*
- ❖ *Will this be hurtful?*

Be a special person..... do the right thing!

COMMUNICATION at Brookwood

We have various methods of communication at Brookwood School, as outlined below:

- ❖ [School Messenger \(Email\)](#) - School wide communication
 - For example, Arrival & Dismissal Updates etc.
- ❖ [Brookwood School Website](#)
 - Parkland School Division Messages & Communication
- ❖ [Brookwood School Facebook](#)
 - Window into what's happening (Pictures, Art work etc.)
 - FUN updates - For example, Theme Days
 - Special Events - Remembrance Day
- ❖ [See Saw, Google Classroom etc.](#)
 - Messages from classroom teachers



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SAFETY AT BROOKWOOD SCHOOL Drop Off & Pick Up Safety Measures:

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.

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 fall/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.

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PARENTS, 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!
- Parents/Guardians who bring items for their children will be requested to leave it in the office, and we will get it to their child.

Volunteers for In Class and Off-Site Field Trips

- Volunteers are required to submit a “Volunteer Registration Form” at least **48 hours** prior to their actual volunteer service.
- Volunteers are required to have a “Criminal Record Check” if they are volunteering for more than **ten** hours per year.
- Volunteers are required to have a “Criminal Record Check” if they are going “off-site” with students.



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!

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Join us from **4:30 - 6:00 on Thursday, Sept. 12** for our Meet the Staff event.

We will provide a sweet treat for families!



Brookwood School Council Meeting

- Mark your calendars **Sept 17, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.**, meeting will be held at Brookwood School in the Art Room.
- Volunteers Needed: School Councils work together with the school administration and staff to support the school in various ways.

Brookwood School Association Meeting

- Following the School Council meeting, on **Sept 17, 2024 @ 7:30 p.m.**, the Brookwood School Association meeting will be held in the Art Room.

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WELCOME BACK CHAPEL
FRIDAY SEPT 27th
9:30 - 10:00 A.M.
HOSTED AT BROOKWOOD

Praying Parents will take place following Chapel



Orange Shirt Day

This school year, Orange Shirt Day will be observed on Friday,
September 27, 2024

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Terry Fox Run

- Mark your calendars
- **Sept. 27 (pm)**
- More information to follow
- “Toonies for Terry”
- Please send in your “Toonies” to

support Cancer Research Sept. 11 - Oct 2, 2024



CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING DATES:

Race #1: September 12 - Forest Green

Race #2: September 19 - Woodhaven

Race #3: September 26 - Duffield

Race #4: October 3 - High Park

Race #5: October 10 - Meridian Heights

Race #6: October 17 - Prescott (@ Jubilee Park)



*** Ask your students if they attended the Cross Country Meeting!**

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Personal mobile devices

Parkland School Division has a new Administrative Procedure regarding Personal Mobile Devices - [AP 670: Personal Mobile Devices](#). This updated procedure is in alignment with the Ministerial Order ([014/2024 Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools](#))

At Brookwood School, we follow the "**Limitations on Use**" as noted below:

1. Students are prohibited from the use of personal mobile devices during instructional time.
2. Students in possession of a personal mobile device shall ensure that device(s) are powered off, and stored out of view;

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Snack Pouch Recycling

Our school is part of a snack pouch recycling program where we can collect and recycle snack pouches. The program is sponsored by Go-Go Squeeze, but any brand of food pouch and cap is accepted. This also supports our Brookwood School garbageless lunch initiative.

Baskets have been placed in each classroom to collect the recyclable snack pouches. You are welcome to collect your snack pouches at home as well and bring them to school for recycling. Thank you for being a recycling hero!



What's going on at SGPL?!

So much is happening at the Spruce Grove Public Library that may be of interest to your students we wanted to share it with you!

You can find out what's happening here;
<https://sgpl.ca/Programs-Events-Pages/Calendar>

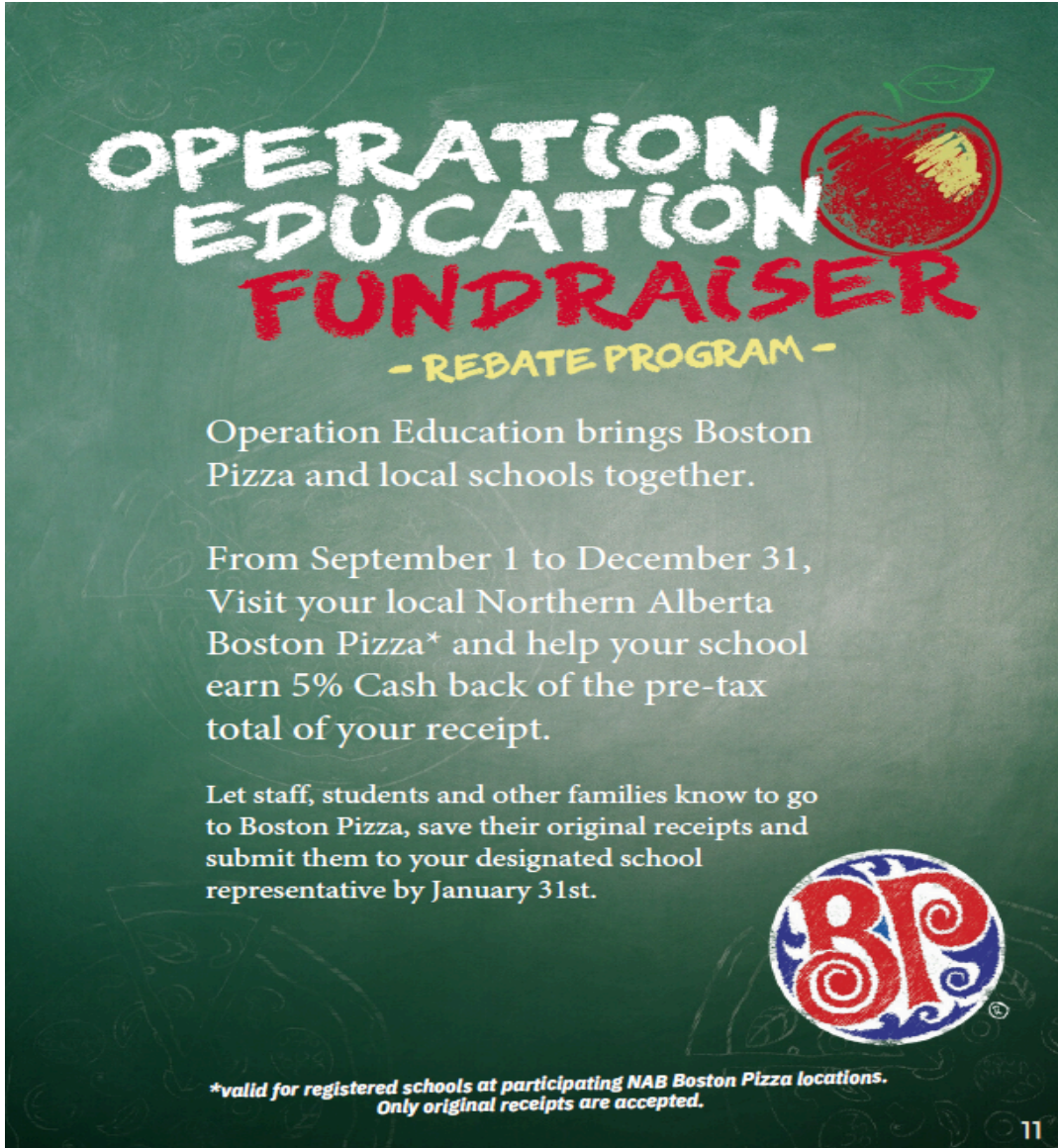


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Easy ways to support our School!

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.

COBS BREAD




**OPERATION
EDUCATION
FUNDRAISER**
- REBATE PROGRAM -

Operation Education brings Boston Pizza and local schools together.

From September 1 to December 31,
Visit your local Northern Alberta
Boston Pizza* and help your school
earn 5% Cash back of the pre-tax
total of your receipt.

Let staff, students and other families know to go
to Boston Pizza, save their original receipts and
submit them to your designated school
representative by January 31st.



*valid for registered schools at participating NAB Boston Pizza locations.
Only original receipts are accepted.

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If you have an idea for a school fundraiser, or an idea for a project that our school association could fund, please reach out to brookwoodschoollassociation@gmail.com to get involved and help make Brookwood a great place for our students and families.

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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.

Transportation

Bus status updates can be found [here on the Parkland School Division Website](#) or you can download the **"Bus Status 4"** app;

★◦ [Bus Status 4: iOS](#)

★◦ [Bus Status 4: Android](#)

MARK THESE DATES!

Sept. 2th - No School

Sept. 12th - Meet Our Staff - 4:30 - 6:00

Sept. 12th- Cross-Country Run #1 - Forest Green School

Sept. 17th - Brookwood School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 17th - Brookwood School Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 19th - Cross-Country Run # 2 - Woodhaven Middle School

Sept 20th - NO SCHOOL - PD Day

Sept. 26th - Cross-Country Run #3 - Duffield School

Sept. 27th - Terry Fox Run

Sept. 27th - Welcome Back Chapel at Brookwood - 9:30 am

Sept. 27th - PSD's Orange Shirt Day

Sept. 30th - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - NO SCHOOL

Oct. 3rd - Cross-Country Run #4 - High Park School

Oct. 4th - World Teacher's Day

Oct. 8th & 9th - School Picture Days

Oct. 10 - Cross-Country Run #5 - Ecole Meridian Heights School

Oct.11th - NO SCHOOL - PD Day

Oct. 21 & 24 - Parent/Teacher Interviews