



BROOKWOOD BANNER

November 2024

Leadership Team Message

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 program-wide Chapel! Thank you to Woodhaven for organizing and hosting the chapel. We are already looking forward to our next combined worship chapel for Christmas, which will be held here at Brookwood School on Thursday, December 19 at 9:20 am.

It was so much fun to celebrate Halloween with a Costume Parade. The gym and 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!

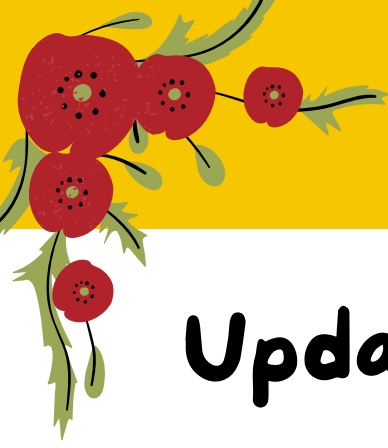
Heading into Fall Break, we trust you will find time to rest, relax, and enjoy some quality family time. As we shift our focus to Remembrance Day, let us all take some time to pause and reflect. Let us remember to always be grateful for the sacrifices of the many soldiers who fought for our freedom!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

Karen Stride-Goudie, Principal
Stephanie Carrozza, Assistant Principal

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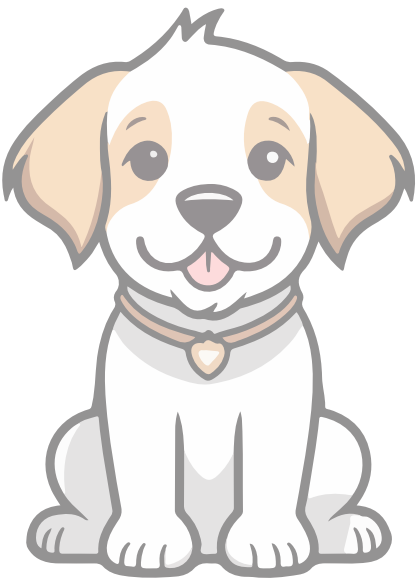
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Updating Contact Information in PowerSchool

Parents and Guardians, please check in on **PowerSchool** to confirm that all your contact information is up to date.

It also helps to have at least 1-2 emergency contacts on file as well.

Thank You!



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!





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Safety at Brookwood


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.**
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PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

We are happy to welcome volunteers at Brookwood School!

- 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.

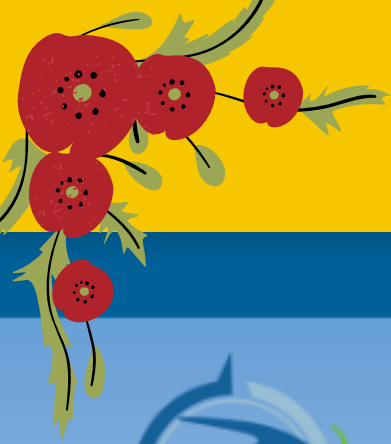
Volunteers for In Class and Off-Site Field Trips

- 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. This includes peanut butter alternatives that cannot be easily distinguished from peanut butter, such as Wow Butter and Almond Butter. Thank you in advance for your commitment to our safety!





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Stronger Together

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

PARKLAND
SCHOOL DIVISION

November 2024



Stronger Together Newsletter

Last year, we started recycling fruit pouches as a school to reduce the amount of waste going into the landfill. We will continue this effort this year! Students can find a blue basket with a photo of the packaging that can be recycled.

The 4th graders will collect these empty pouches and send them away for recycling.





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Report an Absence

We have an absence alert system in operation at Brookwood School. Should your child be unable to attend school, please call or email to report the absence or late arrival. If your child is absent or late, and you have not called or emailed, you will receive an automated phone and email message at 9:25am (for morning absences) and/or 1:20pm (for afternoon absences). Please reply to this message and contact the school to confirm the absence.

Telephone Absence Reporting: Call **780-962-3942** and press 1 to leave a message.

Email Absence Reporting: Email **Brookwood.Absence@psd.ca** to report your child absent.

Emails must be submitted before 8:30am on the day of the absence. We are unable to access emails after 8:30am.

Please include the following information in the phone call or email:
Your child's full name & class or teacher, when your child will be absent or late, the reason for the absence or late, when your child is expected to return to school.

Every minute counts

Good time keeping benefits your child's healthy morning routine and prevents loss in their learning.



Your child has arrived in good time.



Morning routine begins.



Your child has missed their time to settle and get ready to learn. Anxiety may be setting in.



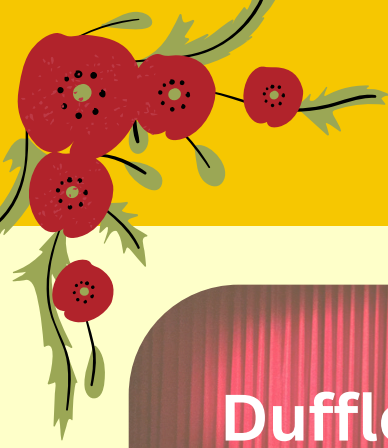
Your child will enter the classroom and students will have already gone over today's schedule and discussions will have begun.



The day's lessons are in full swing. Your child is now starting the day in a deficit. Anxiety can develop, leading to low participation or heightened emotions.

Better late than never, but never late is better!





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Dufflebag Theater
November 1st

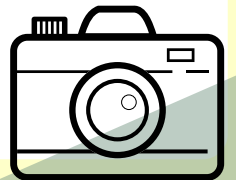


Hot Lunch Days

November 7th - Jacks
November 20th - Bite to Eat
November 28th - Pizza 73

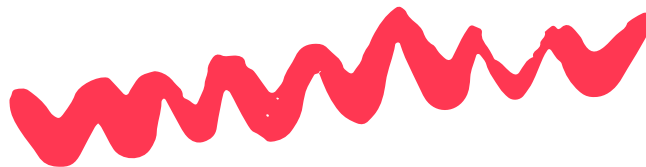
Picture Retakes

November 5th



Pattern Day

November 22nd



As part of the Grade 4 Leadership monthly theme days, we have Pattern Day coming up! On this fun day, students and staff are invited to wear clothes or accessories with patterns like stripes, polka dots, plaid, or zig zags. The goal is to build community, inspire creativity, and have a good time. Everyone is encouraged to mix and match patterns for a fun and creative look!



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No School Days

PD Day - Friday, November 8th

Kinder PD Day - Friday, November 22 (Kinder's only)

Remembrance Day - Monday, November 11th

Fall Break - Nov 12th - 15th

Ceremony

Remembrance Day Ceremony

November 7th - 10:45 am

Bullying Awareness Week

November 18th - 22nd

School Council & Association Meetings

School Council Meeting

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm - November 19

School Association Meeting

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm - November 19





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Choir Performance November 7

Choir families, your children are sounding SO beautiful! We are excited for our first choir performance coming this month!

Please ensure your child comes to school on **Thursday, November 7** with their concert **black clothing**. If you do not have something plain black, please consider wearing a shirt backward or inside out. Black or dark shoes should be worn as well if possible. Mrs. Gottenbos has some clothing that can be borrowed that day if needed.

We will be practicing that morning and then performing during the ceremony. Parents are invited to attend.

Any questions, please contact Mrs. Gottenbos. daina.gottenbos@psd.ca





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Christmas Concerts

We are looking forward to the concerts that are coming up in December. Please see the dates and costume requirements below:

Kindergarten:

Tuesday, Dec. 3 & Wednesday, Dec. 4

Dress in your concert best. Showtimes will be shared closer to the dates.

Grade 1:

Monday, Dec. 16, 2:00pm

Dress in your concert best.

Grade 2:

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2:00pm

Dress in your concert best.

Grade 3s and 4s:

Wed, Dec. 11 (**Group A**) and Thurs, Dec. 12 (**Group B**)

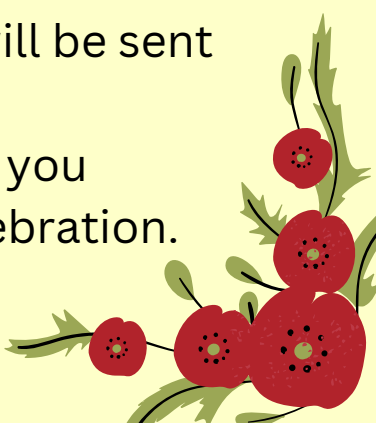
Afternoon dress rehearsals at 2:00pm.

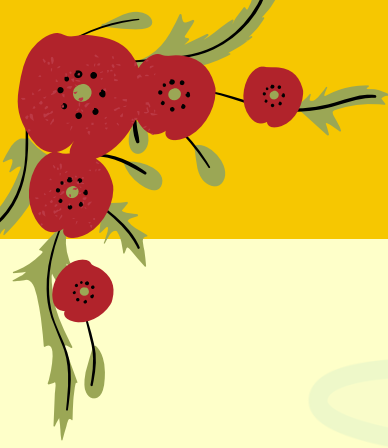
Group A: 3S, 3R, 3C, 4K, 4F

Group B: 3J, 3A, 4S, 4V

Evening concerts at 7:00pm. (Tickets required - these will be sent home the beginning of December)

Dress in your concert best. If you have cultural clothing you would like to wear, this would add to our evening of celebration.





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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.



THANK YOU!!

To The Ken Morrison Team, we appreciate your annual donation.

The students love having fresh fruit as a healthy option for snack.



THE
KEN MORRISON
TEAM





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Brookwood School Council and Association: What's Happening and What's Next!

A Swingin' Good Time!

We're thrilled to see the kids having a blast on the brand-new swings! Installed earlier this October, these swings have already become a favorite on the early years; playground. Don't miss out—stop by and see the fun in action!

A huge shoutout to all the amazing parents who helped the Association raise funds for this fantastic addition. You made it happen—thank you!

Want to see more awesome things like this? We need your help!



Casino Night Volunteers Needed!

Brookwood hit the jackpot—we're hosting a Casino Night this year! The funds raised will go towards playground upgrades, new equipment, educational tools, and field trips to keep enriching our kids experiences. But we can't do it without YOU!

Step up, sign up for a shift, and let's keep making amazing things happen for our kids and school. Don't miss your chance to be part of this exciting event!

Date: November 28 and 29

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FABA82FA0FCC07-51524641-brookwood#/>



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Art Cards are Back!

Get ready! Your child will soon bring home the art card ordering forms, and we couldn't be more excited to offer this special opportunity again! These one-of-a-kind, personalized art cards make perfect gifts for the holiday season. With a quick turnaround, make sure to keep an eye out for the forms and this year's creative options. Don't miss your chance to snag these unique treasures!



ArtCards
by Kids

Let's Dance! Help Us Make a Spring School Dance Happen!

We're dreaming of an epic school dance this spring—but we need your help to make it a reality! If you've got ideas, energy, and a love for fun, join the planning committee and help us throw an unforgettable event for the kids!

Come to our next School Council meeting on November 19 at 6:30 pm/School Association meeting **November 19 at 7:30 pm**, or reach out to brookwoodschoollassociation@gmail.com. Let's make this the best dance ever—together!

We Want You to Be Involved!

Our School Council and Association is entirely volunteer-run. We are parents just like you, who care a lot about the kids at Brookwood. If you can't attend our meetings but have an idea or concern, please reach out to brookwood.scchair@partner.psd.ca and we'd be happy to talk with you!

AGM Results!

Here is your 2024-2025 Brookwood School Council:

Council Co-Chairs: Melody Bertrand and Megan Sider

Council Secretary: Nicole Patras

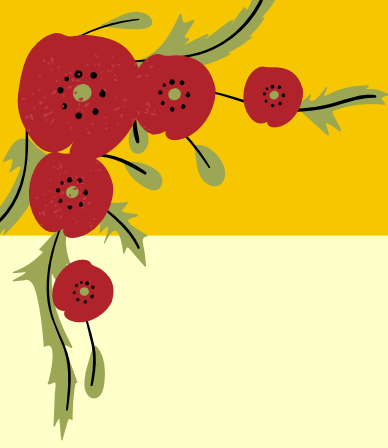
Here is your 2024-2025 Brookwood School Association:

Association President: Tyneal Johnson

Association Treasurer: Lisa Huffman

Association Secretary: (remains vacant)

Association Vice President: (remains vacant)



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Share A Thought!

Parkland School Division and Brookwood School are committed to growth and learning. We are also committed to engaging with our community on behalf of the students we serve. We strive for parents/guardians and various stakeholders to be involved in order to create a more wholesome education planning process. That eventually develops a Division and our individual schools' education plans. Think of 'Share A Thought' as a 'How are we doing?' check-in.

Click on the following link to complete the brief survey:

[Share A Thought](#)



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MARK THESE DATES!



Nov. 1st - Dufflebag Theater

Nov. 5th - Picture retakes

**Nov. 7th - Remembrance Day Ceremony (10:45 am)
and Hot Lunch - Jacks**

Nov. 8th - NO SCHOOL - PD Day

Nov. 11th - 15th - NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

Nov. 18th - 22nd - Bullying Awareness Week

Nov. 19th - Brookwood School Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 19th - Brookwood School Association Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 22nd - Pattern Day and Kindergarten PD Day

Nov. 20th - Hot Lunch - Bite to Eat

Nov. 28th - Hot Lunch - Pizza 73

Dec. 3rd & 4th - Kindergarten Christmas Concert

Dec. 4th - Rabbit Hill Ski Day for Grade 4's