

Brookwood Banner December

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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 Christmas Chapel, joined by Woodhaven students, on December 19 at 9:20 am, here at Brookwood School.

We appreciate our Grade 4 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 delighted to provide this leadership opportunity for our students and thankful for the fun their efforts bring to our school community!

We will be celebrating the holiday and Christmas season 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 holiday and 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 holiday season. Thank you for the blessing of working with your children!

Blessings,
Karen Stride-Goudie, Principal
Stephanie Carrozza, Assistant Principal



December

Brookwood Christmas Concerts

Kindergarten:

Tues, Dec. 3 - Mrs. Nachai @11am & 11:30 Mrs. Younghans

Wed, Dec. 4 - Mrs. Nachai @11am & 11:30 Mrs. Fitzgerald

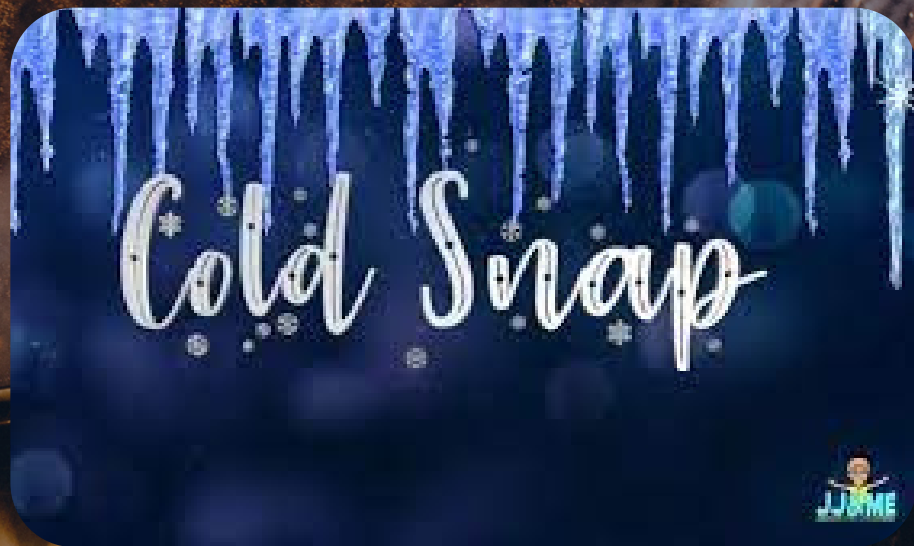
Grade 1:

Monday, Dec. 16 @2:00

Grade 2:

Tuesday, Dec. 17 @2:00

**Dress in your
concert best!**



Grade 3s and 4s:

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

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

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

Afternoon concerts at 2:00pm both days.

Evening concerts at 7:00pm. (Tickets required)

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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PARKLAND CHRISTIAN PROGRAM

Christmas Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
9:20 AM @
BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

Praying Parents will follow chapel in the Art Room. All are invited. We look forward to worshipping and celebrating with you! ✨

COINS FOR CHRISTMAS

Last year, the Spruce Grove Kinettes distributed \$92,450 in grocery gift cards to 710 families and gifts to 842 of PSD's students in Spruce Grove alone. From now until Dec 16th, we will be collecting "Coins for Christmas."

Together, our Brookwood community can make a difference!

CANDY CANE SALES

Grade 4 Leadership Students will be selling candy canes on

Friday, December 6th, 13th, 20th

for 50 cents each. All proceeds from the sales will go towards the Grade 4 Farewell.

Christmas Cheer Day

Friday, December 13

(Anything Christmas Dress Up!)

Pajama Day!

Friday, December 20

(Christmas-themed)



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Stronger Together Newsletter



PARKLAND
SCHOOL DIVISION

Stronger Together

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

December 2024

SKYDANCER INDIGENOUS CULTURAL
CENTRE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
MEMORIAL COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL
ARE HOSTING AN

Indigenous Holiday Market

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

10 am - 3 pm in the Large Gym
50 Westerra Centre, Stony Plain

THE TORCH HELD HIGH



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At-Home Learning Platforms

Brookwood School Association is a parent-run fundraising organization. The school association financially supports digital learning platforms that can be used both at home and school. Students in Grades 1 and 2 each receive a RAZ-Kids account which supports the development of reading strategies and skills. Additionally, all students Grades 1-4, receive a Mathletics account which supports the development of math skills. These learning accounts can be used both at home and school. If you have not already received log-in information, please ask your student or classroom teacher for more information on how to access the learning platforms and opportunities at home.

The Mathletics logo consists of the word "Mathletics" in a white, rounded, sans-serif font, centered within a blue, rounded rectangular shape with a white border. This logo is set against a solid yellow background.

Mathletics



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Attendance

Did you know, that our school attendance levels often experience the most significant drops in December and January? Consistent attendance in the early years of schooling is critical for building a solid academic foundation, fostering social-emotional development, reducing the risk of chronic absenteeism, and promoting overall health and well-being. Data consistently shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to succeed academically and socially, not only in elementary school but throughout their educational journey. Ensuring young children attend school regularly is a key strategy for promoting long-term success.

2024-2025 Monthly Attendance Averages

August

September

October

November

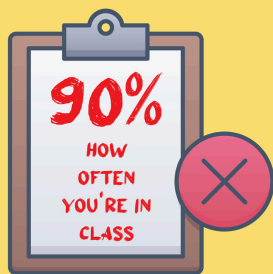
96.1%

93.8%

94.5%

91.7%

Attendance Matters



A 90% attendance rate means you're chronically absent.

It's equivalent to missing one month of learning in a year.

Absences reduce your chances of academic success and can negatively impact your mental well-being.

We have various methods of communication to report an absence, if your student will be away.

Email; brookwood.absence@psd.ca

Phone; 780-962-3942

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

Book Fair Proceeds

The Scholastic Book Fair in October was another amazing success. Thank you so much Brookwood families for both supporting our school and encouraging your children's love of reading. The total sales were \$9,800, which resulted in \$4,900 of Scholastic dollars going straight to the Brookwood library for the purchase of books and other educational resources. Our librarian is so grateful to all of you, and so are we in the school association. See you at the next fair!



Casino Night

Our casino night took place on November 28th and 29th, and we are so thrilled to have had ALL volunteer slots filled by parents, family members and friends. We really can't say enough to express our gratitude for this, as we expect to earn up to \$20,000 in proceeds, based on prior years' earnings. This essentially provides us with an entire year's worth of our typical fundraising efforts in just one event. Some of our recent casino earnings have funded a stage for school performances, 30 new Chromebooks for the school, and of course our wonderful new swingset for the kinder/grade 1 playground. If you have an idea or would like to be involved in funding future projects with our casino earnings, please join us at a monthly meeting (listed in the school calendar) or reach out to brookwood.scchair@partner.psd.ca

Spring School dance

Our council and association have been brainstorming on fun events for our school in the new year, and we are hoping to put on a family dance in the Spring! We are looking for some parents to help plan and run the event. If any parents are interested in helping us create this event (which would likely take place in May). getting to know some other Brookwood families, and having some fun, please join us at our January council and association meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 in the Art Room, or reach out to us at brookwoodschoollassociation@gmail.com

January meeting notice

Do you have questions, concerns or ideas about life at Brookwood school, want to meet other parents or just want to get involved? Please join us at one of our monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month (listed in the school calendar). Our meetings start at 6:30pm with the school council portion where our school admin, council co-chairs and a Parkland school board trustee will give a monthly update and address any questions or feedback you may have. These meetings are the best way to stay up-to-date and have your voice heard about your children's education. The school association meeting starts at 7:30 and includes a monthly treasurer's update as well as discussion of fundraising opportunities, hot lunch and club moo, and parent-run school events. Our next meeting takes place on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 in the Art Room. We would love to see you there and welcome some new faces (and voices) to the table. There are tons of different ways to get involved, either at events or behind the scenes. We hope to see you there!

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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.
- Park only in the designated areas and do not block others in.

Please remember, students are not permitted to play on the playground and swings after school until after buses depart at 3:15 pm. This helps to ensure our students make it to the bus on time, or to their arranged pick-up location. Parents and guardians, we appreciate your support in ensuring students remain off the playground until after 3:15 to ensure all students make it home safely. Thank you.

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- ★ **Dec. 3** - Kindergarten Christmas Concert, Gr. 1 and Kindergarten Field trip Moana Jr - Horizon Stage
- Dec. 4** - Kindergarten Christmas Concert, Kindergarten Field trip Moana Jr - Horizon Stage, Gr. 4 Rabbit Hill Ski Day, hot lunch - Bite to Eat
- Dec. 6** - Candy Cane Sales
- Dec. 11** - Group A (3S, 3R, 3C, 4K, 4F) Christmas Concerts @ 2:00 & 7:00pm
- Dec. 12** - Group B (3J, 3A, 4S, 4V) Christmas Concerts @ 2:00 & 7:00pm
- Dec. 13** - Candy Cane Sales, Christmas Cheer Day
- Dec. 16** - Grade 1 Christmas Concert @2:00pm
- Dec. 17** - Grade 2 Christmas Concert @2:00pm
- Dec. 18** - Gr. 4 Rabbit Hill Ski Day, hot lunch - Pizza 73
- Dec. 19** - Christmas Chapel & Praying Parents
- Dec. 20** - Candy Cane Sales & Christmas Pajama Day
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 3** - Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
- Jan. 6** - First Day back to school after winter break
- Jan. 7** - Hot lunch - Boston Pizza
- Jan. 8** - Gr. 4 Rabbit Hill Ski Day