



TEAM LEAD MESSAGE

Introducing Our New School Mascot: **The Wolf Pup!**

Growing Together • Stronger as One • Full of Potential

We're thrilled to introduce our new school logo and mascot: the wolf pup!

You might be wondering—why a wolf pup? This choice is more than just cute and creative. The wolf pup is a powerful symbol that reflects the spirit of our school community. Here's why we believe it's the perfect fit:

- **Belonging:** Wolf pups are never alone. They are part of a strong, supportive pack that nurtures and protects them—just like our learning community.
- **Growth:** Though they start small, wolf pups are full of potential. With guidance and care, they grow into confident, capable members of their group. Every student here is growing in their own time and their own way.
- **Learning:** Wolf pups learn by listening, watching, and practicing alongside their pack. At our school, students grow through encouragement, teamwork, and curiosity.
- **Courage:** What makes wolf pups brave isn't how big they are—it's knowing they're supported. In the same way, our students grow in confidence through connection and care.
- **Purpose:** Every wolf in the pack has a role to play. Likewise, every student at our school brings something unique and valuable to the learning community.

The wolf pup reminds us of who we are and who we're becoming—a **kind, courageous, and connected school community where everyone belongs and everyone can grow**. We're excited to move forward with our new mascot as a symbol of the **strength, growth, and heart** we see in our students every day. Let's hear it for the Wolf Pups!

Christine Ross - Principal

Stephanie Carrozza - Vice Principal

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THEME FOR THE YEAR – KINDNESS COUNTS

“Carry out a random act of kindness with no expectation of reward.” — Princess Diana

Counting Kindness by the Pound for Our Community:

This fall, we are putting kindness into action — and making it visible in our community!

We’ve teamed up with Millgrove to take on a special challenge: collecting one pound of non-perishable food for every child in our schools. That’s 515 pounds of food for Brookwood!

Here’s how it works:

- Food donations can be dropped off in the front entryway of the school on the table or students are asked to take the food and place it in the hallway in front of their classroom upon arrival
- Each morning, admin will pick up the food in the hallway and weigh the donations and share daily updates on the total pounds collected across our schools.
- The final day to bring in donations is Monday, October 6.

On October 6, each school will reveal its grand total — and we’ll celebrate the winning school! All donations will be delivered to the Food Bank that same day to help stock the shelves for Thanksgiving.

We are so excited to spread kindness and support our community.

Thank you for helping us count kindness by the pound!



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. **A reminder that Blairmore Street is not a designated drop-off or pick-up area. Please avoid blocking driveways or creating unsafe congestion in the area.**

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.
- 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 all students make it home safely.



School Reminders

As much as we all enjoy pets, we ask that you keep your pets 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!



*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!



"Safe Arrival" Absence Reporting

Reporting your student absent;

The SafeArrival system:

- **SchoolMessenger App *Recommended*** – Using your mobile device, download and install the “SM Home” app (NOT ‘SchoolMessenger’ app) from the SafeArrival Web and Mobile Web – [Reporting an absence](#).
- Log in with your credentials, or create an account
- Select Report an Absence in the top right corner of the page.
- Call 1-833-568-2538 (toll-free) to report an absence using the automated phone system (follow the prompts).

As a school, we remain committed to improving student attendance, with a goal of 85% or higher for all students. If your child's attendance falls below this threshold, our staff may reach out to discuss how we can work together to provide support.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

Volunteers & Visitors

We are happy to welcome volunteers and visitors 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.



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Parents, you're warmly invited to join us for Coffee with the Principal on September 11 from 9:40- 10:40 — this is an optional, relaxed and informal gathering where you can connect with our principal, and enjoy a cup of coffee.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY

This school year, Orange Shirt Day will be observed on **Friday, September 26**. Students and staff are invited to wear an orange shirt to commemorate the day, and some classroom activities and lessons will focus on the spirit of the day.

TERRY FOX RUN

Toonies for Terry!

Last year, we raised an amazing \$964.60, and this year we're aiming even higher with a goal of \$1,000!

Help us support Cancer Research by bringing in your "Toonies for Terry" from September 8 to October 2, 2025.

The Terry Fox Run will take place on **Thursday, September 25** — let's make a difference together!



BROOKWOOD CHOIR

Brookwood School is known for its strong choral participation.

On **Monday, September 15**, the grade 3/4 choir will have its first meeting. If your child is interested, please meet in the music room during lunch recess. Students can try it out for the first 2 weeks and then they must decide if they are committed. The choir meets each Monday from September to November, then again from January to March. In that time we have at least three performances. Come join us to make some beautiful music together!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Gottenbos.
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Mark These Dates!

September 11 – Cross Country Race #1 @Forest Green

September 18 – Cross Country Race #2 @Woodhaven

September 23 – School Council AGM @ 6:30pm &
School Association Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

September 24 – Terry Fox Assembly

September 25 – Terry Fox Run & Cross Country Race
#3 @Entwisle school

September 26 – PSD's Orange Shirt Day

September 29 – PD Day **NO SCHOOL**

September 30 – National Truth & Reconciliation Day
NO SCHOOL

October 2 – Cross Country Race #4 @High Park

October 3 – World Teachers Day

October 7 & 8 – School Picture Days

October 9 – Cross Country Race #5 Meridian Heights

October 13 – Thanksgiving **NO SCHOOL**