



LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

Dear Brookwood Families,

The crisp mornings and golden leaves remind us that the seasons have truly shifted from summer to fall. Just as our wolf pup mascot grows and adapts to the changing world around it, our students are learning, growing, and discovering new strengths with each passing day. Fall is a season of change, gratitude, and community—three things that are alive and well here at Brookwood.

One beautiful example of this has been our **Kindness Challenge**. Together, we have been "counting kindness by the pound" as we collected food for our local food bank. Our original goal was to gather one pound of food for every student in our school—515 pounds. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families, we not only surpassed that goal, but set our sights on doubling it. On **October 3rd**, we will celebrate this accomplishment as we present the food to the food bank during a school assembly. This kindness will ripple out into our community just in time for Thanksgiving, ensuring families have food on their tables for the holiday. I am so proud of our students and families—your generosity is absolutely beautiful.

While our school theme this year is "Kindness Counts", we are also intentionally focusing on thankfulness. Our "Kindness Counts" bulletin board is beginning to fill with the many acts of kindness that our students are carrying out each day. As Thanksgiving approaches on October 13th, it is a natural time to pause, reflect, and give thanks—for our families, our friendships, our health, and the warm, supportive school community we share here at Brookwood.

Student voice is so important to us. In the month of October we will be doing a student resilience survey with our grade 4s. This will help us to identify specific strategies to support our students' social/emotional development and enhance social/emotional well being. The information will inform programming, clubs and services. This information is also helpful from one year to the next as we determine the changing needs in our building. No email addresses are collected and no personal identifying data will be collected.

Looking ahead, we are eager to connect with you during **Parent-Teacher Interviews** and see you at our always-popular **Book Fair.** These opportunities to come together and celebrate student learning are part of what makes Brookwood feel like a family.

As we walk together into this new season, may we continue to notice the beauty around us—the bright colors of fall, the warmth of community, and the joy of small acts of kindness. Thank you for being such an important part of our Brookwood family.

With gratitude,

Christine Ross Principal





IMPORTANT REMINDER

As much as we all enjoy pets, we kindly 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.

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!

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parents and Guardians,

Please check in on PowerSchool to confirm that all your contact information is up to date. It's important to have at least 1-2 emergency contacts on file.

LUNCH RECESS CLUBS

We are also excited to share that we are exploring new **lunch recess clubs**, based on student input. Students have suggested ideas such as **bracelet-making**, **space club**, **watercolor painting**, **Lego building**, **service club**, **baking**, **and dodgeball**—just to name a few! To bring these opportunities to life, we are inviting parents and grandparents to **volunteer one lunch recess a week** for a short, four-week session. If this is something you might enjoy, please ensure you have a current criminal record check and connect with the office. These clubs are a wonderful way to build connections, nurture interests, and help our wolf pups thrive.

BOOK FAIR

Scholastics Book Fair: Mon Oct 20 - Thurs Oct 23

- Students can purchase items at the fair during their usual library blocks
- Families can shop the fair during parent/teacher interviews after school
- Parent volunteers will be needed to make this happen! Watch out for more info in a letter to be sent home in early October.





EARTH RANGERS

We are excited to host **Earth Rangers** on **October 24th at 9:00** am in the gym for an assembly.

The Earth Rangers School Assembly is a high-energy, multimedia experience designed to inspire and empower students.

Students leave not only educated but motivated—ready to take action through real-world conservation activities they can do at home, at school, and in their communities. The Earth Rangers Assembly is the perfect way to spark curiosity, build environmental literacy, and inspire our students to believe they can make a difference.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews are on Oct. 22 & Oct. 23 from 4pm - 7pm. Bookings will go live on Oct. 14.



GRADE 4 LEADERSHIP DAY

Jersey Day - October 8!

Get ready to show your team spirit! On Tuesday, October 8, grade 4 leadership is promoting the Oilers' home opener with Jersey Day. Wear your favorite jersey or team shirt—from hockey or any sport—and join in the fun. Whether it's your hometown heroes, a pro team, or your school squad, let's fill the halls with team pride and spirit! Don't forget—October 8 is the day to represent your team!





The Brookwood School Spirit Wear Store is Now Open!

Click the link below to shop and show off your school pride!

Brookwood Spirit Wear Store



Hot Lunch and Club Moo: starts week of Oct 27

- Our amazing parent volunteers will be running Hot Lunch and Club Moo again this year.
- Programs will start the week of October 27th;
 cash day will be Friday Oct 24 (at Brookwood).
- Watch out for a letter to come home with students with the registration information.





HALLOWEEN PARADE

Costumes:

Please ensure all costumes are respectful and fun for our Early Years' school.

Costume guidelines:

- Avoid all scary, bloody, gory costumes and make up
- Please keep all costume accessories at home (wands, swords, weapons etc.)
- If students do not wish to wear a costume, please feel free to dress in orange and black.

Snacks:

• Please look for a message from your child's teacher regarding snacks.

Please Note:

• If you do wish to send a treat for classmates, please ensure all items are "nut free."

Parents:

Our annual Brookwood School Costume Parade is back! On **Friday**, **October 31**st, Parents will be welcome to enter the school via the gym doors beginning at 1:05 pm. Seating will be available in the gym for parents to view and observe the parade. We ask that parents exit through the gym doors after the parade is complete. We look forward to you joining us! Pictures of the day will be shared via our school Facebook page for those who are unable to attend.







Each month, Parkland School Division's Student Services team compiles a newsletter for parents and guardians of students. Inside you will find information, opportunities and strategies to help you and your family connect with us on your child's educational journey. Each month we will provide you with information about mental health and ways we can work together to support your family.

In this month's issue, we talk about the Neighbourlink Parkland 25th Anniversary. Click the clink below to read the Stronger Together Newsletter



Stronger Together

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

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Stronger Together Newsletter



Custodial & Maintenance Workers Appreciation Day | October 6



To all of our amazing teachers,

THANK YOU!



World Teachers' Day | October 5







MARK THESE DATES!

- Oct. 2 Cross-Country Run #4 High Park School
- Oct. 3 World Teacher's Day, Counting Kindness by the Pound Assembly
- Oct. 6 Custodial & Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day
- Oct. 7 School Pictures
- Oct. 8 School Pictures, Jersey Day
- Oct. 9 Cross-Country Run #5 Ecole Meridian Heights
- Oct. 13 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Day
- Oct. 15 Hot Lunch/Club Moo Opens Online
- Oct. 16 Cross-Country Run #6 Prescott Learning Center
- Oct. 20 23 Scholastics Book Fair
- Oct. 22 & 23 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Oct. 24 Hot Lunch Cash Day & Earth Rangers Assembly @ 9:00am
- Oct. 27 Canadian School Library Day
- Oct. 28 Club Moo, School Council Meeting 6:30pm & Association
- Meeting 7:30pm
- Oct. 30 Hot Lunch Pizza 73
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parade
- Nov. 3 PD Day NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 4 Picture retakes
- Nov. 5 Hot Lunch BP's
- Nov. 7 Club Moo & Remembrance Day Assembly (10:30 am)
- Nov. 10 14 Fall Break NO SCHOOL