



BROOKDALE BOBCAT PRINTS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are so excited to welcome the Pacific Science Center back to Brookdale this Thursday, February 15! Special thanks to our PTA for bringing the fun and informative event to our students!! The day will begin with an all-school assembly and throughout the day classes will participate in hands-on activities and experiments! Due to the different activities, students will receive a sack lunch, rather than the lunch listed on the menu. Those students getting a lunch will receive a Corndog or Burrito, carroteenies, crunchy chick peas, applesauce and milk.

I'd like to wish everyone a wonderful mid-winter break! I hope you all have a chance to relax and enjoy family and friends. We'll start back on Monday, February 26, ready to finish the year strong.



2nd GRADE STUDENTS CONCERT - Please join us for the 2nd grade Music Concert this Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm. They will be presenting a play about the Three Little Pigs. The concert starts at 6:30, but Miss Hamm would like students to be here at 6:15. They should go to their classroom to set up when they arrive.

PLEASE VOTE!

Prop. 1 & Prop. 2

These will renew expiring levies. **They are not a new tax, or a tax increase.**

These Levies Support:

- Maintaining smaller class sizes
- Transportation
- Textbooks & other instructional materials
- School safety & security
- Performing and visual arts
- Technology maintenance & new equipment
- Athletics programs
- Programs for students with special needs



Please make sure your ballot is postmarked by February 13th.

WE CAN'T TEACH CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT HERE

Brookdale teachers recognize the importance of daily, on-time, full day attendance. We ask you to help your child by considering:

- Learning occurs during classroom instruction and interactions.
- Missed classroom instruction time cannot be made up.
- Students' attendance reflects the attitudes of their families about the importance of education.
- Lifetime habits about responsibility towards work begin to be established in elementary school. (parent going to work=parent job, student going to school=student job)
- "I missed the bus, I don't want to go, I overslept, my mom couldn't find the car keys, or I couldn't find my shoes," etc. are not acceptable excuses for missing instruction time.
- Transportation arriving at school on time, along with breakfast at school, is available to every Brookdale student. **Attendance at School Matters!**

Wednesday Schedule

February 14, and 28 are 2:00 dismissal days



PRIMARY (K-2) READING NIGHT - Will be held on Thursday, March 1st (Dr. Seuss's birthday) from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Brookdale gym. Brookdale families are welcome to enjoy reading games, snacks, hats and more. We will even have a photo booth where you can show off your inner Seuss. We hope to see you there for a night full of reading fun!

NO SCHOOL ~ FEBRUARY 19 ~ Presidents' Day
NO SCHOOL ~ FEBRUARY 20 - 23 ~ Mid-Winter Break
Break begins at our regular dismissal time on Friday, February 16.
School resumes at its regular schedule on Monday, February 26.

MEETING/CONFERENCES WITH TEACHER/PRINCIPAL - An increasing number of parents request a 'quick' conference with a teacher at dismissal time. At Brookdale we encourage communication between teachers and parents, although, not at dismissal time. Teachers have their end of the day procedures, routines for dismissal, and are busy helping students gather their things to go home. Privacy laws do not permit staff to discuss private information in a public place. If you would like to schedule a conference with a teacher about your child's academics or behavior, please contact the teacher in advance. This allows for adequate time to prepare to discuss your child with you privately. On the same note, Mrs. Holman is either meetings before 9:00 in the morning, or out and about greeting students before school starts. She is also directing traffic at dismissal time. Please respect her routine and privacy laws by scheduling a conference with her in advance. Contact our office manager, Mrs. Yant, at 253-298-3105, and she would be happy to schedule a meeting with Mrs. Holman for you. Thank you for your understanding!

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

BIRTHDAY TREATS - It is important to remember to contact your child's teacher at least 24 hours before bringing treats to the classroom. There may be accommodations due to food allergies, religious beliefs, etc. that need to be addressed. The classroom teacher will also have the opportunity to inform you of the best time to bring the treats.

2018-2019 HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENT PROGRAM!

Do you have a child in 3rd or 4th grade who

- learns easily and quickly?
- thinks up unusual ways to solve hard problems?
- has a clever sense of humor?
- dislikes doing the same thing over and over?
- thinks logically and wants things to make sense?
- is open to new ideas?
- is persistent and wants to keep trying with difficult tasks?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above questions, please refer your student to test for the Highly Capable Student Program. Pick up a Project Excel Program Referral packet in your school's office today. **Return completed referral packets to Teaching and Learning (c/o Annette Burnett), Franklin Pierce Schools, 315 129th St. S, Tacoma, WA 98444 by 4:00pm, March 9th. Registration will not be accepted after the deadline.**

Please be aware that students who live within the district boundaries will receive first consideration. Out-of-district students who attend Franklin Pierce schools must be granted another year's release and will be placed in the program after all qualifying in-district students have been served. If you have any questions, please contact Annette Burnett by phone at (253) 298-3062 or by email at aburnett@fpschools.org.

OUR PTA CORNER



PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER - We are so excited to be bringing the Pacific Science Center to Brookdale all day this Thursday, February 15th. If you would like to help on that day, please email brookdalepta@gmail.com.

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