

# Brookdale Elementary School

Franklin Pierce Schools

School Performance Report for 2013-2014

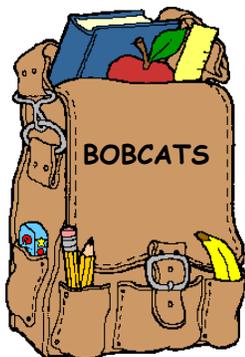
## Special Interest Articles:

- ❖ SBAC
- ❖ 2013 - 2014 District Budget



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## A Message from the Principal ~ Connie Holman

Welcome to Brookdale Elementary - home of the Bobcats! At Brookdale, we are honored to offer an excellent educational experience for all children! This experience is based on respect for all and the belief that all children can and will succeed!

Brookdale students work hard every day to meet expectations for academics and behavior. As parents, you can support your students in this work by ensuring they are at school and on time every day, helping with homework and participating in Brookdale family events. The Brookdale staff strives to provide research-based best practices when instructing students. It is an honor to be working with such an amazing team of students, parents, and staff!

The 2013-14 school year was an exciting one for Brookdale. We were awarded the 2013 Award of Academic Achievement from OSPI. This was an honor well deserved due to the hard work of students and staff. Students were involved in many engaging programs designed to maximize their potential. Our Excel students were a part of Project Lead the Way. This is a STEM program that is designed to engage students in science, math, & technology. Students in all grades used a variety of computer programs to enhance teacher instruction. Programs like Ticket to Read, Imagine Learning, and Think Central were available to students at school and home. Brookdale hosted a number of PLU volunteers and tutors throughout the year. These young adults worked to support students in the area of reading; tutoring during the school day.

Brookdale third, fourth, & fifth graders participated in the SBAC (Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium) Field Test in the spring of 2014. The SBA will be replacing the MSP for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders beginning in spring 2015. Scores for students who participated in the field test did not count. By participating in the field test, Brookdale students got a preview of what the test will be like in a less stressful environment.

As part of our learning community, Brookdale families participated in a number of parent involvement activities such as: Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, Festival of Cultures, and many other family nights. Brookdale continued the tradition of hosting Watch D.O.G.S. during the 2013-14 school year. Our PTA continues to support Brookdale with field trip money, movie nights, and other school projects. It is our hope that every parent and/or guardian will join our wonderful PTA!

Thank you for being a part of such a wonderful school! We are eager for the year ahead and all that it will bring to our students!





*Engage Their Minds*

## District Vision

Every student graduates from high school prepared to succeed in post-secondary education.

## District Core Business

Engage all students in rigorous, relevant, high quality work.

## District Beliefs

### We Believe

- Every student can learn to think, reason, and achieve at high levels.
- Every student can learn more every day.
- Every student has potential for educational and economic success beyond high school.
- Every teacher is a "leader of learning" whose primary job is to engage students in meaningful experiences that result in desired learning.
- Every staff member has the ability to build positive relationships with students that contribute to learning.
- Every school principal is a "leader of leaders".
- Every staff member has the responsibility to support the core business.

## District Mission

To provide students an engaging educational environment, built upon proven academics and high standards, resulting in successful and contributing citizens.

## District Goals

1. Increase academic achievement of all students.
2. Prepare students for success beyond high school.
3. Maintain safe and caring schools.
4. Promote family and community involvement in our schools.

## Brookdale Vision & Mission Statements



### Vision:

Every Brookdale student will gain the necessary social, emotional, and academic skills to be successful in middle school and beyond.

### Mission:

Students, staff and families work collaboratively, respectfully and with shared responsibility to engage Brookdale students in meaningful and challenging work in order to achieve personal and academic goals.

### Core Values:

- ❖ All decisions are made with students' needs as our first priority
- ❖ Decisions about student progress and instruction are based on evidence using purposeful conversation, student work, & assessments
- ❖ All staff are engaged in professional and knowledgeable leadership that encourages, inspires, & motivates
- ❖ Brookdale staff invites and values family & community partnerships to meet all students' needs
- ❖ Challenging & meaningful daily instruction is planned to meet grade level standards and is delivered using best practices
- ❖ Communication is consistent, professional, & timely and is based on mutual respect
- ❖ Available resources are used to meet the individual needs of our learning community
- ❖ Awareness and acceptance of our diverse learning community influences our instruction and leads to student growth

Brookdale students participated in the Smarter Balance Assessment Field Test in the spring of 2014. There are no scores for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the area of reading or math due to the field test.

## Building Usage

Brookdale School maintains the community name given to this area by early Parkland settlers. It was built in 1957 and expanded in 1967. Our classrooms were made energy efficient during a 1983 remodel. In 1994 a new playground, field and a four classroom addition were completed. During the spring and summer of 2001, all Brookdale facilities were extensively remodeled and updated and a portable was added. Due to student enrollment another portable was added in the Fall of 2010.

If you would like more information about using our facilities, please call 253-298-3100.

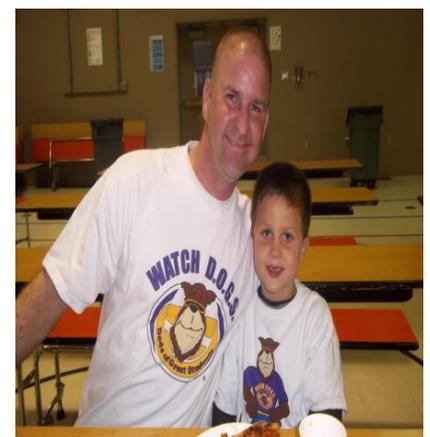
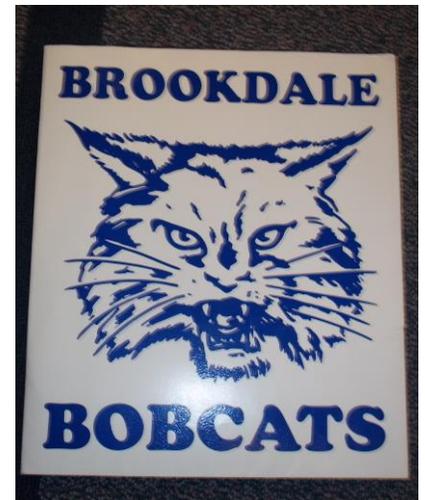
## Brookdale is a Title One School

Brookdale is a federally funded school-wide Title One school. These funds are dedicated to provide additional assistance to students most in need. Students receive additional instruction within the classroom and in our Title One classroom. Families can participate in active learning experiences provided through Title One funding.



## 2013 - 2014 District Budget

<b>District Fund Balance</b>	
13-14 Beginning Fund Balance	\$8,500,000
Income	\$80,281,178
Expenses	-\$81,307,115
13-14 Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$7,474,063</u>
<b>General Fund / Income</b>	
Tax Base (Local Property Tax)	\$18,058,427
State Support	\$52,557,043
Federal Support	\$9,581,908
Other Sources	\$83,800
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$80,281,178</u>
<b>Expenditures Per Student</b>	
Teaching Activities	\$37.49
Teaching Support	\$7.20
Food Service	\$2.39
Transportation	\$2.33
Building Administration	\$3.84
Building Operation	\$4.40
Central Administration	\$4.57
Other Support Services	\$0.89
<b>Total Cost Per Day</b>	<u>\$60.60</u>
Schools and Instruction	70%
Other Services	1%
Central Administration	8%
Supervision of Instruction	6%
Food Service & Transportation	8%
Maintenance & Utilities	7%
<b>Total</b>	<u>100%</u>



## Parent Partnership

Research points to parent involvement in a child's education as the number one predictor of student success. Incredibly, studies show it is the involvement that happens **right in the home** that has the most powerful impact on student achievement. Activities like checking your child's planner or backpack, providing a quiet and dedicated homework place and time and keeping the school informed of important events go a long way toward supporting student success. With opportunities for volunteering at school, attending field trips and participating in after school family events, there are multiple ways for every parent to be involved at home and school. If you are interested in volunteering at Brookdale, please call our office at 253-298-3100 and leave a message for our Volunteer Coordinator. All volunteers are required to complete a Washington State Patrol background check, which is valid for one year. Together we can accomplish great things! Thank you for being part of the Brookdale community!

## Highly Qualified Staff

Teacher Statistics (2013-2014)	
Certificated Teachers	27
% of classes taught by teachers meeting ESEA highly qualified (HQ) definition	96.0%
Average Years of Teacher Experience	10.2
Teachers with at least a Master's Degree	66.7%

Parents of students in Title 1 schools can request information regarding the instructional staff who work with their children, including whether the teacher is state-certified; whether the teacher is working with an emergency or conditional certification where state certification has been waived, and the teacher's major/field of study in college/graduate program. If students receive instructional services from para-educators, parents may also request information regarding the professional qualifications of the paraeducators. If you would like to request this information, please contact the Human Resources Dept. at 298-3082.

*"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."  
-- Thomas Edison*

## Programs

Our pride and caring is reflected through the following special programs offered this year to the students and families of Brookdale School:

- \* Safe and Civil Schools Program
- \* Monthly B.O.B.C.A.T. Pride Assemblies
- \* Science Fair
- \* Choir & Marimba Groups
- \* Native American Program
- \* Curriculum Family Nights
- \* ASB Student Council
- \* Think Central Math for online home use
- \* Strong Ties/Programs with PLU
- \* Fifth Grade Outdoor Education
- \* Junior Achievement for fifth grade
- \* English Language Learners Program (ELL)
- \* YMCA physical activity on site
- \* Watch D.O.G.S. dads
- \* School Garden
- \* Student Led Conferences (Navigation 101)
- \* Imagine Learning & Ticket to Read computer programs
- \* WSU Extension Program