



BROOKDALE BOBCAT PRINTS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that we have reached the half-way point of the 2017-18 school year. This week marks the beginning of the second semester for middle and high schoolers - elementary schools run on a trimester system. Our students have already accomplished so much, and yet, there is so much more to do!

As we look to the second half of the school year, students will be participating in so much good stuff - the Pacific Science Center will be here; state assessments (3rd-5th); field day; PTA movies and events; and lots and lots of learning! Teachers use every minute of classroom time to provide students with rigorous and meaningful instruction designed to prepare students for life beyond the current school year.

We can't do it without you! Here are 3 things you can do to support your student, not just for the rest of this year, but throughout their school career:

1. Attendance is vital! Please be sure your child is at school on time, every day. Chronic absenteeism is considered more than 9 absences within a school year. If a child misses even 1 day, they are missing out on 6 hours of instruction.
2. If your child has homework, provide a space and time for him/her to work on the assignment at home. Homework should be a review and not new learning. If you are not sure about your child's teacher's homework policy, give them a call or send an email to check - some teachers assign homework nightly, some monthly, and some not at all.
3. Read, read, read. Read to, read with, or provide time for reading - 20 minutes each night. Ask questions about what you are reading, have your child retell the story, make predictions about what may happen next, or make connections between the story and the world, another story, or themselves. Not only will this build comprehension skills, it provides some wonderful family time!

Working together we can ensure that students not only have a great second half of the school year, but are ready for next year, too!



2nd GRADE STUDENTS CONCERT - Please join us for the 2nd grade Music Concert on 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.



NEXT WEEK WE ARE HONORING OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR, PSYCHOLOGIST, PHYSICAL THERAPIST, SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST, AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST - So many people work

together to bring out the best in our students. **Mrs. Owens**, the school counselor, visits classrooms and the playground, helps students solve problems, supports Bobcat families, and works hard to make sure Brookdale is a great place. **Mr. Finley**, our speech therapist, is wonderfully involved in our classrooms, helping our students to communicate effectively. We appreciate the expertise **Ms. Phan**, our school psychologist, and intern **Ms. Bennet** bring to our school. **Ms. Harkins** and **Ms. Crabtree** work with students who need occupational and physical therapy. We appreciate their caring manner. These wonderful professionals provide support for many of our students, staff and families! We are grateful to have them on the Brookdale team.

Wednesday Schedule in January

January 31 is a regular 3:30 dismissal day
February 7, 14, and 28 are 2:00 dismissal days

AMP BEGINS FOR GRADES 2 - 5 - PLU is once again going to have their Artist Mentoring Program at Brookdale from Friday, February 9 - Thursday, May 17 from 3:30 - 4:30 in our MP room. This camp is completely free of charge! Students must be in grades 2 - 5 to qualify. The students will learn some choir, bucket band, dance, recorder, hand chimes and music theory with a concert for parents on Thursday, May 17. **Applications were sent home and must be returned by this Wednesday, January 31** to be considered for the class. Any questions can be emailed to Ingrid Smith (program coordinator) at artistmentoringprogram@gmail.com.

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.



LINDQUIST DENTAL CLINIC - This will be at Brookdale on Thursday, February 8th. Parent permission forms were sent home Thursday, January 25th. Please be sure to completely fill out all requested information. **The only students that will receive an oral screening are those that turn in their permission slip.** Students will be provided with an oral health screening & assessment, dental sealant and/or fluoride varnish. They will also receive an oral health report and a goodie bag to take home at the end of their visit. No child is turned away due to the inability to pay. If you have questions, please contact Jen Van at 253-298-3124.

NO SMOKING ON CAMPUS - Please remember that state law prohibits smoking anywhere on school campus - this includes the parking lot. Thank you for your consideration.

BOBCAT PRIDE AWARD WINNERS - We are proud of our students and parents who were recognized at our Bobcat Pride Assembly on Thursday, January 25th. Way to Go!

- Dustin Tabigne, Easton Herald, and Kelvin Keth were our Principal Award t-shirt winners.
- January student attendance winners were Mario Romero Zuniga and Trey Marsh, they received a \$10.00 gift card from Mrs. Holman. Congratulations to Ms. Moore's class having 97.9% attendance for the month of January.
- Our Pizza with the Principal winners were: Jayden Monzon, Trigger Herald, Angelo Perez, Khai Richardson, Alexis Esquivel Hernandez, and Maria Granados Vega. They enjoyed a pizza lunch with Mrs. Holman today.

Believe in Yourself

Addison May
Ionela Cassir
Alexander Anderson
Rhianna Arellano Ibarra
Amelia Delavergne
Crystal Hernandez Velazquez
Mario Romero Zuniga
Kaydence Oneal
E'Maurie Brazier
Emmanuel Javier
Aaliyah Parker
Kaden Dela Cruz
Conner Taylor
Aydin Rucker
Autumn Effelberg
Jeremiah Chatman
Jayden Monzon

Believe in Yourself

Christopher Garza
Elijah Sledge
Alicia Denoble
Daisie Armburst
Delaney Korrell
Siennah Baza
Dezmond Nixon
Liyah Bicera
Jaxson Congdon
Carissa Hemley
Tauemua Leaupepe
Lillian Noun
Gabreyel Simpson
Zy'Aiire Brazier
Anthony Bautista-Buys
Kaden Humphrey
Phillip Donaldson

Brave

Justin Primo
Alena Dao
Jaylen Gist-King
Kennedy Renner
Jasper Fuiava
Michia White
James Lanham
Jack O'Connor
Kohl Glodowski
Quinn Buchmann

Parent and Community

Vickie Pettibone
Donna Septon
Rebecca Leonard
John Hargis

STUDENT SUPPORT - You can help us keep kids safe and focused by:

- Waiting until 8:40 am to come to school.
- Picking up your child promptly at 3:30 p.m.
- Being alert and following procedures as you drop off and pick up your children, and not dropping your student off in the street!
- Calling us when your child is absent.
- Not letting your child bring electronic devices or toys to school.



PHONE CALLS FROM BROOKDALE - Students and staff members who call your home from school will always leave a voicemail if you do not answer the phone. Our office gets many calls stating "someone from your school called me." With more than 460 students and 35 staff members, we often don't know why a student's home was called. All classrooms have the return phone number of the front office 253-298-3100.

Please wait for the message to come through and listen before calling the school. That way you know whom to ask for 😊

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP - The system is quite smooth and rarely does it take longer than 7 minutes to have all students picked-up at the end of the day. We so appreciate those families who follow the expectation of driving through the 'valet' style system in the parking lot. Not only is this the safest way to drop-off and pick-up your child, it also sets the example for students to follow the expectations. **It is important to remember that this system was put in place for the safety of all Brookdale students.**

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 on Thursday, February 15th. If you would like to help on that day, please email brookdalepta@gmail.com.

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