



BROOKDALE BOBCAT PRINTS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I came across a great article about engaging children in discussions about their school day. "15 Questions to Replace 'How Was School Today?'" acknowledged how hard it is to sometimes get more than an 'it was okay' response from children. There are so many awesome things happening at school but drawing the information out of our children can be difficult. The author, Elena Aguilar, shared 15 questions that, with minor modifications, could work with children of all ages.

Here are just a few:

- Tell me about a moment today when you felt excited about what you were learning.
- Tell me about a moment in class when you felt confused.
- Think about what you learned and did in school today. What's something you'd like to know more about?
- Were there any moments today when you felt proud of yourself?
- What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

Ms. Aguilar also shares a few tips for how to ask these questions in the article. Of course, you don't want to ask all of the questions every day. You might choose one or two to ask each day. If you would like to read the full article you will find it at the link below.

<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/parents-fifteen-questions-replace-how-was-school-today-elena-aguilar>

READING NIGHT - We had such a wonderful turn-out at our Reading Night last week! K-2 students came in bunches to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. A **HUGE** thank-you to all of the staff who helped put the event together!



WE APPRECIATE OUR PARAEDUCATORS! Next week is Para-educator Appreciation Week at Brookdale. We have an amazing and talented bunch of paras who help us meet students' needs in countless ways. In addition to providing supervision at arrival, dismissal, lunch and recess, our paras work skillfully with small groups of students to build academic and social skills. Their dedication to, and heart for, students is outstanding. Please join us in thanking: Amber Alexander, Sonja Borton, James Boyan, Kim Lathrom, Maurissa Lawrence, Faaalo Liulevaega, Kelsey Mose, Renee Peebles, Julia Sylstad, Andrea Tallman, Janiece Vasquez, Elizabeth Williams and Jenny Williams. We can't thank them enough for all their hard work.

Wednesday Schedule

March 7th & March 28 are 2:00 dismissal days

March 14th is a 12:00 dismissal day

March 21 is a 3:30 dismissal day

BOBCAT PRIDE AWARD WINNERS - We are proud of our students who were recognized at our Bobcat Pride Assembly on Thursday, March 1st. Way to Go!

- Mia Laguer Rosario, Emma Kholyusev, and Haley Goag were our Principal Award t-shirt winners.
- February student attendance winners were Summer Krout and Ashley Montes, they received a \$10.00 gift card from Mrs. Holman. Congratulations to Ms. Yarina's class having 98.54% attendance for the month of February.
- Our Pizza with the Principal winners are: Corrine Talbot, Isaac Malaga, Addison May, Miranda Reyes, Eric Hwang and Anthony Bautista Buys. They will enjoy a pizza lunch with Mrs. Holman on Tuesday, March 6.

Creative

Raymond Serrano
Jeffery Schultz
Devon Ashley
Leah Call
Caleb Qunell
Carsen Lee
Daden Wixon
Vanessa Togia
Sarah Hacker
Dylan McAfee
Alixia Chhong
Romeo Herrera
Jayla Baccay
Christine An
Zachary McPherson

Creative

Ava Hinkle
Yaira Carbajal German
Bryant Mabes
Anthony Cinalli
Lily McPherson
Vera Starkey
Alyssa Cinalli
Kenneth Gomez
Marhianna Garcia
Bogdan Cristev
Emma Kholyusev
Olvier McGinnis
Danna Ramos Palomera
Sasha Satiacum
Abigail McCard

Creative

Monet Roberts
Skyler Ricca Mulholland
Troy Levu
Layla Glodowski
Brandon Mendoza
Aubrey Ellison
Analiyah Mendoza
Nylah O'Neal
Charles Hendry
Christlynn Sila
Neveah McCalpine
Gabriel Varney
Clarissa Rosario
Kailum Stanker

12:00 EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

All students will be dismissed at 12:00
for report card preparation
Report cards will be coming home with students on March 23

WOW! The Pacific Science Center visit was a HUGE success!! I want to thank the PTA for providing our students with such an amazing experience! Bobcats were engaged in the scientific process throughout the day. Classrooms participated in an all-school assembly and, later in the day, got to visit a number of 'hands-on' exhibits. Most classes also participated in an in-class lesson. I heard from students, teachers, and the Science Center staff - all shared with me how much they enjoyed the day! The Science Center staff was very impressed with students and their engagement in the activities! Way to go, Bobcats!!

Safety First! - Important Reminder About Bullying

#1: We take all reports of bullying seriously!

#2: Not every report of bullying is actually bullying. There are specific criteria that the school needs to confirm:

- That the student or students are being exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students;
- That there is intentional harm-doing (i.e. emotional or physical injury, property damage, disruption to the educational process, etc.) where a negative action is repeated over time;
- That there is an imbalance of power.

#3: If bullying is confirmed, we will work with the parents to create a safety plan ("response plan") for their child.

Brookdale staff continues to work with students and families to ensure the safety of all children. If you think your child may be a victim of bullying, contact your child's teacher or the school office.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - Do not forget to 'spring forward' one hour on Sunday, March 11.

2018-2019 HIGHLY CAPABLE STUDENT PROGRAM!

The deadline for Project Excel Program Referral packet is almost here. **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. If you have any questions, please contact Annette Burnett by phone at (253) 298-3062 or by email at aburnett@fpschools.org.**

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