



BROOKDALE BOBCAT PRINTS

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Message from Mrs. Holman

GREAT START TO A GREAT YEAR - Wow! What a terrific first week of school! Teachers were ready to go and students were happy to be back - it's almost like we never left. Thank you to families for everything you've done to make the transition back into school a smooth one for your children. We so appreciate the time it takes to get forms filled out, supplies organized, and families back into the routine of school.

Now that we are back in the swing of things, I am asking that families drop their students off at the door to go into breakfast. Often, having mom and dad in the lunchroom makes it harder for your child to settle in for the day. There is always lots of staff in the lunchroom to make sure students get where they need to go with everything they need. Thank you so much for your help with this!

Our students work so hard each and every day, learning skills that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. We strive to develop life-long learners who will continue their education beyond elementary, middle, & high school. Each morning we remind students of the high expectations we have for them by starting the day with a chant - "Brookdale students are... On time, every day, ready to learn" and "After high school comes... college!" Believing that our students are capable of all things is the Brookdale way.

Remember, you can view our school newsletter and other important information on the school website. Go to www.fpschools.org, in the top left corner click on "find a school" and Brookdale will be listed. You can also find transportation and lunch information online. Please keep our website in your favorites. Our goal is to keep this up to date throughout the school year.

Now is the time to reapply to be a volunteer! Approved volunteer status only lasts through the school year. Please visit the district website to complete the application!

The school newsletter comes out on Peachjar around the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. Please take time to review each one. There is lots of information regarding Brookdale happenings.

Thanks for all you do for your children!



BROOKDALE 3RD-5TH GRADE READING NIGHT - Next Thursday, September 21st "Arm yourself with a good book, a battle is coming!" - This year we will be participating in *The Battle of the Books* where students read books, join a team, and compete against other teams within the district to be the Battle Champions. Join us **September 21st 6:30-7:30pm** to learn about the battle and play fun reading games. There will be bingo, a book walk, and a scavenger hunt. You don't want to miss it! For an extra ticket in the raffle, give the greeters at the event the secret code: Book Battle.

WEDNESDAYS ~ 2:00 pm dismissal
September 13, 20 and 27



PAWS FOR PRAISE - At Brookdale, students are learning to "Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Cooperative". When a staff member catches one of our Brookdale Bobcats exhibiting any of these behaviors, a Paws for Praise Slip is written out for that student. Part of the Paw Slip is used in a drawing for a t-shirt at our Bobcat Pride Assemblies. So, if you see a Paw Slip coming home with your child, please know that our staff has noticed them following the expectations and making our school a great place to learn and grow!

PLEASE PLAN FOR CONFERENCE EARLY DISMISSALS - Our student led conferences will begin on Monday, October 2 and continue through Thursday, October 5. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will be dismissed at **12:00 p.m.** Sack lunches will be served.



PICTURE DAY - Individual pictures will be taken for all students on **Tuesday, September 26**. Picture envelopes and pre-pay information will be sent home with each student on September 12th. Please take the time to read the information and to select your picture package option.

Make checks payable to QSP Photography.

Please remember these important picture day requirements. Thank you!!

- Each student will need their own picture envelope on picture day. All students will be photographed even if they are not buying a package.
- QSP Photography & Brookdale **do not** have change. Please send the correct amount in each of your children's envelopes.
- Portraits will be combined into the same envelope even if a student turns in multiple order envelopes. Please order direct from QSP if this is a foreseeable issue. If you call QSP at 1-877-697-6996, they will arrange shipping directly to your address.
- We have scheduled pictures for younger than school-age children, and students that are absent on picture day for November 7th, which is our retake day.

ATTENDANCE COUNTS - In our efforts to help students come to school on time and stay all day, every single day, we have implemented a couple of ways to recognize students for this accomplishment.

1. At the end of each month, we will print the names of every student who has missed 0-1 days of school for that month. These names will be put into a drawing for a \$10.00 Walmart gift card. We will draw out a K-2 and 3-5 student's name at each of our B.O.B.C.A.T. Pride assemblies to receive the gift card.
2. All students who have 0-1 absences for the month will receive a *Bobcat Paw* charm to add to their collection. At the end of each trimester, those students with 3 or fewer absences will receive a special charm.

ARRIVE ON TIME, STAY ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!

STUDENT ABSENCES - In order to assure your child's safety, please call the school office at 253-298-3100 if your child is ill or unable to attend school. You can call and leave a message on our 24-hour voice mail if it is before school hours. If your child is not in attendance, and we do not receive a call from you by 9:30 a.m, we will attempt to call you to confirm the reason for the absence. Your phone call saves time for the office and is greatly appreciated!

PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES K -2 - Please pack an extra pair of clothes, including underwear, socks, and pants in your child's backpack. Accidents do happen and we would like to be prepared. It is nice when a child can wear a pair of his or her own pants. The health room has a very limited supply of clothing. If your child does borrow clothing from the health room, please return the clothing items to the school after it is washed.



BUS PROCEDURES - We have a very helpful transportation department; if you have any questions, issues about something that happened on the bus or at the bus stop, or concerns about a late bus, **please call the transportation office directly at 253-298-3865.** To cut down on the number of calls received in

the office daily we are asking that if you wish for your child to ride a bus other than the one they normally ride, get off at a bus stop other than their normal stop, to be a parent pick-up, you **must** send a note. **Without a note, we will not allow students to walk or change their regular bus, bus stop, or end of the day routine.**



Instagram

LIKE US - Brookdale now has an Instagram account. We will be adding pictures periodically to the site, sharing our amazing staff and students! Search for brookdaleschooliscool on Instagram and follow us!

IF BROOKDALE'S NUMBER SHOWS UP ON YOUR CALLER ID - If you ever get a call from Brookdale, please **listen to the voicemail** we leave before calling the school. Regardless of who called, the main office number will show up on the caller ID. The office gets many calls saying "the school called" but has no idea who the caller was. All staff members will leave a detailed message on your voicemail if they call your home or need a call back from the parent.

Important School Reminders

STUDENTS ARRIVING TOO EARLY - It is important for you to know that there is no supervision at Brookdale until 8:40 a.m., and because of safety concerns, your student **cannot** be on campus unsupervised. If you are here early, please listen for the 8:40 bell before releasing your children from your care. Please remember this arrival time is for students who walk or ride their bike to school as well as those who are dropped off by their parents.

STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL - If your child has an appointment and is leaving before the end of the school day, please make sure you **send a note** that morning letting the teacher and the office know. Also, please allow enough time for pick up. To preserve precious class time, we do not call students to the office until you have checked them out in person (remember your ID).

SCHEDULE CHANGES - The end of the day at Brookdale is very hectic. If you forgot to send a note in the morning (which is preferred) and need to call the school with a change to your child's schedule, please do so **before 3:00 p.m.** After 3:00 the office is busy assisting students and parents and will not be able to answer your call or get a message to a student before they leave for the day. **All end of the day schedule changes must be made through the office, not with the classroom teacher.** Thank you!

VOLUNTEER APPROVAL IS NECESSARY - In order to attend any school event as a chaperone, participant, or helper, all adults **must** have a new approved volunteer clearance on file in our office. There will be no exceptions to this requirement. You must register online at www.fpschools.org. If you have a problem with the registration process, please give Jen Van, our volunteer coordinator, a call at 253-298-3124. We appreciate your cooperation with our extra efforts to assure that our children are safe and supervised appropriately.

Below are examples of activities which do and do not require volunteer approval for parent participation. Please call our office if you have any questions.

Required

- Field Trip
- Classroom visits during school
- Field Day
- Lunch with Student in classrooms
- Assist with in Classroom Projects

Not Required

- Back-to-School and Family Barbecues
- Promotions
- Concerts
- Conferences
- Bobcat Pride Assemblies

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