



## BROOKDALE BOBCAT PRINTS

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### Principal's Message

I hope families are settling in to the routines of the school year by now! At Brookdale, students and teachers are working hard each and every day.

As we move into fall please be sure that your child(ren) are dressed appropriately for the weather - students go outside every day. This means leaving the house with a sweatshirt, sweater, or jacket daily. It is helpful to put your child's name inside the jacket in case it gets left on the playground.

**Conferences** ~ as you may know, Student Led Conferences (SLCs) are just around the corner. This is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students, and their families to talk about the coming year. Teachers will have information to share and students will be sharing their goals. I hope you will take time to complete the Parent Survey during conference week. Your answers provide us with valuable information on how to best meet the needs of our students. If you haven't signed up for a conference time, please do so with your child's teacher as soon as possible. **School will be dismissed Monday-Thursday, Oct. 2 - 5 at 12:00 noon.** Students will be served a sack lunch before they leave each day. Thank you so much for all you do for your children!

**ATTENDANCE COUNTS** - You have always known that good attendance contributes to successful students, but this year we have some very important new procedures, which need to be followed:

1. Good attendance is to miss 9 or fewer days per year (average one per month).
2. After 7 absences, we will require third party documentations (doctor notes, dentist appt, court hearing, etc.) to excuse the absence. Please get in the habit of getting a note for any appointments, even before you hit that threshold.
3. We will contact you for a conference if your child has 3 unexcused absences, or 5 absences in a month (excused or unexcused.)
4. Chronic absenteeism is more than 18 days in a school year.

I want to encourage all our Bobcats to be at school ON TIME, EVERY DAY, ALL DAY!

**WEDNESDAYS ~ 2:00 pm dismissal**  
September 27 & October 11, 18, 25



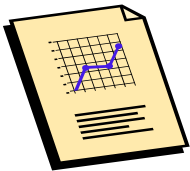
**PICTURE DAY** – Individual pictures will be taken for all students tomorrow **Tuesday, September 26**. Picture envelopes and pre-pay information were sent home with each student on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please take the time to read the information and to select your picture package option.

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, which is our retake day.

## No School ~ October 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Professional Learning Day



**SBA ASSESSMENT REPORT** – Parents of current fourth and fifth grade students will receive their students' SBA Score Report at their student-led conference. This report provides information about your child's success on the Smarter Balanced Assessment given last spring. The SBA measures students' knowledge and skills in English/Language Arts (ELA) and math (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades.)

Fifth grade students continue to take the Science MSP and will receive those results in addition to their SBA results.

There are many ways to measure progress in school. The SBA is just one of them. Your child's current teacher is planning to talk to you about this report, and other progress your child is making, during conferences in October.



**CALLING ALL BROOKDALE STUDENTS** - Brookdale will be offering a number of after-school activity options throughout the school year. Sessions will run for 6 weeks and will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Sessions will begin at 3:30 and be dismissed at 4:30. The first session will begin the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**FLU SHOTS** - As you know, the flu is nasty business and one of the best ways to guard against it is by getting a flu shot. Brookdale will be offering flu shots for adults on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 12:30 - 3:30. If you are interested, please stop by the office to pick up the screening questionnaire and consent forms. In order to have the correct number of doses available, all forms must be turned in no later than 3:00pm on Monday, Oct. 2. Contact Ms, Van, our school nurse, at 253.298.3124, if you have any questions.

**WHEN A STUDENT CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL** - The beginning of this school year has hit our Bobcats hard with different kinds of illnesses. Please remember that your child cannot return to school until they have been fever and/or vomiting free for 24 hours.

**NO CELL PHONES PLEASE** - Please review the Family Resource Handbook regarding cell phones at Brookdale. They SHOULD NOT be seen or heard on school property during school hours. When phones go off during class it causes an interruption of learning. We are NOT responsible if the cell phone is lost, broken or stolen at school. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.



**REQUEST FOR HOMEWORK** - If your child is absent for one day, children can pick up their missed work the day they return. If you know your child will be home at least two (2) or more days, you may call for their homework in the morning. Please allow one full day for the teacher to gather up work. Also, please contact the school office (a planned absence form must be filled out) or send a note to your child's classroom teacher well in advance if your student will have an extended planned absence.

**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.

## **OUR PTA CORNER**

**FALL FUNDRAISER KICKOFF IS SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>** - This year we have changed vendors. Check out the catalog for housewares, treats and holiday favorites. The fundraiser will run from October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup> so your family will have plenty of time to get orders in. Merchandise ordered will be delivered just in time for the holiday season!

**FALL BOOK FAIR, OCTOBER 2<sup>nd</sup> - OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>** - The bookfair will be open after school hours during conference week. Stop by before or after your conference to find great reading materials for your child. If you are interested in volunteering to help during bookfair hours, please contact us at [brookdalepta@gmail.com](mailto:brookdalepta@gmail.com).

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>** - Please join us at 4:00 pm in the Brookdale Library to go over the upcoming year events.