



BROOKDALE BOBCAT PRINTS

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Principal's Message

At Brookdale we believe that positive relationships are at the heart of everything we do. Our vision for students to develop social, emotional, and academic skills to be successful beyond elementary school is supported by being a restorative school. The aim of restorative practices is to develop community, and to manage conflict by repairing harm and building relationships. It has been proven that when people live in healthy relationships with significant others, there is abundant personal growth, capacity for character building and a high level of achievement in all areas of endeavor.

Restorative Practices:

*Allow the act (the unacceptable behavior) to be rejected, while acknowledging the intrinsic worth of the person and their potential contribution to society.

*Rejects the 'Act not the Actor'. Separates the 'Deed from the Doer'.

It is a process that puts repairing harm done to relationships and people over assigning blame and dispensing punishment. It shifts the emphasis from managing behavior to focusing on building, nurturing and repairing relationships.

A school-wide approach using restorative practices creates a happier and safer place where effective teaching and learning occurs. It helps promote a culture of inclusion and belonging, reduces exclusion and bullying behaviors. Attendance improves and morale increases.

At Brookdale, students and staff can be involved in the restorative process. This includes circles, meetings and conferences.

The 5 Restorative Practice Questions

These questions are designed to build a strong basis upon which to foster healthy relationships. The questions are open ended, respectful and not value laden. They are objective and thinking questions that ironically evoke stronger emotional responses leading to the development of empathy.

When harm has been done the Restorative questions include asking:

1. What Happened?
2. What were you thinking at the time?
3. What have you thought about since?
4. Who has been affected by what you have done?
In what ways?
5. What do you think you need to do to make things right?

If a child has been harmed by the actions of others Restorative questions include asking:

1. What did you think when you realized what happened?
2. What impact has this incident had on you and others?
3. What has been the hardest thing for you?
4. What do you think needs to happen to make things right?

At Brookdale we ask these questions in developmentally appropriate ways using language that children understand. Restorative Practice is not just about the questions, it is about engaging students in a process that is fair, allows free expression of emotions and offers high levels of support. We are helping students communicate, accept responsibility and make repair efforts. These are skills we hope our students will continue to use beyond elementary school!

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE CONCERT - Please join us this Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Keithley Middle school, 12324 12th Ave. S. This concert will be for parents and family members and again, we invite all veterans to join us at our evening concert!



DONUTS WITH DAD - Calling all Brookdale men! We would love to have you join us for donuts and a drink this Friday, November 17 from 8:15 - 8:40 a.m. This event is for Brookdale kids and the important men in their lives. Meet us in the multi-purpose room for donuts, coffee and milk.

SUBSTITUTE APPRECIATION IS THIS WEEK - We would like to thank guest teachers and paras for the challenging and important job they do. When our staff is sick, we have a wonderful group of substitutes that come in and continue the education for your student until they return. We really appreciate their efforts!

2:00 dismissal on Wednesday, November 15

THANKSGIVING VACATION - School will be dismissed at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, November 22. Lunches will be served.



There will be no school for all students on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. We are thankful to work with wonderful students and families at Brookdale School. Have a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

12:00 EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Students in grades K-5 will be dismissed at 12:00 to allow teachers time for report card preparation. Report cards will go home with students on December 8th.



BROOKDALE FOOD DRIVE - Brookdale students are continuing a tradition of participating in the Central Pierce Fire and Rescue's Holiday Food Drive. This important effort to collect donations of canned and nonperishable food items helps families in our area. **We will be collecting from November 15 - December 6. If the food has been in your cupboards for a while, please check the "use by" date on the donated items. Naturally, the food bank will not give out food that is past the expiration date.** Classes that participate will get their name in a drawing to have a picture taken with a fire engine. If the school meets the goal of 2500 items, Mrs. Holman will be forced to wear Purple and Gold Husky gear. ☺ Thank you for helping families in need.

DRILLS - As you know, we are required to conduct emergency drills throughout the school year. We do this in an effort to prepare students as best we can for what to do in the event of an emergency. Even though we tell students that the activity is a drill, it can still be scary for some students. If students come home talking about a drill (fire, earthquake, lockdown, or other) please remind them how important it is to practice these so that we can all be safe. Families will always be notified in the event of an actual emergency. Thanks for your help with this!

Communication...how do families know what is happening at Brookdale? - There are a number of ways that we keep families informed of the exciting things happening at Brookdale.

1. The Brookdale Bobcat Prints is published and posted on Peachjar (to your email account) twice a month. This newsletter lets you know what's coming up, with some articles of information.
2. The Sunday night phone call from the principal. This message keeps families up to date with important information, not to mention what is happening during the week.
3. Our school website can be accessed through fpschools.org. Go to "select a school" and choose Brookdale. Our website is updated regularly with important dates and information.

To keep informed we must have a current phone number and email address on record for your family. If you are not receiving these communication, please call our school office at 253.298.3100 and we will be happy to assist you.

OUR PTA CORNER



MOVIE NIGHT - Our first Movie Nights is going to be held on Friday, November 17th starting at 6:30 pm. We will be showing the Emoji movie. This is a free event for all students and families! We will be selling water, popcorn, during the movie and pre-orders for pizza must be turned in by Wednesday, November 15th. Please remember this is a family event so NO children can be dropped off, they must be escorted by an adult.

FUNDRAISER PICK-UP - Fundraiser items have arrived early and will be available for pick up Tuesday, November 14th from 4 to 6:30 in the multipurpose room. **To prevent items from being damaged they will not be sent home on the bus with students and must be picked up by a parent/adult who can sign for them.** For questions or concerns please contact us at brookdalepta@gmail.com.

CRAFT NIGHT - Our annual Winter Craft Night will be Friday, December 8th from 6-7:30pm.

HOLIDAY SHOP- Students can shop for gifts for their family and friends. Prices range is from 25 cents to \$10.00. Open after school, December 4th-7th and during Craft Night. Watch for the informational flyer coming home with your student.

VOLUNTEERS- We are in need of volunteers for the holiday shop and craft night the first week of December. If you are interested please contact us or sign up in the office.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - In effort to increase PTA membership we will be having a membership drive for the month of November. At the end of November, the classroom with the highest percentage of PTA members will earn a pizza party!

FACEBOOK - Like our page on Facebook to keep up to date on PTA events and meetings! Can't make the meetings? Watch for our Facebook poll to see what meeting time works best for our members.

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