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December is here! Cooler temperatures...
disappearing daylight. The upcoming



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overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels, and perhaps some shopping outings in preparation for special traditions. As much as we would all like to feel that we are organized and well prepared for the upcoming weeks, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. Sometimes, children fall victim to later bedtimes and routines may fall to the wayside along with daily reading practices, consistent support, and even family meals. Thank you for making a

concerted effort to see that the rush and stresses of the holiday season do not seep into their child's daily routine and their need for consistency.

It is important that our students are dressed for the cold weather so they can enjoy the outdoor time they have each day. Fresh air combined with physical activity gives our learners the opportunity to run off their energy and to have fun so they can continue to be the best learners possible. Please continue to ensure your child is properly dressed for the weather.

In honour of the season, we will be holding our Christmas Concerts and Teas over the next two weeks. The students are excited to perform for you and we look forward to seeing you there.

As we approach the end of the year, it is with pride that we look back at what our students and staff have accomplished in the past months. Supporting student learning continues to be the focus at Brookwood. Across all grades and subject areas teachers collaborate in the learning process through innovative teaching practices, design and assessment.

As we close out the last few weeks of the year, on behalf of our Brookwood family, we wish our students,



our parents, our staff and the community a happy holiday and a celebration filled with joy and family. It is moments like this, when we can pause, catch our breath and look back that we realize how privileged and lucky we are to be part of this community.

Best wishes,

Terry Caouette
Principal

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Invitations were sent home yesterday to our registered volunteers for our Volunteer Breakfast on December 11, from 8:30 - 9:30. Please RSVP by Friday, December 8th, if you got an invitation and are planning to attend. It is a small way

to thank our volunteers for their hard work our school.

Report Cards On-Line

The report cards for grade 1-4 students went live at the end of the day on December 4. This year report cards will be available online through Power School. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up for Power School, we would encourage you to do so. If you not have access to a computer and would like a paper copy, please let us know and we will print one off for you.

While there are no scheduled conferences with this report card, you are welcome to call and set up a time with your child's teacher to discuss their progress if you wish to.

Praying Parents

Maranatha parents interested in praying following chapel on Wednesday, December 6, are asked to meet in the gym. All Brookwood parents are most welcome to join this group on Wednesday.

Kinette Hampers

Brookwood School will once again be participating in the Kinette Christmas Hamper activity. Your donations will help to make someone else's Christmas much better than could have been anticipated.

The Kinettes suggest donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and unwrapped gifts, with the major emphasis being on food. Items will be collected for the Kinette Hampers until Friday, December 8. Please see the requested list of items in the letter at the back of this week's Banner. On Monday, December 11, the

hamper items will be transported to a central location for distribution to Spruce Grove families.

The 12 Days of Fitness – Wellness Theme

This month, Brookwood students are learning how to stay active during the holiday season through our theme "The 12 Days of Fitness." Ask your child what we are doing here at school each day. Here are some fun ideas for your family to do at home:

- Grab your skates or sled and head outdoors to the local outdoor or indoor rink or toboggan hill.
- Build a snowman.
- Go cross-country skiing or downhill skiing/snowboarding.
- Go for a winter walk.

This year, go beyond the holiday hustle and bustle. Get your family to participate in fun, refreshing activities that brighten your spirit. Here are some ideas:

- * Spread some cheer! Volunteer at local charities. They always need extra help during the holiday season.
- * Check out the local festivals happening in Spruce Grove and Stony Plain.
- * Hold a contest in your neighborhood to see who can build the biggest snowman.
- * Go caroling around your neighborhood.

Cobs Bakery Fundraiser

Brookwood School Association wants to remind Brookwood parents about the ongoing Cobs Bakery Fundraiser. It is easy and brings in funds for the school.

Each time a purchase is made at COBS and the buyer indicates that they would like to contribute to Brookwood School; a 5% donation of the total sale will be directed to the school. A cheque will be presented annually to Brookwood School.

-Thank you from
Brookwood School Association

Picture Retake Orders

On-line picture orders are welcomed until December 15.

Service Dog

There will be a service dog at our Grade 3/4 Concert on Thursday evening. As the service dog will be working, we would ask that you do not approach him. Thank you.

Grade 3 & 4 Christmas Concert information

We will be holding two performance dates for our Grade Three and Four Concert of "A Place in the Christmas Choir."

The following classes will be the singers for the concert on Wednesday, December 6 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm:

**Wednesday, December 6th
Group A
2:00 & 7:00 pm**

GROUP A

Mrs. Ryan 2/3L

Ms. Robinson 3J

Mr. Robson 3R

Mrs. Ainslie-O'Connor 3A

Mrs. Phare 4P
Mrs. Carrozza 4C
Mr. Sherington 4S

It is important that the students in these classes attend and participate in both the afternoon and evening performances on December 6.

The following classes will be the singers for the concert on Thursday, December 8 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm:

Thursday, December 7th
Group B
2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

GROUP B

Mrs. McIntyre/Mrs. Lambert-Thomas 3M
Miss Jenny C. 3C
Mrs. Krivoshein 3K
Mr. MacKay 4M
Ms. Jamieson 4J
Miss Fiala 4F
Mrs. Doll 4D

It is important that the students in these classes attend and participate in both the afternoon and evening performances on December 7.

The cast of actors will be the same for both the December 6 and December 7 afternoon and evening performances. As the actors have a significant role in the concert, it is extremely important that they attend and act in both the afternoon and evening performances on both concert dates.

Each family was allotted 3 tickets for their child's 7:00 pm performance.

Parents will also have more of an opportunity to see their child perform given that, there will be half the number of students on the risers.

In order for things to go well, we will still be asking for everyone's cooperation with the following:

Each family has been allotted 3 tickets for their child's 7:00 pm performance. **No one will be admitted to the evening performance without a ticket (this includes adults, as well as, children).**

- We would ask that students/children not attend the evening performance to allow seating for parents who have not seen the concert. All of our students will have the opportunity to view the entire concert at school.
- Parents, please plan to attend the afternoon concert on December 6 or seventh at 2:00 pm rather than the evening performance if possible. Both performances are identical, so in order to reduce the pressure on the evening concert, we would encourage those parents and guests who are able to attend the afternoon performance to do so. Tickets are not needed for the afternoon concert. There will be plenty of room for guests to be brought to this performance. If you attend the afternoon performance, please plan not to attend again in the evening to allow seating for those parents who can only attend in the evening.

If you are attending the 7:00 pm performance, please be aware that the doors will not open until 6:30 pm. We will not be opening them before that time. Students who are performing are not expected here until 6:30 pm.

If you have tickets you will not be using, we would ask that they be returned to our office so that we can make them available to other families. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 962-3942.

Christmas Teas and Grade Three and Four Concert for 2017-2018

We would encourage you to write down the dates of your child's Christmas Concert or Christmas Tea on your calendar immediately so that you can begin making plans to attend.

Afternoon Christmas Teas -

Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two - These will be class performances for each class. Parents are asked to mark their calendars and if possible, to please make arrangements to join us.

The Christmas Teas are scheduled as follows:

- December 12, 2017 - 11:00 pm
Kindergarten Borkofsky and Kindergarten McRae (T/Thurs.)

- December 12, 2017 1:00 pm
Kindergarten Nachai and Kindergarten Fraser (T/Thurs.)
- December 12, 2017 - 2:30 pm
Kindergarten Forsyth
- December 13, 2017- 11:00 a.m. -
Kindergarten Nachi (M/W) and Kindergarten Fraser (M/W)
- December 13, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. -
Kindergarten - Kindergarten Forsyth and Kindergarten McRae (M /W class)
- December 13, 2017 - 2:30 p.m. -
Grade 1 Jensen and Grade 1 Simmons
- December 14th, 2017 - 11:00 a.m. -
Grade 1 - Semeniuk
- December 14, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. -
Grade 1 - Couch and Grade 1 Dane
- December 14, 2016 - 2:30 p.m. -
Grade 1 - Shurnaik and Grade 1 - Paulson
- December 15, 2017 - 11:00 a.m. -
Grade 2 Schoepp and Grade 2 Harrison
- December 15, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. -
Grade 2 -
Montgomery/McAllister and Grade 2 Sandhu
- December 15, 2016 - 2:30 pm. -
Grade 2 - Vasileff and Rachuk

The format and procedure for these productions are as follows:

- 1 Parking will be available for parents/guests in the staff parking lot in the front of the school.
- 2 Parents/Guests should arrive no sooner than 10 minutes before the start time. Please do not arrive early. Note that this will allow the previous group to leave the gym and parking lot and it will allow students and staff to replenish snacks and refreshments between performances.
- 3 Parents/Guests will enjoy snacks and refreshments. Parents/guests will have an opportunity to visit and enjoy

the Festival of Trees, which are on display around the gymnasium.

- 4 The Tea performances will start right on time. At the start time, students will enter the stage area and begin their Christmas Performance for parents and guests. Performances are approximately 20-25 minutes, depending on the group.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Teas!

2017 Spruce Grove Christmas Hampers

Dear Brookwood Families,

Once again, as the holiday season approaches, the Spruce Grove Kinettes are working towards their 43rd annual Christmas Hamper program. In the spirit of giving and in hopes of making this season a little brighter for those in need, Brookwood families will be asked to provide items for hampers for local families. Your generous contributions to their program will help to ensure quality hampers are distributed in our community. Last year, they were able to assist 545 families! At present, Parkland food Bank use is up over 60% from last year; as a result, Kinettes are expecting a huge increase to their program, as well, likely closer to 900 families.

The goal is for hampers to contain a variety of non-perishable food items to assist a family during the Christmas season. We are providing a list of requested items, as the emphasis of the hampers will be food. Grocery store gift cards are also appreciated and will go towards perishables for the family.

To ensure a diverse selection of age-appropriate gifts, we are asking for donations of new, unwrapped gifts or gift cards that are **based on your child's gender and age**. For children over the age of 10, gift cards are ideal

Please refer to www.sgkinettes.ca for additional information, food lists and gift ideas.

Items will be accepted until Friday, December 8, 2017. After December 8, hamper items will be taken to the distribution center where hampers will be assembled and distributed throughout the community.

Thank you in advance for all of your support with this local Christmas Hamper project. It truly makes a difference to these families over the holidays!

Requested NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS:

Soup, canned
Vegetables, canned
Fruit, canned
Beans, in tomato sauce
Chili/Stew
Tuna/Ham Salmon, canned
Pasta Sauce and Pasta
Macaroni and Cheese
Instant Potatoes
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Peanut Butter and jam
Cookies/Granola bars
Crackers
Juice 1L, Coffee/Tea
Bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste

