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Principal's Message

It is so hard to believe that the first five months of the school year have passed and we are already into the month of February! This is one of the months in the school year in which we can make huge strides in academic success. Students are well into the routine of learning and not yet distracted by warmer weather and the possibility of winter's end. It has been a pleasure to work with such focused students and committed staff. I am proud of the progress of our Brookwood students!

As we welcome in February, we are also looking forward to the second half of the



school year and the continued success that our students will experience. There are three important factors worthy of highlighting that will assist in continued and advanced student success. The first is **attendance**. Most students who do extremely well have great attendance. They are here almost every day and they are here on time. Both of these things are important to learning. We certainly understand that students do sometimes get sick and there is the need for some absences, but there is a lot learned every moment we are here at school.

The second is **participation**. Students who are performing well in the classroom are actively engaged. I can see it in my visits to classrooms and in the comments that teachers write in the Competencies section of the progress report. I very much recommend that all parents encourage active participation in class.

The third is *perseverance*. The ability and willingness to take on a challenge and stick with it is so important. We want to encourage all of our students to do their best, even when things are challenging - this is how they will accomplish great things! Our most successful students continue to work hard when things are challenging. We hope you will encourage and inspire this at home as we do the same here at Brookwood.

Working together, we have accomplished much since the beginning of the school year and we have many exciting events planned between now and June. On the athletic front, our boys and girls' Running Room team have been diligently practicing. Similarly, our choir have been busy rehearsing their songs as their annual participation in Choral Celebration will soon be here. Justice League participants continue to make a difference in the world, both globally and locally. We look forward to performances by our Spirit Team and Drama Club who demonstrate such enthusiasm and excitement at this opportunity. Our grade four Leadership Team continue to be active leaders in our school. Academically, our students continue to be engaged and excel in their learning.

We are thankful for your continued support and partnership. Please email, call or stop by with your concerns, praise and questions. We are more than happy to address all these issues and celebrate together our accomplishments. Have a great month everyone!

Kindergarten Registration

Online registration for Kindergarten began on Thursday, February 1st. Only online registrations will be accepted. To attend Kindergarten in September 2018, children must be five (5) years of age by the last day of February 2019.

You bring them. We'll love them!

Kindergarten Open House and Information Evening

We will be holding a Kindergarten Open House and Information Evening on **Monday, March 13th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm**. This is for perspective Kindergarten students and their parents for the 2018-2019 school year. This will be an opportunity to share some general information regarding our Kindergarten Programs, as well as, providing the upcoming Kindergarten students and their parents the opportunity to explore some Kindergarten activity centers. The evening will run from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. The evening will begin with a short general session in the gym followed by breakout groups. Each group will rotate through several centers located throughout the school. Our current Kindergarten teachers will facilitate these centers. It will be an exciting opportunity for your child to try out some Kindergarten activities in preparation for the fall. Please RSVP at 962-3942 if you and your child are planning to attend this evening. **Due to limited space we are unable to accommodate siblings, and ask that only the upcoming Kindergarten student and a parent plan to attend.**

Survey Season

Teacher's Convention

Teacher's Convention is on February 8 and 9. These are learning days for our teachers, therefore, there is no school for students.

Praying Parents

Maranatha parents interested in praying following chapel on Wednesday, February 7, are asked to meet in the gym. All Brookwood parents are most welcome to join this group on Wednesday.

WWF Canada Fundraiser Results - Thank You!

Thank you for supporting the World Wildlife Fund Canada by making a purchase during the fundraiser at Parent/Student/Teacher conferences. The support and generosity of Brookwood families is appreciated. We are very pleased to share that we spread awareness and raised \$920 to help endangered and at risk animals. A special thank you to Perks Coffee House for donating hot chocolate and coffee, and to those families who baked cookies for the fundraiser. Together, we are making a positive difference in the world. Thank you for your support!

-Brookwood Justice League

It's survey season and Parkland School Division wants to hear from parents and guardians. Parents and guardians across Alberta will receive their invitation to share their views on what's happening at school directly from Alberta Education. This process can be completed online before the deadline of Friday, February 23, 2018. Instructions on how to complete the survey are included in the survey package including directions on how to return the survey directly to Alberta Education. Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2018, and will be reported publicly as part of the [Division's 3-Year Education Plan](#) and [Annual Education Results Report](#).

Don't Hibernate - Participate

Our school wide wellness theme for this month is Don't Hibernate-Participate. While it may not seem like it, winter is a great time to get outside and get active. Some ideas to help you and your family participate are:

- Make snow angels
- Try playing volleyball, badminton or indoor soccer
- Try some summer activities in the snow like throwing a Frisbee.
- Go tobogganing
- Try playing curling or broomball with your family

