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Principal's Message November 2017

The month of October came and went so quickly and was filled with many great learning opportunities for our students. Throughout October, school life has continued to be full and vibrant with wonderful opportunities and/or fieldtrips to the Public Library, Cross Country Runs, Joint Chapel, Student Celebration Assembly, guest speakers, Emergency Drills and a visits to the Fire Hall. All of these events continue to contribute to the vitality and diversity of this great school. I congratulate all students and

staff who have given so much of their efforts during this past month. I also wish to thank all parents who were able to join us during our recently held Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. This is such a valuable time for the parents and teacher to share their respective knowledge of the child's learning experiences. Thank you for continuing to encourage and support your children with reading and homework. Parents should never hesitate to ask for help from teachers in understanding expectations and addressing any of your concerns. It is important that we continue with open communication and ongoing support in order to have a successful year. Report cards will be issued on December 4th.

As we enter our third month of the school year, we wish to continue to acknowledge those parents who have been able to come to our School Council and Association meetings and for supporting our school in the work we do with your children. We enjoy hearing from parents at the monthly School Council Meetings, and if you have not yet attended one of these meetings, please know that you are always welcomed. They occur on the third teaching Monday of each month and take place in the staff room. All of us are also very thankful for the support that we receive through the Association and the activities that raise funds that go back into supporting children at Brookwood.

As we move into the colder weather, I'd also like to remind you that outdoors is an important part of the school day. Children need fresh air and exercise outside of the structure of the classroom. In the winter, it is important that our students are dressed for the cold. Boots, mittens or gloves and hats should be worn.

Everyone here - staff and students alike - is looking forward to our Fall Break scheduled for November 10 through to November 13, followed by a PD Day on November 14, with students returning to school on November 15. The break is a wonderful time for everyone to rest, relax and to maintain physical and emotional health. On behalf of Brookwood staff, I wish each of you a safe and relaxing Fall Break.

Picture Retakes

You should be receiving your picture proofs this week. **Retakes have been rescheduled to Thursday, November 16th starting at 9 am.** Students do not need to bring anything in to receive a retake photo (forms, old proofs, etc.). **Please ensure that your child's teacher knows to send them down for retakes.**

Volunteer Picture Tags

Parents who are regular volunteers of Brookwood will be aware that there are policy requirements for volunteering in Parkland School Division. One of the requirements is that approved volunteers are required to wear a name tag with their picture for identification purposes, similar to those worn by our staff members. Please note that occasional volunteers just sign in at the office and are asked to wear our Brookwood School Volunteer Tag for the time they are in the building. No photo ID is required for occasional volunteers who volunteer less than 10 hours per year. We have made arrangements for our regular volunteers to have their photo taken for the ID cards by Lifetouch on picture retake day. There will be no charge to volunteers for these identification cards. We do, however, ask that regular volunteers (those who spend more than 10 hours per year volunteering at Brookwood) come on picture retake day to have their photo taken.

Brookwood Spell-A-Thon

Brookwood School will be having a Spell-A-Thon as a new fundraiser to continue to pay for the purchase of our new

playground equipment. Our new fundraiser will be held in conjunction with a weekly spelling test. The teachers will provide their classes with the list of curriculum based words that they need to know. Kindergarten students will get a list of shapes and colors for a sight recognition test. The Spell-A-Thon testing will take place after Fall Break (Nov 15th - 17th). Each teacher will determine the day in which they will have their test. We are asking our students, with their parents' support, to collect pledges. (For safety's sake, we ask that the children do not go door to door to collect pledges; rather the children should go to family, friends and close neighbors for sponsorship.) Please return your child's pledge form and money collected by Friday, Nov 17, 2017. Pledges are a flat donation, not per word. Your child is not obligated to collect pledges; they will still be participating in the testing!

NOTES THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

CHOIR ATTIRE!!

We are so happy to see so many enthusiastic singers in our choir. **For performances, our choir uniform consists of a black long sleeved shirt or blouse, black dress pants or stretchy pants, and black socks, or basically "all black."** If the girls want to wear black dresses or skirts, and black tights, that is okay too. If the boys have black suits, that is also welcome. **Black shoes (girls wear flats & boys wear dress shoes), are also required for all of our performances.** We are very excited about our 1st performance, which will be at the Remembrance Day

Ceremony on November 9th. We are looking forward to seeing all of the children dressed in their performance attire. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

-Your Choir Team!

Remembrance Day Ceremony

We will be holding our own Remembrance Day Ceremony in the school gym on Thursday, November 9th, starting at 10:45 a.m. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Warming Up Edmonton's Homeless

Our Maranatha students and families are collecting mitts/hats/socks for Edmonton's homeless in downtown Edmonton. They will be delivering them to individuals who need them. We are inviting all Brookwood students, families and teachers to bring in any gently used or new ADULT hats and mittens/gloves/socks to a collection box in the office. We will be collecting items until Wednesday November 22.

Weekly Chapel

A reminder to our Brookwood families that Chapel is held every Wednesday morning at 9 am in our gym for our Maranatha students. All Brookwood parents are most welcome to attend.

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

Grade Three and Four Christmas Concerts

The grade 3 and 4 students will be performing an afternoon and an evening concert together at Christmas time. Performances are on December 6 at 2:00 p.m. and 7 pm and December 7 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 p.m. The classroom groupings for the concerts are as follows:

Wednesday, December 6

Group A

2:00 & 7:00 pm

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Mrs. Ryan 2/3L
Ms. Robinson 3J
Mr. Robson 3R
Mrs. Ainslie-O'Connor 3A
Mrs. Phare 4P
Mrs. Carrozza 4C
Mr. Sherington 4S

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

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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

Way to Go, H2O!

Our Wellness theme for this month is Way to Go H2O! This month, our Brookwood students are learning the importance of drinking water through a monthly campaign called Way to Go, H2O!

Did you know....

- That if you feel tired in the afternoon that this could be because your brain is a little dehydrated. Drinking water when you feel this way will help you feel better. After lunch when you are feeling tired, grab your water bottle and have a drink. It will

help you feel alert and ready to learn.

- That if you have a really bad headache it could be because you are dehydrated and this could cause you to have a headache. See if drinking water will help you feel better the next time you have a headache.

Make sure that you stop and drink some water today.

**We Scare Hunger -
Birthday Party in a Box
Results**

-From your Brookwood Justice League

Your Justice League is excited to announce that Brookwood school brought in enough birthday supplies to make 31 birthdays in a box! All of the supplies were packaged into gift bags with labels indicating the theme of the party. We had Barbie parties, Tonka Trucks parties, princess parties, pirate parties, Paw Patrol parties, and many other exciting themes. We also had some bags that could be given to any child of any age. Thanks to Brookwood families, 31 children whose parents use the food bank will now be able to have a birthday party. Way to go, Brookwood!

We also collected a lot of food for the food bank and pet food bank. The food bank will soon let us know how many kilograms of food we collected for them. With your support, Brookwood filled all 40 of the boxes that the food bank sent.

