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Dogs/Pets on School Grounds

Please do not bring dogs or other pets onto the school grounds. There are a few of reasons for this:

1. We have students and staff who suffer from pet allergies (some severe) and wish to ensure that they are not put in dangerous or uncomfortable situations.
2. We have students who are afraid of animals, especially dogs, and this can raise the level of anxiety to uncomfortable levels in these students.
3. Given the large number of students at Brookwood (close to 800 for 17-18) we also worry about pets being overwhelmed by the sheer number of children who may invade their space.

Thank you for not bringing dogs/pets onto the school grounds. Our goal is to

ensure the well-being of everyone at Brookwood School.

Picture Retakes

You will be receiving your picture proofs this week. Retakes will take place Tuesday, November 7th 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.

Halloween Candy at School

Although, we understand that children are excited to eat their Halloween candy after they have gone trick-or-treating, bringing large quantities of candy to school on the days following Halloween becomes detrimental to the learning environment. We have found through experience over the years that children tend to get very out of sorts and are less able to focus when they have consumed a lot of candy. As a result, behavior incidences always increase during the week following Halloween. In order to prevent that from occurring, we would ask that as much as possible, children leave the candy for home consumption and continue to eat healthy snacks and lunches while at school. Sending a treat in lunches on the day after Halloween is reasonable, but we would ask that parents limit sending more than that. Thanks so much for your cooperation and

for helping us have the best learning environment possible.

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.

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

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

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

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 your body is made up of 60% water? Drinking enough water maintains your body's fluid balance, keeps your body temperature where it needs to be, and helps you digest your food!!
- That your muscles need water to work properly? Water and something called electrolytes work together in your body to keep your muscles running in tip-top shape. When you exercise, it

is important to drink water so that it keep your muscles healthy.

Make sure that you stop and drink some water today.

WE SCARE HUNGER

Submitted by your Brookwood Justice League

This Wednesday is the last day that Brookwood families can contribute to **We Scare Hunger**, an initiative of Free the Children. In this project, students collect food for their local food bank and pet food bank in one of two ways (or both ways). **The Parkland Food Bank and the Pet Food Bank of Parkland County are very excited that we will be collecting food for them again this year!**

The Pet Food Bank of Parkland County is in desperate need of kitten food, cat litter, and toys. While they will accept donations of all pet food and supplies, they really need kitten supplies right now.

The first way to collect food is to simply bring a donation for the food bank or pet food bank until Wednesday. Donations can be dropped off at Mrs. Ainslie-O'Connor's grade 3 room or at the office. If everyone brings in just one tin of food, that would be a donation of almost 800 tins of food! An updated list of needed food and pet food/supplies is included at the end of this letter. This year, Brookwood is also hoping to collect supplies for a Birthday Party in a Box, so that children whose families get food from the food bank can also get supplies for a child's birthday party.

There is second way that students can collect food. The second way is to trick or treat for food bank donations tonight at Halloween. If you had a chance to drop off a flyer or let people know that you will be collecting for the food bank on Halloween, some homes may have bags of groceries packed and waiting to be picked up. Of course, even if you haven't dropped off flyers or talked to others, you can still ask if a home has anything for the food bank. (Many kids make a stop at their grandparents' houses on Halloween, and grandparents are happy to make donations to the food bank).

So while students are collecting candy on Halloween night, they can also help others by collecting donations for the Parkland Food Bank and the Pet Food Bank of Parkland County. Those food donations should be brought to school the Wednesday after Halloween (November 1st). If Brookwood students collected food bank donations from even a few homes, imagine how much extra food Brookwood students could donate!

Don't forget to visit the Brookwood Justice League [protopage \(http://www.protopage.com/justiceleague\)](http://www.protopage.com/justiceleague). The Justice League website contains information about current projects and resources, including links to videos that Justice League member may have viewed during our weekly meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ainslie-O'Connor (Mrs. A) at dainslieoconnor@psd70.ab.ca. Thank-you for your support.

URGENT FOOD BANK NEEDS:

Produce! (please only send fresh produce on Oct. 31st or Nov. 1st)

- Canned Condensed Soup

- Canned Vegetables
- Macaroni and cheese
- Coffee
- 100 % Juice boxes
- Dry Soup Noodles
- Canned pasta
- Size 4 and 5 Diapers
- Flour

FOOD BANK NEEDS (Always accepted):

- Produce
- Canned Fish and Meat
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- 500 ml Peanut Butter
- Brown Rice/Lentils/Quinoa
- 100% Juice
- Formula
- Diapers (Especially sizes 4 and 5)
- Whole Grain Cereal
- Olive, Coconut or Canola Oil
- Canned Tomatoes or Tomato Paste
- Whole Wheat Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Oatmeal
- Flour
- Canned Soup
- Dry Soup Noodles
- Sidekicks
- Pork and Beans
- Sugar
- Whole Grain Crackers
- Tea
- Coffee

URGENT PET FOOD BANK NEEDS:

- Kitten food
- Cat litter
- Kitten toys

THE PET FOOD BANK NEEDS:

- Pet food for any kind of family pet (even if the pet food is opened).
- Pet toys
- Pet supplies of any kind

