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October Principal's Message

October has arrived quickly and it appears that the warm days of summer



are coming to an end. The trees are turning color for fall, and the mornings are slowly becoming darker and crisper.

September flew by, as we celebrated many occasions with new and returning students, families, and staff. It was great to see students so excited to show their families around

their classrooms and introducing them to their teachers at our Family Lunch and Meet the Teacher event. September was an exciting month for us with weekly Chapel, the Terry Fox Walk, Cross Country Run Meets, a cultural performance and some of our extra-curricular groups getting started. On top of this, students were settling into their classes, making new friends and participating in many learning activities.

Brookwood School recorded an enrolment of 549 students from Early Education to Grade Four. I consider myself very privileged to be the principal of Brookwood School and have the pleasure of working with an outstanding staff. The teachers and support staff at Brookwood are dedicated, professional and always go well beyond that which would be asked or

expected of them. Parents, your children are well cared for at our school. As well, the success that our students will experience this year is due in no small part to the commitment you as parents have demonstrated on a continuous basis. Our comprehensive education could not occur without all of your help.

As we close the final page of September, all of us at Brookwood are looking forward to October and all the excitement that comes with it. October is a month when we take time to consider all the blessings that we have received. There are so many things to be thankful for here at Brookwood; caring staff, involved parents and great students. Once again this year, we will be holding "Student Celebration Assemblies," where we showcase learning going on in various classrooms and celebrate some of the things that we are proud of! You are invited to join us for our first Student Celebration Assembly with on October 17 at 9:55 am. We are also looking forward to see parents at school for our upcoming Grade 1-4 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences, which are being held after school on October 22 and 24. The month concludes with Halloween fun and the costume parade throughout the school.

I would like to thank those of you who were able to join us for our first School Council and Brookwood Association Meeting. We had a good turnout and hope more of you will be able to join us for our next meeting on October 28 at 7:00 pm.

The 2019-2020 school year has had a great beginning and we look forward to a wonderful year. Please keep in close contact with us and check our website at <http://www.psd70.ab.ca/schools/Brookwood> for updated information. You will also find our weekly newsletter, the Brookwood Banner, on the website

It is the hope of all Brookwood staff that each student in our care will have an outstanding year. We recognize that it takes an entire community to provide the most appropriate and challenging education for our students. We look forward to working with all of you to ensure a successful and rewarding year ahead.

Happy Thanksgiving from our Brookwood School Family to your family.

-Mrs. Terry Caouette
Principal

Little Caesar's Fundraiser

Back, by popular demand, is the Little Caesars Pizza Kit fundraiser! Once again you have the opportunity to stock your freezer with pizza kits, garlic fingers and other tasty treats - all delivered in time for Halloween! These frozen kits are great for busy families on those nights when you are running from karate to dance to art class and hockey practice. Just pop them in the oven and dinner is on the table in no time!

Online and cash sales end October 4th, so hurry and get your order in soon! Remember to use our school code 371524 when ordering. Pick up will be on October

21st at Brookwood School from 1pm to 6pm. Please note that if you are not there to pick up your order in that window, you will lose it as we do not have the capacity to hold orders.

Praying Parents

Maranatha parents interested in praying following chapel on Wednesday, October 2, are asked to meet in the art room at 9:30 am. All Brookwood parents are most welcome to join this group on Wednesday to pray.

Our Thanksgiving Joint Chapel with Woodhaven will be held on Tuesday, October 8 at Brookwood School at 9 am. There will be no chapel on Wednesday, October 9, due to the Joint Chapel on Tuesday.

Picture Day

Picture Day will be on Wednesday, October 9 for our Grade 1-4 students, our Early Education students, and our Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten students. Pictures for our Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten classes will be taken on Thursday, October 10. Those grade two classes skating on Wednesdays will have their pictures taken on Thursday, October 10.

Book Fair

Brookwood's Fall Book Fair is being held from October 21 -25 from 8:30 - 3:30 daily in the Library, except October 25 when it will be open 8:30 - 12 noon. It will also be open during the Parent/Student/Teachers Conferences on Tuesday, October 22 from 6-8 pm. When you visit the Scholastic Book Fair,

please consider donating a book to your child's classroom library. Such books will enrich the education of children for years to come. We have asked teachers to fill out a Classroom Wish List so you will know which books they think will add to their students' knowledge and imagination.

Books you give will become a permanent part of the classroom library. Every gift will be recognized with a bookplate identifying your family or child as the donor. Please look for the Classroom Wish List display at the Book Fair. Your generosity can make a classroom more exciting and stimulating to young minds. See you at the Fair!

Guidelines for Halloween Costuming

As Brookwood is an Early Years School, with students from Kindergarten to grade 4, there can be issues around the appropriateness of Halloween costumes. Some costumes can be very scary to our younger students or even offensive to others. In an attempt to balance Halloween tradition with our Early Years philosophy, listed below are the guidelines for appropriate costuming:

- Costumes/masks should not include blood or gore.
- They should not depict gangs or characters from R-rated movies or R-rated video games.
- Costumes may not demean any race, religion, nationality, handicapped condition or gender.
- No weapons, wands, staffs, stuffies, or other hand held items.
- No costumes/masks that may be deemed excessively scary.

What may be an appropriate costume for Halloweening may not be an appropriate costume for an Early Years school setting. If students or parents have any questions or concerns about Halloween costumes, they should ask the classroom teachers.

If costumes are deemed inappropriate, students will not be permitted to participate in the costume parade and/or may be asked to change. The final decision on all costumes will be made by the school administration based on the guidelines provided.

