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Hot Lunch and Club Moo

Our cash day for both Hot Lunch and Club Moo will be on Wednesday September 25th from 1 to 3:30 pm.

There will be coordinators set up in the school lobby to accept your CASH ONLY payments. All other payments can be made online. We look forward to your continued support in these programs, as well as, new students joining.

Thank you to Angie Kerr and Brittney Tancowny for stepping forward to coordinate the Hot Lunch Program. They will be looking for volunteers to help count and deliver Hot Lunches on Hot Lunch days.

Please indicate if you are able to help out by checking off Hot Lunch on your Volunteer Registration form.

-Lindsey Rion and Michelle Tokar
Club Moo Coordinators

-Angie Kerr and Brittney Tancowny
Hot Lunch Coordinators

Bus Students

Please let us know in the office by phone or by email if your child will not be taking the bus home at the end of the day. We account for our students and our buses are delayed for departure as we confirm that students are not taking the bus home. Your help with this would be greatly appreciated as we work to ensure the safety of our students.

Fire Drill

On Thursday afternoon our students will participate in a fire drill. This is part of our routine practice of emergency drills. In the event of an emergency, we want our students and staff prepared so they can exit the building quickly, safely and in an orderly fashion.

BROOKWOOD BANNER NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Choir is About to Begin!!

This week on we will have our first choir meeting. Does your child love to sing, and want to meet some new friends, and is in grade 3 or 4? If they are interested in joining our Brookwood Choir this year, please have them come to the music room for our first choir meeting on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 at lunch recess. This will be an information meeting for the students, and they will be given a permission form to be filled out and returned to school, as soon as, possible. Our first performance will be at the Remembrance Day Ceremony in November. Thanks for your help with this. We hope to see lots of familiar faces and some new ones too.

Volunteer Orientation

If you were unable to attend the Volunteer Orientation last week and would still like some information, please give us a call at (962-3942). We have a Brookwood School Volunteer Handbook available in the office for those who were unable to attend. If you are interested in

volunteering at our school, please return the Brookwood School Involvement Form, as soon as, possible.

Terry Fox Walk

Students and staff at Brookwood School will be participating in the Terry Fox Walk on Friday, September 27, 2019 at approximately 2:15 pm. Again this year, rather than having students collecting pledges, we are asking each child to donate a "Toonie for Terry" on Friday, September 27th. All proceeds will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation in support of cancer research. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile cause.

While progress has been made in fighting Terry's cancer (osteosarcoma) and many other cancers, and while more and more people are being cured, there are still many others who need our help. While we can't find that cure ourselves, we can donate money to scientists who will find that cure. A simple Toonie is the start of the journey to a cure.

Remember to bring a Toonie for Terry next week, and if possible, to bring another Toonie for others who struggle with cancer. Let's bring the hope of a cure to the mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents and children who will be diagnosed with cancer this year. A handful of change or a simple Toonie could end up changing the lives of many who are diagnosed with cancer.

A letter of permission for your child's participation in this event will be sent home this week. Please return it to your child's classroom teacher.

Brookwood Chapel

Every Wednesday from 9 am to 9:25 am our Maranatha Christian Program students from K-4 enjoy Chapel in the gym. Each classroom in our Maranatha Christian Program will take a turn hosting. There is a weekly guest speaker following the collective singing of worship songs. Any Brookwood parents who would like to join and worship at chapel are most welcome to attend.

Responsible Use of Technology Agreement

To date, many of our students do not have the Responsible Use of Technology Agreement checked off in Power School. As a result, they are unable to access the technology in our building. Annually, this needs to be checked off when you do your returning student registration. You will be contacted by your child's teacher to let you know if this has not been checked off, in the event it was not your intent to leave this unchecked.

Welcome Back from Brookwood School Council!

Did you know?

As a parent of a Brookwood student you are a member of the School Council and Association.

Want to learn more?

Our next meeting is Monday, September 30th in the staff room @ 7 pm.

Fruit Basket for Students

Our fruit basket will be available again to our students every day. We are very excited and grateful to announce that **Mr. Ken Morrison** will be our sponsor for this healthy student wellness option. We would like to thank him for his generous donation to our school.

Parking

Please do not park in the parking lot at the apartment building next door to drop off or pick your children up. This parking is for apartment tenants only. With the reduced number of students in our school this year, there is available parking in the school parking lot. Please park in the designated parking areas. Thank you for your help with this.

School Routines and Procedures

We have had an excellent start to the school year. Thank you so much for your help and support. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your children each day. We would like to welcome all our new families to Brookwood School and we hope that you have already begun to feel like part of our Brookwood family.

We have some procedures that we are practicing with all our students to help them establish some consistent routines and to maximize our instructional time with them. To that end we are asking your help with having your children practice going through their assigned entrance every time they come into the school and leave the school whether they are by themselves or with you as parents. As

well, please wait outside your child's assigned entrance for them. Our staff will ensure that they meet up with you there. In inclement weather, we would invite you to wait in the boot room area inside your child's assigned entrance. In this way, we can capitalize on those last few minutes of instructional time at the end of the day and help our students to develop independence by putting on their coats and organizing their backpacks by themselves and then meeting you outside the door. Our students are getting very good at standing at attention for O'Canada wherever they are in the building and removing their outside shoes and carrying them to their boot rack. You could assist us with that by modeling those behaviors for them.

Supervision before School

Outside supervision for students by staff begins at 8:15 a.m. daily. Our students are asked to drop off book bags at their entrance door when they arrive in the morning and enjoy a few minutes of fresh air and play before the bell at 8:35 a.m. **We would ask parents to refrain from sending their children who walk to school prior to this time, as well as, parents who drive their children to school as there is no supervision outside until 8:15 am.** Thank you for your help with this. We want to keep your children safe.

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.

Supplementary Fees

This is a reminder that all supplementary fees are due and payable during the month of September.

Our school division has arranged to accept VISA and Master Card as a means of payment. You are also able to pay online. If you wish to use either of these methods, please ask the office staff for

the form required to take advantage of this method. All cheques must be made payable to Parkland School Division.

Bus Turn Around and Drop Off Circle

There is no parking or stopping in the bus turn around circle from 8:00 am - 4 pm daily. Please park in the visitor parking spaces provided in the staff parking lot. Please use the student drop off area in the staff parking lot when you are dropping off students for school. Please do not park in the drop off zone as it is for drop off only. **Please do not park in the handicap parking stalls.** Those need to be kept available for those families with handicap parking permits.

