

Sept. 8, Donuts for Dad, 8 am

Sept. 10, Cookie Dough Kickoff

Sept. 26, Individual Picture Day

Brookland Elementary

September 2018



Paw Prints Newsletter

SEPTEMBER DATES

Sept. 4 - 29, Fall Istation Testing Window, K-2

Sept. 3- Labor Day, No School

Sept. 4- One Book, One School Kickoff

Sept. 4- PTO Meeting, Elem. Computer lab,
6:00 pm

Sept. 6- 2nd AR Family Night, 6-7:00 pm

Sept. 7- Bearbuck Store. Please contact Mrs.
Davis if you are interested in volunteering.

Sept. 8- WATCHDogs Donuts for Dad, 8:00
am, Elem Cafeteria; Peewee Cheer Clinic
Kickoff, 9:00 am, HS Cafeteria

Sept. 10- Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Kickoff, 1:45 pm

Sept. 13- Five weeks reports

Sept. 21- Pioneer Games (PBIS in class -
Black or Yellow for the entire week.)

Sept. 26- School Individual Picture Day

Sept. 28- Aug./Sept. Birthday Celebration
(Mrs. Davis), Food Day, Homecoming



Elementary News

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Brookland Public Schools will adhere to the following calendar for the 2018-19 school year:

Aug. 13- First Day of School

Sept. 3- Labor Day (no school)

Oct. 16- End of 1st Quarter

Oct. 17- Begin 2nd Quarter

Oct. 25- Parent Teacher Conferences (2-8 pm)

Oct. 26- No School

Nov. 19- 23, Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 21- End 2nd Quarter

Dec. 24- Jan. 4, Christmas Break

Jan. 7- School Resumes, Begin 3rd Quarter

Jan. 21- No School (Snow Day #1)

Feb. 14- Parent Teacher Conferences (2-8 pm)

Feb. 15- No School (Snow Day #2)

Feb. 18- No School (Snow Day #3)

March 15- End 3rd Quarter

March 18- 22, Spring Break

March 25- Begin 4th Quarter

April 19- No School (Snow Day #4)

May 23- Last Day of School -End 4th Quarter

May 24- Flex Day- Snow Day #5 if needed

May 28- Flex Day

OFFICE INFORMATION



The school day begins at 7:50 am with students being tardy after 7:55 am.

Students are counted ½ day absent after 8:15 am.

Classes will be dismissed at 3:00 pm.

Five tardies will equal one unexcused absence.

If a student is to go home any way other than his usual way, a note or phone call from the parent or legal guardian must be received by the teacher or office before 2:30 or the STUDENT WILL BE SENT HOME HIS/HER NORMAL WAY.

Changes to a student's pickup list must be made in person and by the student's PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN only.



CAR LINE SAFETY

After Paw Passes have entered the drop-off area, the car line will begin at 7:20 AM and 3:00 PM. Alternate allowing four (4) cars on each side to move into the car line. Be courteous and respectful. Please display your school-generated car tag throughout the car line. Due to safety concerns, students must exit from the passenger side of the car. Students will also be loaded from the RIGHT side of the vehicle during PM car line. Stay in line throughout the carline. No cell phones should be in use as you are in the car line. Tickets will be issued for cell phone usage. Do not pass on the left side for any reason. Our children's safety is top priority. Should you disregard our safety procedures, you will not be permitted in the car line. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!

More information and procedures can be found in the Parent-Student Handbook located at <http://www.brooklandbearcats.org/elementary.php>



Watch D.O.G.S. – Donuts for Dads

Brookland Elementary is proud to continue the WATCH DOGS (Dads of Great Students) program. It is an innovative program being used by many schools across America which helps students to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures. WATCH Dogs can be fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and father-figures over the age of eighteen. The kickoff, Donuts for Dads, will be held Sept. 8 at 8:00 am in the elementary cafeteria. If you are interested in being a WATCH Dog, please fill out the online registration form at <http://brooklandbearcats.org/elementary.php>. You may contact Mrs. Davis, elementary counselor, at tdavis@bpsbearcats.com for further information. Learn more about the program at <http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs/>.



Look for a weekly newsletter from your child's teacher for important information.



Students will also have special classes. Your child will visit each teacher once a week:

Ms. Belk, PE
Mrs. Brooks,

Technology

Ms. Hembrey, CAT

Mrs. Lantz, Library

Mrs. Martin, Art

Mrs. Newman, Music

Many of the special class teachers have a website or Facebook page. Check them out at [http://brooklandbearcats.org/elementary-faculty-and-staff.php!](http://brooklandbearcats.org/elementary-faculty-and-staff.php)

Kindergarten News — Look for information to come home in the daily folder.

PROCEDURES

Since starting school, Kindergarten has been busy learning school rules, practicing procedures, and making new friends. Students have learned expected behaviors in different areas of the school, including the cafeteria, dismissal areas (bus and car line), playground, and

bathrooms. Please stress to your child how important it is to listen and follow directions so everyone can be safe and learn. The year is starting off nicely!

INDEPENDENCE

Kindergarten is a wonderful time to learn independence. Ask your child did you remember **YOUR** backpack,

folder, notes, lunchbox, etc. You can also help your child learn his/her lunch number and traveling line number or "magic" line up number. Your positive influence makes a big difference!



First Grade News — Remind your child: It is okay to not know. It is not okay to not try.

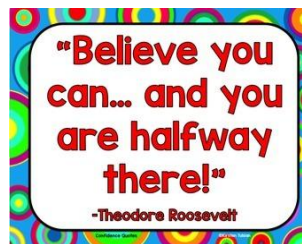
DAILY CLASSWORK AND HOMEWORK

Please check your child's backpack for any papers sent home. The best review you can do is going over these papers with your child to reinforce the day's lessons. Newsletters will help you review and explain upcoming events or announcements.

"CAN DO ATTITUDE"

The transition from kindergarten to first grade can be difficult for some students. Expectations are different, and independence is important. Help your child gain a "Can Do Attitude." Stress to your child how proud you are of his/her effort, positive attitude,

and focus while working. Remind them that you believe in them and they should always try their best. Also, explain how to deal with mistakes, as an opportunity to learn instead of focusing on the decision that caused it. Your encouraging words mean so much!



PBIS ROTATIONS

Students went through rotations and reviewed expected behaviors in different areas of the school. Remind your child he/ she can earn Bearbucks in any location. Currently, we are focusing on following directions, listening, trying our best, and making good choices. The first Bearbuck store will be Sept. 7th.



Second Grade News —AR Family Night is Sept. 6th in the Elementary Library.

CLASSROOM INFORMATION

Any day your child has not completed their class work, they will have additional homework. Please discuss using work time wisely with your child. Watch for a weekly newsletter from your child's teacher. It will give you important information about skills and strategies on which 2nd graders are working.

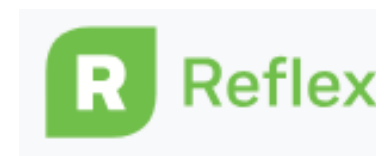
ACCELERATED READER

Students are working on learning logins and procedures for

Accelerated Reader. Students read books in their reading range and take tests through the school AR portal. AR tests may only be taken at school. However, students can spend their at-home reading minutes reading and reviewing an AR book. AR Family Night is Sept. 6th from 6:00-7:00 pm in the Elementary Library. Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Lantz will host this session. Come learn about goals, points, and earned field trips!

REFLEX MATH

Students are very excited about Reflex math. Your child can practice at home with their school login. Get updates and more info at <https://www.reflexmath.com/parents>.



Students may get breakfast beginning at 7:20 am. If your child chooses to eat breakfast, please remind him/her to close milk and juice cartons to prevent spilling and to clean up trash. Enjoy!

News from our Principals – Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Jaynes

Welcome Back! Brookland Elementary School has had a busy start to the 2018-19 year. We appreciate your patience, help, and understanding as we get this year rolling. I look forward to working with you and your children as we grow and learn together. We are entering our second year of Istation implementation. Istation is a developmentally appropriate assessment for K-2 in literacy and mathematics. These assessments will help us make data driven instructional decisions for your child. Students are not expected to know all of the test items; however, these assessments will help inform our teachers of students who require remediation, intervention, and/or enrichment. Another major focus this year is improving our attendance rate. Our attendance score impacts our overall School Report Card. We need all of our students in attendance, on time,

and remaining to the end of the day every day. We do understand when a student is sick and cannot attend; however, family vacations should be scheduled outside the school calendar. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, feel free to contact me by phone (932-9382) or email (smccall@bpsbearcats.com). My door is open to you. Our children are our future. Let's work as a team to help our children reach their potential

Sincerely,
Sandy McCall

Roundup", and we had so much fun encouraging our students to attend school every day. Attendance will be a big focus this year, and we will be rewarding students who have outstanding attendance monthly. In the past, I have worked closely with parents, and I know how valuable parental involvement is to the success of a school. I look forward to working with you all on future events and projects. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 932-2080 or by email at jjaynes@bpsbearcats.com.



Hello, my name is Jennifer Jaynes, and I am the assistant principal at Brookland Elementary. This is my sixth year at Brookland Elementary. Here at BES we have had an awesome first few weeks of school. We kicked off the year with our "Attendance

Contact Information

To contact, please call 932-9382 and the appropriate extension. You may also find contact information on the school website, brooklandbearcats.org.

FACULTY/ STAFF CONTACTS

Maddie Belk, PE

Allie Brooks, Elem. Technology

Susan Brittingham, Nurse, Ext. 155

Tressa Davis, Counselor, Ext. 118

Dana Ford, Counselor, Ext. 167

Vanessa Hafer, Lunch Clerk, Ext. 139

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Cari Gilley, Title 1 Literacy/Math

Carrie Hembrey, CAT (Creative and Talented), Odyssey of the Mind Director

Stacy Herring, Secretary, Ext. 116

Angela Martin, Art

Jennifer Jaynes, Asst. Principal

Connie Lackey, Nurse, Ext. 145

Shannon Lantz, Media Specialist, Ext. 131

Morgan Lawson, Special Ed – Resource

Angie Liggett, Special Ed – Resource

Sandy McCall, Principal

Shellie McMorries, Special Ed - Resource

Susan Newman, Music

Lisa Oxford—Speech, Ext. 166

Superintendent's Office, 932-2080

Angie Shipman, Speech, Ext. 144

Sherry Rackley, Secretary, Ext. 143

Janna Brewer - Cat Club Director,
jbrewer@bpsbearcats.com

Paw Prints Registration Form

The Paw Prints Monthly Newsletter will be offered in a DIGITAL format through email. If you are interested in receiving a **printed copy** please complete the form below in PRINT and return to Mrs. Brooks, Elem. Technology.

Have a stupendous day!

Child's Name(s): _____ Grade(s): _____

Child's Teacher(s): _____

Parent's Name: _____



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Brookland Elementary PTO



The Facebook name for BES is "Brookland Elementary School" and the name for PTO is "Brookland Elementary PTO." Like us and learn more great information about our school and upcoming events!



Attendance Makes A Difference!



Brookland Public Schools is offering an online service, EZSchoolPay, to help you manage your child's school meal account. By utilizing www.EZSchoolPay.com you can send payments directly to your child's meal accounts and receive alerts of low balances. The mobile app is available for iPhone, iPad, and Android devices. Getting started is easy! Visit www.EZSchoolPay.com and the website will guide you to create an account and link your student(s) before entering a credit/payment. Your EZSchoolPay student ID# is their 4 digit school lunch number. If you do not know your child's lunch number, please contact Mrs. Vanessa Hafer at vhafer@bpsbearcats.com. To find out the lunch menu, please go to <http://www.brooklandbearcats.org>, click the Elementary page, and scroll to the Lunch menu. It will be posted as soon as it is available. The lunch price will be \$2.25 for grades PreK-6. Reduced-price lunches are 40 cents. Price of breakfast is \$1.00 for students. Reduced price breakfast is 30 cents. An adult breakfast costs \$2.15 and adult lunches are \$3.65. All prices are subject to change with inflation.



One Call Now is a free service that allows you to receive school-sponsored updates, reminders, and emergency alerts. Go to <http://www.brooklandbearcats.org/elementary.php> and click on ONE CALL NOW. Create an account with the appropriate information and you will stay informed through text alerts throughout the year. Please Note: Previously created accounts are expected to transition into One Call after Labor Day.



BROOKLAND ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES



- Students will earn monthly backpack tags for Outstanding Attendance.
- Classrooms with the best attendance rate in each grade will earn extra recess time!
- A traveling trophy will be presented at the end of each quarter to the grade level with the highest percentage of attendance.

Students with 4 or less absences each semester will celebrate with a sweet treat with the Principals!

