



## Bearcat Beat Newsletter

### PARENT CENTER

Brookland Schools is committed to working with parents in order to provide the highest quality educational experience possible for all students. One of the best resources to help with this goal is our parent center. It offers many pamphlets to assist you and your student on a variety of issues. The parent center also offers a guide to helpful parent resource books located in the library. Computers are also available in the parent center for parents to use. The parent resource link on the Brookland home page offers many fun and interesting ways you can participate in your child's education. The Junior High and Senior High Parent Centers are both located in the lobbies of the counselor's offices of their respective buildings. For questions about the Parent Centers or how you can become a volunteer, please contact Mrs. Julia Reynolds, Jr. High Parent Center Director ([jreynolds@bpsbearcats.com](mailto:jreynolds@bpsbearcats.com)) or Dr. Melany Bowman, Sr. High Parent Center Director ([mbowman@bpsbearcats.com](mailto:mbowman@bpsbearcats.com)).

### Parent Center Survey

<https://goo.gl/forms/PTvknL5QnubSaSi52>

### News



Boys High School Soccer tryouts will be 3:30-5pm on November 26-29. This is for any boy 9-12 interested in playing soccer. You need a physical, cleats, shin guards, and workout clothes for the tryouts. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Parsons at [bparsons@bpsbearcats.com](mailto:bparsons@bpsbearcats.com)

Personalized Pawprint Decals are now on sale! There is also a new Alumni Decal. Order forms are in the office.

The High School Cheer team is selling raffle tickets for a brand new Playstation 4, just in time for Christmas. Tickets are 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5 or 5 for \$10. Please see any High School Cheerleader or Ms. Moore to purchase your tickets. The drawing will be held on Thursday, December 13 and half-time of the boy's game versus Valley View.



## No school November 19-23

# In the Spotlight

## Ways to help your student with reading at home

- Help your child with decoding. Decoding is translating a printed word into its sounds. Focus on learning the meanings of prefixes and suffixes. For example, when a teen comes across a word like polyhedron, if he/she learns the meaning of the prefix poly, he/she can apply that knowledge to make sense of the meanings of specialized words with that prefix, like polychromatic. Teens with decoding difficulties need lots of practice and increased teaching time to develop reading skills.
- Struggling teens often spend so much time and energy on decoding that they miss the meaning of a word. This may cause them to become frustrated and anxious. Parents can help demonstrate fluent reading by reading aloud to their teen regularly, and encouraging their teen to read aloud to them.
- Often middle and high school students who have difficulty reading don't want to read, and because they don't read, their exposure to new words is limited. Therefore, it's important to find something that your teen is interested in reading, so he/she will want to read more. Reading more helps students to become better readers. As teens encounter words that are unfamiliar, helping them make connections between new words and words they already know will increase their vocabulary. This includes associating new words with synonyms, antonyms, and alternate meanings of words. Playing word games such as Scrabble and Words With Friends is a great way to increase vocabulary, also.
- Asking questions during reading helps to better understand main ideas and important details. While reading, teens should stop every now and then to ask themselves, "What's going on here?" Asking them to stop and explain what they've read or write a short summary after reading may help, also.
- Helping your teen to select a book that is interesting and at their reading level is also a good way to encourage him/her to read. If a teen selects a book that he/she isn't able to read independently, text-to-speech software and audio-books can be good alternatives.

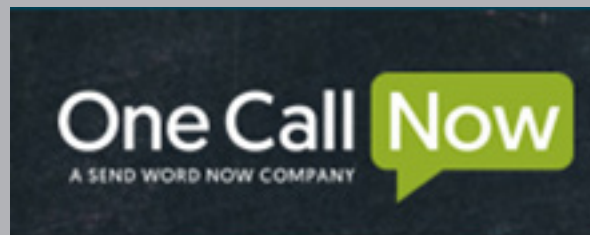
<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/r.i.s.e.-arkansas/ways-to-help/PRC-help-at-home>



Follow the new High school Instagram for announcements, reminders, and posts about student life!  
**@brooklandhighschool**



Brookland Public Schools is offering an online service, EZSchoolPay, to help you manage your child's school meal account. By utilizing [www.EZSchoolPay.com](http://www.EZSchoolPay.com) you can send payments directly to your child's meal accounts and receive alerts of low balances as well. The mobile app is available for iPhone, iPad, and Android devices. Getting started is easy! Visit [www.EZSchoolPay.com](http://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.com Student ID# is their 4 digit school lunch number.



One Call Now is a free service that allows you to receive school-sponsored updates, reminders, and emergency alerts. Go to <http://brooklandbearcats.org/notificationservices.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.



## Brookland Schools Vision Statement

To empower all students with the knowledge and skills through rigorous curriculum and to actively meet the challenges of a growing community through diverse educational opportunities.



Junior High

Senior High

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August 13	School Begins	March 15	End 3rd Quarter
September 3	Labor Day (No School)	March 18-22	Spring Break
October 16	End 1st Quarter	March 25	Begin 4th Quarter
October 17	Begin 2nd Quarter	April 19	No School (Snow Day #4)
October 25	Parent Teacher Conferences (2:00-8:00)	May 23	Last Day of School (End 4th Quarter)
October 26	No School	May 24	Flex Day (Snow Day #5 if needed)
Nov 19-23	Thanksgiving Break	May 28	Flex Day
December 21	End 2nd Quarter	Any additional snow days over 5 will be made up at the end of the school year.	
Dec 24-Jan 4	Christmas Break		
January 7	Return to School; Begin 3rd Quarter		
January 21	No School (Snow Day #1)		
February 14	Parent Teacher Conferences (2:00-8:00)		
February 15	No School (Snow Day #2)		
February 18	No School (Snow Day #3)		



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