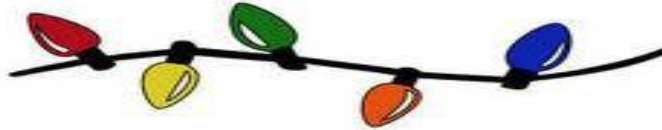


# **H L Brockett Elementary Board Communications November – December 2012**



## *November 5 – 50<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration*

*Students and staff dressed up in clothing from the 1950's to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> day of school.*

## *November 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to UNT Elm Fork Education Center*

*Students dug for artifacts, watched the night sky in the planetarium, searched for invertebrates in the water area, went on a scavenger hunt for information about different animals, and played challenging brain games.*

## *November 12 – Joe Corbi's Fundraiser Cookie Party*

*Students who sold at least 5 items during our fundraiser were invited to a special party. At the party, student names were drawn for special prizes and higher sellers participated in "Jump for George" and the "Cash Cube".*

## *November 15 & 16 – Dog Tag Mania*

*Student received their "Dog Tags" for their achievements during the 2<sup>nd</sup> six-week grading period.*

## *December 6 – Picture Re-takes by Monte B Photography*

## *December 8 – Santa Breakfast*

*Student Council helped welcome in the holiday season with festive music, twinkling lights, laughter, all-you-care-to-eat pancakes, and a visit from the Jolly ole Elf himself— Santa Claus!*

## *December 10 – PTO Teacher Luncheon*

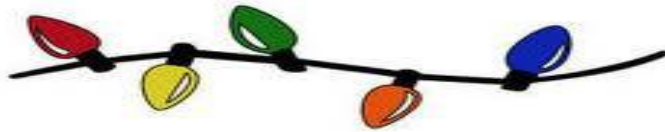
*They served delicious baked potatoes. Thank you PTO!*

### *December 17 – The Magic of Christmas*

*The night will begin with a concert featuring the Brockett All Star Choir, S.W.A.T. team and Black Belt Recorder ensemble. We will then open our halls to "The Magic of Christmas".*

### *December 18 – Choir Field Trip*

*Our students will be going on a caroling field trip to Countryview Nursing Home in Pilot Point and Stonebriar Mall in Frisco.*



### *In the Classrooms:*



### *Kindergarten*

*For the month of November: In language arts students learned the sight words "my, me, and, no" and letters G, W, X, and V. Reading groups began with book readers sent home daily, and writing independently. In math, we learned how to graph along with recognize numbers up to 20. Social studies during this time of year can be so much fun. Our kindergarteners learned about holiday celebrations, Pilgrims and Native Americans, and Thanksgiving traditions. Lastly, in science, we learned about Rocks and the three different groups along with earth's soil.*

*Once we were back from Thanksgiving break we jumped right back into instruction. In language arts we will continue to learn the sight words "said, was, had, play, for, they" and the letters J, Q, Y, Z. Reading groups will begin with book readers sent home daily, and writing independently will become a huge part of each day! In math, we will begin addition and subtraction with sums no greater than 10. December again is so much fun for our sweet kindergarteners. We will begin talking about the different ways people celebrate Christmas around the world and the festivities that go along with this winter holiday. Science will go hand in hand with Christmas as we discuss and learn what it means to be winter!*



### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

*In reading/language arts, students will continue listening and reading comprehension, making words with short and long vowels, decoding strategies, guided reading, literacy workstations, and responding to literature in Reading Response Journals. We are also introducing reading passages to increase decoding skills and fluency. In writing, we will continue Morning Message, A Sentence a Day, and Writer's Workshop. Students will begin learning how to write a make-believe story and developing characters and settings. In math, we will be working on addition, subtraction, and number patterns such as even/odd and skip counting.*

*In science, we will be exploring rocks, soil, and recycling. In social studies, we will be learning about neighborhoods/communities, authority figures (national, state, and local), and holiday customs.*



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

*Second Grade is growing and learning with major leaps! In Math, we are studying double digit subtraction without regrouping. We are learning about the first Thanksgiving and Christmas around the World in Social Studies. We are studying about recycling in Science. In Reading, we are continuing to work on fluency and comprehension and focusing on reading strategies. In Language Arts, we are working with past, present and future tense verbs.*



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

*A lot of great things are already happening at Brockett Elementary this fall school year of 2012! Third graders are wild about learning!*

*In the third six weeks of math, we are beginning our unit on multiplication, continuing to learn about the value of money and word problems; while reviewing rounding whole numbers to the nearest tens, hundreds, and thousands. Students are continuing to use vocabulary in math to determine what operation to use in a word problem.*

*In ELAR (English, language arts, and reading), third graders are studying literary form, elements of literary nonfiction, poetry, and drama. This Genre study connects reading and writing to allow students to become better writers and strategic readers, so they can approach*

*text meaningfully and purposefully, while optimizing understanding and communication. After the poetry unit, students will be reading and analyzing expository text.*

*The second six weeks in science bundles student expectations relating to force, motion and energy. Through simple investigations with pushes and pulls, students will see that all changes in motion are dependent upon forces. Students will use toy cars and everyday objects to explore these ideas.*

*In social studies, third graders are learning about the election process and the job of the president. We are also studying changes in the community and meeting needs in a community. We will continue to strive for excellence in character and education!*



#### *4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*Sequencing and cause and effect will be the focus in our fourth grade reading classes. Students will enjoy reading books that embrace these skills. We will also talk about organizing skills and why sequencing is so important to our daily lives. We will write letters of persuasion to Santa as we plead our case for new toys. Persuasion is a very important form of writing that we will explore over the next few weeks. We are happy to report that students have done well learning their multiplication facts and we will move onto bigger and better things in math! DIVISION!! Our earth is constantly changing. These changes will be studied by our students in hands on activities and engaging conversations. We will take a look at weathering, erosion, and the importance of soil. The Texas colonies endured many conflicts. What were the conflicts? Why were there conflicts? How did they resolve conflicts? Stay tuned for answers. We are looking forward to a season of holidays and reflecting upon our lives for the many blessings that we enjoy.*



#### *5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*As the planet spins, the fifth grade scientists are energetically drilling and studying Earth Science.*

*In language arts, we will be working on compare and contrast, genre, theme, cause and effect of historical events, and point of view, idioms. We will continue to work on Greek and Latin roots, analogies, synonyms and antonyms, and dictionary skills. We will be talking about traditions, and begin tying it into a family traditions paper that will be written in language arts.*