

# **H L Brockett Elementary School Board Communications October 2014**



## **Parent Involvement at the School:**

### **October 2 – BES Campus Site-Base Meeting**

Brockett held their first Campus Site Base meeting. We reviewed the profile of Brockett along with the mission and motto. The District goals were discussed and the team reviewed and revised Brockett's campus plan. Refreshments were served. We would also like to welcome our 2014 2015 Community, Business and Parent Members: Cassandra Berry (Restoration Church), Matt Ball (Parent), Kim Huschke (DATCU), Robbie Reid (Community), Heather Shearer (Cashion Custom Homes), Jana Temple (Parent), and Liz Lahmann (Parent).

### **October 7 & 21 – Brockett PTO Meeting**

Brockett's PTO is very active and supportive of Aubrey ISD. Our newly elected board has worked tirelessly to give to our students and teachers. Recognition for their dedication is an honor.

#### **Our PTO Board Members for 2014 2015 are:**

Michelle Kampschroeder	President
Jamie Martino	Vice President
Liz Lahmann	Secretary
Heather Shearer	Treasurer

### **October 10 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip**

This year students visited the Sci-Tech Discovery Center in Frisco. They learned about variety of science topics like: weather events, germs, solids/liquids/gases. They also participated in a hurricane simulator and learned all about C.S.I...

### **October 10 – PTO Grandparent's Spaghetti Dinner**

Thank you to our wonderful PTO for hosting this annual event. This year the meal was catered by Nick's in Pilot Point. Thank you also to our GT students for assembling the slide show for the event. We hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

October 24 – PTO Teacher Luncheon

Thank you in advance PTO for our second luncheon of the year!

October 27 – 31 – Parent Conference Week

Parents will attend short conferences with their child's teacher to discuss how their child is progressing this year.

October 27 – 31 – Book Fair Week

The Library will be hosting their first book fair of the year.

October 28 – Big Kahuna Fundraiser Deliver

Thank you to everyone for making this year's fundraiser a huge success! Students sold over \$30,000 in product! Students who sold at least 15 items will be participating in a "Limo Lunch Ride" on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

October 30 – Character Parade

Students and staff will be dressing up as characters from their favorite books and parading around the school. Please join us for this fun event.



Other Events:

October 8 – Fire Safety Presentation

Thank you to the Aubrey Fire Department for visiting with students about fire safety. Students were also able to see the fire engine and ambulance up close. Brockett continues to place safety as a priority conducting fire and safety drills each month.

October 27 – 31 – Red Ribbon Week

Students will be participating in various activities this week to promote our theme: "Drug Free is the Way to Be".

- Monday – "Wear Red" to kick off "Red Ribbon Week"
- Tuesday – I "Mustache" you not to do drugs! We are providing mustaches.
- Wednesday – Follow your dreams. Wear school appropriate pajamas.
- Thursday – Character Parade at Brockett
- Friday – Hair's to a drug free future. Wear a crazy hat or hair.



In the Classrooms:



Kindergarten

It's hard to believe that Halloween is upon us and that parent teacher conferences are about to begin. During this fun and festive time of year, kindergarten will be learning about pumpkins, bats, sources of light (shape, color, and texture) size/mass, and heating and cooling in science. In social studies, we will learn about families and diversity, neighborhoods and fire safety this month. Along with that, we are teaching the students about Halloween safety and customs. In language arts, we will continue to learn and manipulate the letters in the alphabet and add two new sight words a week. We are rhyming, deleting sounds, writing our morning messages, learning about compound words, nouns, and parts of a book. In math, we have mastered recognizing and writing our numbers 1-10; we will be discussing positional words and begin adding soon. We are moving right along.



1<sup>st</sup> Grade

In reading/language arts, students will be learning main ideas and details of stories. We will continue guided reading groups and literacy workstations. The phonics rules will include short vowels and blends. Writer's workshop will be focusing on student selected topics that include a beginning, middle, and ending. In math, students will be learning how to make numbers on a ten-frame and addition and subtraction facts to 12. We will also continue assessing students on their basic beginning math facts. In science, we will be learning to describe matter and the three states of matter. In social studies, we will be learning about family and community traditions.





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

Second grade is busy learning our addition facts in math. With addition fact homework and time in class, we expect our students to learn facts by building facts each week. We are also learning about place value to the 1,000s.

In writing, we have successfully learned how to write a good paragraph and are busy writing narratives. In science, we are studying types of matter. In social studies, we just finished our Texas unit but will now be talking about Johnny Appleseed and making homemade applesauce to enjoy. In spelling, we are working on short and long vowels. In language arts, we are discussing verb tenses.



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

Third grade at Brockett is excited about learning!

In math, we continue to work on addition with three digit numbers and subtracting with three digit numbers across zero. Third graders are learning how to understand a word problem before they try to solve it by using strategies such as strip diagrams. Third graders at Brockett will also be learning how to do one and two step problems using pictures, number lines, and equations. We will continue doing a lot of hands on activities as we move on to multiplication. Students are also using their math journal for vocabulary.

In ELAR (English, language arts, and reading), third graders are excited about reading Expository Text! Students will be learning about biographies and autobiographies and point of view. We are continuing to teach and practice good reader strategies and have introduced context clues. Third graders at Brockett are learning the writing process. They have just finished their first fantasy writing piece and are now ready to start a personal narrative. Students are learning and reviewing their grammar skills and then applying these skills in their writing. We continue modeling passion while reading and encourage each child to fall in love with reading.

In science, we have been busy learning about states of matter and engaging the kids in experiments! We will be moving on to temperature and weather. Students continue to use their science journal for science vocabulary.

In social studies, third graders have enjoyed learning about the formation of America and the important documents that were written to insure freedom. In the next few weeks third graders at Brockett will be learning map skills and geography. We will continue to strive for excellence in character and education!



4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Fourth graders are working hard learning about adding and subtracting with decimals. They are also continuing to reinforce basic skills by playing fun math games on computers, iPads, and math games in math centers. Drama will be our next genre that we will be exploring. Plans to participate in Readers Theatre and read some fun plays are being made! Who were the first people of Texas? Students will explore various Native American groups in Texas by region and tribe. Students are working on a home project that will show us what a temple or home shelter would have looked like for different tribes. Natural resources of our earth such as soil, rocks, minerals and other resources will be the focus of our science instruction. We will continue to be daily writers in all subjects and continue to revise and edit as we begin a new narrative paper.



5<sup>th</sup> Grade

In math, fifth graders will be studying/learning how to interpret and use strip diagrams as another method for solving word problems. They will also continue to develop an understanding of algebraic expressions and how to solve them. We will spend a week building a foundation of financial literacy including: learning about the differences between net income and gross income, different ways to pay, making and using records, and balancing a budget. We will finish the month with an introduction to adding and subtracting fractions with both like and unlike denominators.

In addition to our studies, we will be participating in our annual Character Parade with the book Meanwhile.

In ELAR, we are working on story elements, summary, and character analyses, and vocabulary. We are talking about fiction and nonfiction and the difference in the two. We will read the play

“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.” The play will be used to promote fluency, vocabulary and story elements. We will review our reading skills using pumpkin stories and also start work on a personal narrative.

Fifth Grade scientists have been doing activities exploring properties of matter. Mixtures and solutions are on deck as we move towards the unit on energy and force.

Colonization of the Americas is the topic for fifth grade social studies. This interesting and valuable study will be lengthy.