

H. L. Brockett Elementary

Board Communications

May 2014



Parent & Community Involvement at the School:

Every Friday - Popcorn Friday!

Thank you to our parent volunteers who help each week with *Popcorn Friday*. This month 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade will enjoy their treat.

May 1 - Kindergarten Round-up

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our *Kindergarten Round-up* information night. We look forward to having your child at Brockett next year. So far, we already have 59 completed packets and 22 packets still out.

May 2 - Field Day: Kindergarten, 1st grade, & 2nd grade

Students participated in a variety of field events. Thank you to all of the parents who came out to help and to cheer on our students, to our PTO for providing ice pops to all of our students, and to our Student Council members for helping our coaches.

May 5 - PTO Teacher Luncheon

Our PTO parents provided our teachers and staff with a delicious *Cinco de Mayo* meal of fajitas.

May 8 - S.W.A.T. & Black Belt Ensemble Concert

The S.W.A.T. & Black Belt Ensemble performed their last concert of the year. Thank you to Mrs. Cummings for all of your hard work preparing them for the event.

May 9 - Field Day: 3rd grade, 4th grade, & 5th grade

Students from both Brockett and Monaco participated in a variety of field events at Aubrey High School. Thank you to all of the parents who came out to help and to cheer on our students, to our PTO for providing ice pops to all of our students, and to our Student Council members for helping our coaches.

May 9 - 2nd grade AR to UNT Planetarium

The 23 students in 2nd grade, who reached their Accelerated Reading goal for this semester, were invited to go on a special field trip to UNT's Sky Theater. Great job!

May 14 - Campus Site-base Meeting

Members of our site-base committee met to discuss and review our campus plan for the school. Thank you to the parents, community members, and teachers who have served on the committee this year.

May 15 - ESL Family Night

Ms. Molinar and the ESL teachers will be providing dinner to our ESL families and showing them the new technology they are using in our classrooms.

May 16 - Genre Gem Field Trip

23 students reached their Genre Gem goal of reading two books from the genre of the month, and then picked one book to blog about. They also had to complete five blogs throughout the year. Mrs. Hazen and Mrs. Delafield took them on a field trip to the Fort Worth Zoo.

May 27 - STAAR Bucks Day

Students in all grades will get to enjoy a day of fun to celebrate the end of the school year. During the second semester, students earned *STAAR Bucks* to use for snacks, games, and a movie.

May 28 - Career Day

Mrs. Milacek has worked with parents and community members and lined up some wonderful volunteers to teach our students about their careers this year. She will also have a special guest, National Geographic Explorer and Geothermal Scientist, Andres Ruzos, presenting to all grade levels.

May 29, May 30 & June 2 - End-of-Year Awards

Family and friends are invited to come and celebrate the end of year accomplishments of our students.

June 2 - Last day of the 2013 - 2014 school year!



Other Events at Brockett:

May 1 - 5th Grade Aubrey Middle School Visit

5th grade students went over to tour the middle school, meet some of the staff, and listen to the 6th grade band.

May 7 - AISD & Mrs. Sanders Pizza Day

Thank you Mrs. Sanders and AISD for treating our teachers and staff to a pizza lunch in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.

May 12 - 1st grade AR store and games

The 74 students in 1st grade, who reached their Accelerated Reading goal for this semester, were invited to join in on an afternoon of fun and games in the library. Way to go!

May 21 - Principal Award Lunch

Mrs. Lott will be treating all of the final 9-week Principal Award winners to lunch at Pizza Hut.

May 22 - AHS Performance

Students from the AHS theater classes are coming to Brockett to perform the play, Holka Polka, for our students. Maybe we will find out who placed the prince in a deep sleep.

May 23 - Study Island Royalty Party

Congratulations to all of the students who earned all of their Study Island blue ribbons this year! They will be treated to a special afternoon of fun with Mr. Cox and Mrs. Fikes.



In the Classroom:



Kindergarten

It's such an amazing sight to see our sweet kindergarteners come so far in just a matter of 174 days. With these last days of kindergarten, we will finish up the greater part of our end of year assessments. With TPRI done, we now are assessing DRA, our district spelling words, and our writing assessment, along with math assessments too. We have molded and squeezed just about all we can out of these sweet kindergarteners and now it's their time to shine. As a whole, we touched on Cinco de Mayo, made Mother's Day gifts, and learned about weight, measurement, and addition. We will finish life cycles, our insects unit, and continue to work on word families. In the final weeks of school we will prepare for kindergarten graduation and prepare our little ones for what's to come in first grade next year. It's a great feeling to have another successful year under our belts! Summer, here we come!



1st Grade

In reading/language arts, students will be reviewing all our reading strategies and phonics rules we have learned this year. We will also be learning about vocabulary, retelling, and inferring meaning in books. In writing, we will be writing expository pieces about animals in various habitats. We will continue guided reading groups, literacy workstations, and responding to literature. In math, we will be reviewing addition, subtraction, time and money, ordering numbers, and graphing. In science,

we will be learning about the parts of a butterfly, and then will begin our research project on different kinds of animals. In social studies, we will be learning about inventors, Mother's Day, and special summer customs and traditions such as vacations, camping, and patriotic holidays.



2nd Grade

Second grade is gearing up for testing in May. In math, we are studying measurement and review in all concepts for our SRA. In reading, we are continuing daily 5 and guided reading. In social studies, we will discuss Cinco de Mayo and Memorial Day. In writing, we are focusing on personal narratives and doing a practice test per week. In science, we are continuing discussing nature and spending time outdoors observing nature, including keeping our outdoor classroom clean.



3rd Grade

In math this month, third grade is starting a unit on measuring capacity. Third graders are also continuing to learn and memorize their multiplication facts, so they will be ready for fourth grade! In reading and language arts, students are enjoying a novel study: *Charlotte's Web*. Students are engaging in activities with *Charlotte's Web*. These activities are giving them an opportunity to apply what they have learned this year about realistic fiction. In two weeks the kids will watch the animated version and movie version of *Charlotte's Web* so they can make connections, comparing and contrasting two different versions of the same fiction story. Third graders are becoming very proficient in writing. In the last two months, they have written a persuasion and friendly letter. Presently, they are working on their own realistic fiction about life on a farm. In science, third graders are learning about the life cycle of animals and plants and the function of the environment and ecosystem in which certain animals live. Third graders are learning

about important events in our history in social studies. We continue to encourage, teach, and inspire each day!



What adventures fourth grade has had this year! We are pleased to announce that our students are excited about being fifth graders! Persuasive writing will be our last compositions of the year. We are also looking forward to some imaginative writings as well. We will be working on filling in math gaps to assist fifth grade with the changing TEKS next year. Students are excited to be studying inherited and learned traits. We will also be learning about habitats and adaptations. We will be integrating science and reading by incorporating a novel into this study. We would like to thank the school board for all their support this year.



The 5th graders have completed all of the STAAR tests. We have 11 students retesting for math and 7 retesting for reading. Two of those students enrolled from out of state a week before the STAAR test, and two students were absent for the initial tests.

We are learning about "Media Impact" and will look at different information and purpose, point of view, and compare the messages. We still review skills taught throughout the year.