

Brockett Elementary School Board Communications November 2015



November 4 – UIL Intra-District Meet

Students from Monaco and Brockett competed in various UIL events to see who will represent AISD at the UIL meet in Argyle on December 4.

November 5 & 6 – Captain’s Cruise Celebration

Thank you to all of the parents and other family members who attended our first awards events on the new school year. Students received “spirit sticks” for a variety of accomplishments and events at Brockett.

November 10 – Author Visit

Author and illustrator, “Wood” Kuon, will visit BES. Mr. Kuon has published over 80 books and has been featured on ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX.

November 11 - Veteran’s Day Assembly, led by Student Council

Parents, grandparents and relatives of our students who are veterans or currently serve in the armed forces were recognized during Morning Assembly. The students researched each branch of the armed forces and read a short report about each branch. The symbols were displayed as the veterans stood for the playing of their anthems.

November 13 – PTO Bingo Night

Everyone enjoyed the 2nd Annual PTO Bingo Night. Thank you to everyone who worked the event and donated items. We could not do it without you!

November 13 – 2nd Grade Field Trip

Students in 2nd grade visited the Sci-Tech Discovery Center in Frisco again this year. There were lots of hands-on learning activities which engaged the students. Students also experienced a mock wind tunnel and were able to solve a mystery.

November 16 – Principal’s Award Lunch

Mrs. Lott and Mrs. Abrams hosted their first Principal’s Award Lunch of the school year. Students were taken to Pizza Hut in Pilot Point to enjoy a special meal. 54 students were honored for their awards.

November 17 – 3rd Grade Field Trip

Brockett 3rd Graders are excited about going to the Perot museum of Nature and Science for their Field Trip! We will be touring the five floors house with 11 permanent exhibit halls containing state-of-the-art video and 3D computer animation with thrilling, life-like simulations where children can exercise their brains through hands-on activities, interactive kiosks and educational games. The building and outdoor space serves as a living science lesson, offering provocative illustrations of engineering, technology and conservation.

November 19 – Writers Cafe

Students in 4th grade will be reading some of their classroom writing samples to their classmates and parents.

November 20 – Thanksgiving Celebrations

Thank you to the BES Cafeteria staff for offering our students, parents and staff a delicious Thanksgiving meal. Students in Kindergarten and 2nd grade will enjoy Thanksgiving feasts in their classrooms. Students in 1st and 3rd grades will enjoy desserts to celebrate the holiday. Family members are invited to join students in their celebrations.



Student Honors

“Honor Bars” were sent in the mail to honor “Star Students” at Brockett. Sixty-three students were recognized and received a chocolate bar in the mail. These students exhibited a great attitude, a hard work ethic, and were students with good manners who contributed to the character traits for the first three months of school.



Canned Food Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food items this year. Brockett families donated nearly 1500 items last year! These items will help replenish HOPE Food Bank and LovePacs here in Aubrey.



Library News



Brockett Elementary welcomed author and illustrator, Vuthy “Woody” Kuon on November 10. “Woody” Kuon has spoken to and motivated nearly a million students and adults since 1996. He is as author, illustrator and speaker. He has published over 80 books. He has been featured on ABC, NBC, CBS & FOX television. His speeches and workshops are most known for their energy and humor.



For the months of November and December we are learning about the Character Traits of Service and Compassion. We will have a lesson on compassion and acceptance and will make class books about the things we see that are different about ourselves and others as well as ways to show compassion to our fellow students and community members. We will participate in our wonderful Holiday Night with a “Night of Giving” where we will set up workshops in the classrooms and do fun projects to give as a gift to our community, such as pillows for heart patients, lap blankets for nursing home residents, homeless goody bags, and even decorated water bottles for our local police and firefighters. Our students will also help collect food for the Lovepacs program that gives food to the families in our school who are in need of some extra assistance over the long breaks of Thanksgiving and Christmas that are coming up. Brockett is a compassionate school with students and teachers who love to give and serve our community, and we are all about showing it in the months of November and December. We are currently working on completing our National School of Character application which is due December 2, 2015.





Professional Development

Our teachers are enjoying “Teach Me Tuesdays” professional development. Teachers stay after school and enjoy different topics to enhance their teaching.

Topics for November included:

- Working with Site Words and Fry Phrases for K, 1st and 2nd
- How to Develop Reports with the Use of iStation



In the Classrooms:



Kindergarten

For the month of November: a kindergarten’s language arts requirements were to learn the sight words my, on, she, up, it, he, and, no, and see. The remaining letters we need to teach and learn are /g/, /w/, /x/, /u/, /v/, /Y/, and /z/. Comprehension and reading groups will begin with book readers being sent home daily. We will continue writing independently every day in our journals while working on sounding out CVC words, learning what a noun and a verb are; rhyming, deleting beginning sounds, and parts of a story. In math, we will be learning how to graph and recognize numbers up to 20. We have been working on addition and currently starting subtraction skills. The students are grasping these concepts well. The math curriculum is detailed and allows the students ample time to learn and understand the steps needed to complete an addition or subtraction problem. Social studies during this time of year is so much fun. Our kindergarteners will be learning about holiday celebrations, pilgrims and Native Americans, along with Thanksgiving traditions. To complete the unit we will have our annual feast on the last Friday before our break. We are excited to celebrate and review all that we have learned during this festive fall month. Lastly, in science we are beginning to learn about rocks and the three different groups along with earth’s soil, movement, and magnets. We will also dive further into our senses and explore sound and sight. It’s going to be a fast and busy month but we are moving right along and making great progress!



1st Grade

In reading/language arts, we will be learning higher-level comprehension strategies such as visualizing and making connections. We will continue guided reading groups and literacy workstations. The phonics rules will include the digraphs sh, th, ch and wh and silent e will also be introduced. Writer's workshop will be focusing on adding details to student selected topics. In math, we will celebrate the 50th day of school with some fun 1950's activities. The students will also learn how to add and subtract to 20. In science we will be learning about sources of energy such as heat, light, and sound. In social studies, we will be learning about voting and elections and the history of Thanksgiving. We will be having a grade level Thanksgiving Feast to celebrate our learning.



2nd Grade

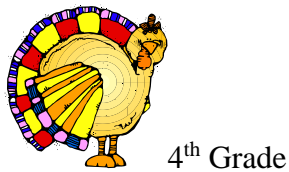
November is a very busy time for second grade. We just finished our door decorating contest, pumpkin contest, as well as Character Parade. In reading, we are learning about multiple meaning words and author's purpose. In math, we have begun subtraction with regrouping and the students are doing well with the new concept. In social studies, students are learning about our first Americans. Science brings many hands-on activities and projects, as we discuss magnets and their uses. Language arts is comprised of writing personal narratives and discussing adverbs with fun songs and rhymes.



3rd Grade

Third grade is excited about November at Brockett! November is a time for learning and discovery. Please come see our "Thankful Turkey" display. Students will be placing feathers throughout the month on a turkey in the hallway. By the end of the month, the turkey will be filled with gratitude feathers. In math this month, third grade is focusing on data and transferring that data to different tables and charts. Students are continuing to put hands on manipulatives in their new math journals. These journals are an ongoing interactive resource that they can use in the classroom in third grade and for years to come. In reading this month, students are learning about and writing poetry! They have just completed their poetry vocabulary folders and have

written a BIO poem. In the weeks to come, students will be writing and reading more poems. Also, in ELAR students are starting cursive handwriting. We continue to teach spelling rules and expect our third graders to apply these rules to their writing. Students will be editing and revising their own narrative and a classmate's narrative this month. In science this month, third graders are having fun learning about different forms of energy. This week they identified items in the school that contained the element of iron by using magnet wands. We are looking forward to the upcoming experiments! In social studies this month, students are learning about school life in the past compared to school life in the present. They are doing different graphic organizers and artwork that portray the differences and similarities of past and present. We will also be studying holidays and are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving together with desserts on the Friday before break!



November is full of hustle and bustle as we count our blessings and remember our veterans and their sacrifices. We have been using our Chrome Books to do research on different Native American groups in Texas and animals and adaptations. The students are also practicing their basic multiplication facts and increasing their speed by logging into the Chrome Books and doing Math Magic. Their goal is to have a faster speed than their teachers! We will be working on expository compositions in writing. Students will write about their special place. Students will be passing out invitations to guests to invite them to our writer's café. Students will dress in their Sunday best and present their writing to parents and guests. Division will be conquered in math. Students will continue to solve standard division as well as learn problem solving strategies that they can apply to division. Soils and our earth's resources will be examined in science. Lots of hands-on activities and labs will be conducted! What happened once the explorers came to Texas? Students will find out this month! Students will be reading different dramas and understanding all the different parts of drama and how they all work together. We are proud of our students who give back to our community. They are looking forward to helping with the Canned Food Drive and Love Pacs.



The Gifted and Talented students are researching and creating different units to present. The 3rd graders are working on creating projects pertaining to a board game they each have chosen and have researched. The 4th graders are digging up the ancient Greeks past. Each student has chosen a topic to research and create a presentation. Four different groups are working on different renewable energy sources. The sources they are researching are Biomass, Solar, Wind, and Hydro power. The nomination period has closed and now the screening process begins for GT acceptance. Sixty-nine students will go through the GT screening process in the next few weeks. These students include 2nd - 8th grade.



Mrs. Lott would like to share a special FaceBook posting with you about our receptionist, Mrs. Pat Moon and our office staff:

Rachel Hessel Perry

October 29 at 10:17am · Edited ·

Another amazing person I am blessed with? BES's Pat Moon... *heart emoticon* I think each school should be lucky enough to have someone just like her. I mean, really, how many people take the time to know you well enough to contact you and double check on things with your kiddo because they know what you normally do and hadn't heard from you yet? Love her!!

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Nishia Anderson Newton, Vanessa Lynch, Sarah Hunter Daniels and 17 others like this.

Comments



Rachel Hessel Perry And truly, that whole front office is great. Love them all, especially Rebecca's hugs when we come visit! smile emoticon

Like · Reply · 3 · October 29 at 10:19am



Kasey Little We completely love Mrs. Pat Moon! She genuinely cares about the families at that school! The office staff there is second to none smile emoticon

Unlike · Reply · 2 · October 29 at 10:20am



Rachel Hessel Perry Yes! Love them all. They are so good to our babies!

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Merisha Calhoun Rich Agreed!!!

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Cory Osterman Love Mrs. Moon!! Wonderful lady!! She remembers every parent by their 1st name! Which is amazing when there are 400+ students in that school.

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Rachel Hessel Perry And how many more that have come through that she still remembers? She really takes such good care of us all.

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Pepper Rivers She is such an awesome lady we love love her and everyone in that office great group of ladies in there

Unlike · Reply · 1 · October 29 at 11:17am



Phillip-Jenny Worthy Smith Couldn't agree more!! Love Mrs.Pat

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Haven Murray-Smith She is pretty amazing!!

Unlike · Reply · 1 · October 29 at 11:35am



Michele Jeffrey McSpedden She is amazing knows all the kids and parents by name! When I call she always knows me that's pretty awesome because I don't really call a lot! She always ask about my baby and even my husband if she hasn't seen him in awhile! Love her....well I just love Brockett

Unlike · Reply · 2 · October 29 at 11:59am



Leia Calhoun-Briley Couldn't agree more

Unlike · Reply · 1 · October 29 at 12:34pm



Jeff Perry She is awesome!

Unlike · Reply · 1 · October 29 at 1:12pm



Sarah Hunter Daniels Love her! Love your positive posts!

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Rachel Hessel Perry Thank you! smile emoticon