

William Brooks Newsletter December 2023



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We hope you all had a wonderful fall break. As you know, this is an exciting time of year as anticipation mounts for the upcoming holiday season and winter break. At school, we do our best to keep the structures and routines in place even during these next few weeks between fall and winter break. This helps to keep the days predictable and therefore, the students are better able to continue their learning. Keeping homework and bedtime routines in place will also help with the daily transitions between home and school. As always we appreciate your support.

Over the next couple of weeks our students will be taking some District assessments. All students will be taking the iReady math assessment, which will provide teachers with valuable data about student areas of strength and areas for growth in math. Our 2nd through 5th grade students will also be taking our Fastbridge assessment for reading. We use these scores to monitor student progress and to help identify students that may be in need of intervention.

Mark your Calendars

December 1-11:	Online Spirit Wear Store Open
December 6:	Santa Run at 4:45
December 12-15:	Holiday Secret Store
December 15:	Brooks Farmer's Market
December 21:	Winter Break Begins
January 8:	School Resumes
January 15:	No School-MLK Jr. Day

News from the PTA

Santa Run

Please join us for the annual Santa Run! On December 6th at 5:25 PM, Santa, his elves, and the EDH Fire Department are stopping at Brooks for a short visit. They will be collecting new & unwrapped toys, non-perishable food, and letters to Santa. ****Starting at 4:45**** the PTA will be offering hot chocolate and apple cider while we wait for their arrival. Please sign up [HERE](#) to bring some cookies to share (store-bought or homemade)! More details about this event can be found [HERE](#).

Holiday Secret Store

The Holiday Secret Store will be open Dec 12- 15 during the school day. This is a special opportunity for your child to buy small gifts for their family members and/or friends for the holidays. **We still need a lot of volunteers to help the students select, purchase, and wrap gifts.** Please sign up to help! More information and the volunteer signup link can be found on the [PTA website](#).

Online spirit wear store

Looking for a great gift for your Brooks Bears or their adults? Our online spirit wear store is now open for you to purchase new spirit wear! Check out all of our cool gear [HERE](#). Hurry- the store closes Monday, December 11. If you want the items to be a surprise, you can pick them up in the front office starting Dec 14. Otherwise they will be delivered to your student's classroom.

DON'T LOSE TRACK OF WHAT'S HAPPENING



Independent Study Contracts

If you know your child will miss three or more days in a row, you may come to the office to request an Independent Study Contract. Contracts must be requested no later than one week from the scheduled absence to allow teachers time to prepare and collect the necessary work.

Independent Study Contracts cannot exceed 14 days within one school year. If approved, the work will be sent home with your child on their last date of attendance prior to the contract start date. All work must be completed and turned in on the first day back to school, in order for your child to receive credit for the work. If you have any questions, please contact the front office.



PBIS Update

We are excited to announce that William Brooks has been awarded the Gold Medal recognition for our continued work with PBIS! We are very proud of this achievement.

As we are returning from break our staff will be devoting time to revisiting our schoolwide expectations of: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe as we return to school from our Thanksgiving and winter breaks. Teachers are sharing all of our PBIS videos and having discussions with their students about our expectations around campus. You can view all of our PBIS videos on our website.

In addition to revisiting our schoolwide expectations we are also focusing on giving out Caught Ya tickets for students that are demonstrating positive behaviors around campus. We are proud of our Bears for doing their best and demonstrating what it means to be respectful, responsible and safe.

SPIRIT WEEK: 12/18-12/21

Join us in showing your school spirit by dressing up for spirit week:

**12/18: Tacky Sweater Day
12/19: Winter Weather Wear
12/20: Pajama Day**

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