# Bulldog Bulletin

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## *From the Principal*

Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to the second semester and Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that we have completed half of this school year. We are very excited about all this semester has to offer.

STAAR testing is our newest challenge this year. It is high on our list of priorities as we move into spring. We will continue to work with the students on their individual needs as we provide the instruction for this more rigorous state test. The eighth graders will begin with STAAR Math on March 26th and STAAR Reading on March 27th. The seventh graders will take STAAR Writing on March 27th and 28th. Although I feel good about much of the progress we have made, there is always room for improvement. Completing all assignments and being at school on a regular basis is a necessity for success. Not only do we want you to be successful on STAAR, we want you to pass your classes. The information that you learn in your classes is critical information that you will use on your tests and in your future.

Our expectations are high and we expect our students to always perform at their very best. Many special

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## *Track Team News*

Brookside Boys & Girls Track begins Feb. 16th at 7 am. Meets are on Wednesday evenings. Come out and join the ***FUN***!!!

***MUST HAVE A PHYSICAL ON FILE TO PARTICIPATE***

We will be hosting meets and need volunteers:
**Boys**: Wed., Feb. 29 @ Clear Springs HS 4:45 pm
**Girls**: Mon., April 16 @ Clear Brook HS 4:45 pm

If you have any questions about track, please contact: Coach Pastusek epastuse@ccisd.net or Coach Rayburn srayburn@ccisd.net.

## *Brookside Band News*

On Thursday, January 26th, we will have our awesome "Sound Bites" concert for all Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band students! Our kids are working on ensembles right now and our concert showcase the talents of our kids in small groups.

On Friday, January 27th, we will have our "Brookside Band Blast!" All band students who passed their classes for the 2nd 9 weeks report card are eligible to attend this event! The cost for the event is $15 in advance or $20 on January 27, and includes the Games2U van with games, laser tag in one gym, "Booger Wars" in the other gym, a movie on the big screen on the stage, and "minute to win it" games. There will be snacks and drinks available for purchase.

Mrs. Troutman and Mrs. Rogers are very excited to announce that we have a student teacher coming to join us for a few months! Her name is Rebekah Riley, and she is a flute player from Stephen F. Austin State University. We can't wait for her to join the Brookside Band Family!

The Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band will perform the UIL Concert and Sight Reading contests in March and April. Both the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band are already busy practicing and refining their music for this contest.

Happy New Year!

***ON SALE!!***

***Brookside Logo Polo's at the School Store***

There are still a few Brookside polo shirts available for sale and have been marked down to $8.00. Sizes are limited to Adult Large and 2XL. This would be a great way for parents, teachers and staff to show their Brookside spirit! Stop by the School Store any morning between 8:30-8:50 and check out what colors are left.

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tutoring classes have already begun for math and science. We have also continued our Homework Haven program. This study and tutoring time is available to all students on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:10 a.m. Teachers have volunteered to take part in this program to assist our students. The PALs program that we have in conjunction with Clear Brook High School is underway. We also have the Communities in Schools program working diligently to provide for the needs of our students. If you need extra help, we are here for you. Please let us know.

There are many activities in which you can take part during the spring semester. Spring sports are getting started. Music, theatre, art, and LDC contests are also coming up. We have already had the spelling bee and geography bee. Sixth grade students will be going on a field trip to the theatre in February. Enjoy these fun parts of school. It keeps you well rounded and helps to make lifelong friends.

As we continue through the second semester, stay focused. Keep yourself healthy as we get through the winter. Be in class and be attentive. We love our Brookside Bulldogs. We are the best!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Daws

***We're On The Web!!!***

Find this newsletter anytime by going to:
http://www2.ccisd.net/OurSchools/BrooksideInt.aspx

***IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!!***

In order to maintain a positive relationship with our local businesses, please refrain from parking in the surrounding business' parking lots when picking up your child from school in the afternoon. We appreciate your compliance!

***Library News***

Mrs. Schmitt – Librarian

December was such a busy month for students in the Library. We celebrated Teen Read Week by hosting a poster contest. The American Library Association's theme for the week and of the contest was "Picture It." Students were asked to create a poster picturing a favorite book, scene from a book or book character. Over 60 entries were submitted and six posters were recognized. First and second place winners received a free 2011-2012 BIS Yearbook. Third through sixth place winners received candy treats and books. Brookside students are not only wonderful readers; they are creative and talented artists!

In the spirit of the Season, the Library offered "Fine Free Holiday Wishes" during December, and all fines on late books were waived. We had lots of overdue books that have been hiding in closets, under beds and in the bottom of lockers find their way home to the Library!

Ms. Powasnick and I are excited to be back at school and start the New Year with our Brookside kids. We love watching and listening to them talk about an author or book they love. Many of them told me about books they were excited to receive during the holidays. The Hunger Games trilogy is very popular.

We wish you and your family a wonderful New Year, and we hope it is a year committed to making reading a priority in your home! If we can ever help with reading suggestions, please give me a call or come by the Library.

***It's not too late to order your 2011-2012 Yearbook!***

Yearbooks are still on sale for $45. Your student can purchase one during their lunch period.

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## ***Brookside Theatre Department Heads to UIL Competition!***

Congratulations to the following Brookside students for making the UIL One-Act Play this year.

These talented actors and crew members will be competing February 2nd at Clear Brook High School in hopes of advancing to the district level on February 4 at CBHS. Go Drama Bulldogs!

John Espiritu, Ian Gause, Nikhil Bendre, Hannah Alsobrook, Amanda Whitley, AJ Garza, Ashley Tran, Priscilla Perez, Sierra Cole, Ashley Reimer, Karen Pugh, Maggie Brief, Courtney Garza, Aliera Saunders, Danielle Falou, Zara De Leon, Alex Hall, Sydney Berenzweig, Destiny Garza, Patricia Sifuentes, Nicole Petty, Kelsey Kerfoot, Kara Kilpatrick and Natali Boyer.

## ***Drama-Dogs Win Big at Drama Festival Competition!***

Brookside drama students competed at Victory Lakes Intermediate in the fall and came home big winners! The following students brought home 64 Superior ratings and 54 Excellent ratings. Students with a (*) by their name brought home 5 Superiors or 4 Superiors and 1 Excellent rating and won 5-Star trophies. Go Drama-Dogs!

Danny King, Brian Battaglia, Jacob Hale, Zara DeLeon, Eliyana Hollinger, Jessica Tipton*, Karen Pugh*, Sierra Cole, Maggie Brief, Aliera Saunders, Kaitlyn Woytek, Natali Boyer, Ashton Villanueva, Hallie Dusseau, Sydney Berenzweig, Alexis Flores, Josh Saenz, Courtney Selders, Omar Abbasi, Sara Arif, Sabrina Lee*, Alexis Copeland, Haley Bolinger, John Espiritu*, Sammy Bischoff, Grace Perales, AJ Garza*, Ashley Tran*, Kristopher Ficklen, Eboni Johnson, and Cathleen Brown.

## ***Veterans Day Art Contest Winners 2011-2012***

| **6th Grade** | **7th Grade** | **8th Grade** |
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| **1st:** Giselle Olivera | Aaniq Momin | Christina Rasmussen |
| **2nd:** Alyssa Waybright | Mason Lanham | Kaylie Waybright |
| **3rd:** Ariana Ramos | Leslie Zelaya | Jordin Hall |
| **Honorable Mention:** Bailey Layne | Noelle Schyler | Diana Gaspar |

## School Store News

Did anyone make a New Year's resolution to be more organized? Do any of you have a student that needs to make this resolution? If so, a Brookside planner would be a good tool to help keep this resolution. Planners have been marked down to $2.50 and are on sale each morning in the School Store from 8:30-8:50 am.

If your school supplies need replenishing, the store probably has what you need. Basic school supplies are always available. Stop by the store in January for the "Bargain of the Week!" Each week there will be a featured item at a drastically "REDUCED" price. Come check it out!!!!

## ***6th Grade Field Trip***

The Brookside 6th graders will be traveling by bus to the Main Street Theater @ Chelsea Market to view the 11:45 performance of the play, *Jackie and Me*, on Thursday, February 9.

•Time: 9 a.m. departure from B.I.S. with a 3:00-3:15 p.m. return back to B.I.S.
•Cost: $10.00 per student due no later than Jan. 26 with required paperwork
•Dress Code: Standard school dress code.
•Lunch: Bring a sack lunch and drink

We look forward to a fun-filled, educational experience for the students! Please contact your child's advisory teacher if you have questions or need copies of required forms to complete for the trip.

## Brookside Intermediate --- Important Dates--- 2012

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| Feb | 10 | Early Release |
| | 10 | Valentine's Dance (6-8:30 pm) |
| | 20 | Teacher Inservice |
| Mar | 5-8 | 9 Weeks Testing<br>Benchmark Testing |
| | 9 | Early Release |
| | 2-16 | Spring Break |
| | 19 | PTA Executive Board Mtg. (11:30 am) |
| | 19 | General PTA Meeting (1 pm) |
| Apr | 6 | School Holiday |
| | 13 | Spring Dance (6-9 pm; 8-9 pm for 8th grade only) |
| | 24-27 | STAAR Testing |
| May | 4 | Early Release |
| | 14 | PTA Executive Board Meeting |
| | 17 | General PTA Meeting (6:30 pm) |
| | 17 | Band Concert (7 pm) |
| | 28 | Memorial Day Holiday (No School) |
| June | 1 | Talent Show<br>No Tardy Party<br>Early Release<br>Last day of school |

## *Communities in Schools*

Communities In Schools (CIS) is a program designed to assist students by surrounding them with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

CIS continues to assist those students and families who need help with clothing, school supplies and food. Our corporate community partner, Home Depot, did a hoodie drive for our Brookside students and collected over 60 new hoodies for students who didn't have one! We will continue to pass these out to the students throughout the winter. Thanks Webster Home Depot! Employees from Home Depot also collected food for our Thanksgiving food drive in November.

The 8th grade College & Career Fair was a success and the students had the opportunity to speak with a wide variety of professionals as well as college and military reps. Our keynote speaker, Scott Sheldon, was wonderful! Scott is a Clear Lake HS graduate, a former professional baseball player and currently the general manager of Big League Dreams baseball fields in League City.

CIS has implemented a wonderful program called 'Caught Red-Handed', where 7th and 8th grade students can be recognized by their teachers for positive behavior. Each week a winner is chosen. He/she will receive a goodie bag, and their picture will be displayed on the 'Caught Red-Handed' poster in the commons. This program is designed to promote positive behavior, good citizenship and build self-esteem.

If you have questions or would like to support CIS at Brookside in any way, you can contact the Program Coordinator, Diana Cobb, or our intern, Julia Poritz, at 281.284.3679.