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Dear Parents and Families of Brookside,

Tis the season to give thanks, spread joy, and embrace love from family and friends. This has definitely been an interesting and challenging year, but we have learned that challenges bring new learning and growth. We are only three weeks away from Christmas break and we are feeling the excitement of the season! There is no place like an elementary school at Christmas time!

## Message From Our PTA

Brookside PTA can't run without volunteers. Do you know someone who would do an amazing job on our PTA board next year? Please nominate them for a position using this form link: <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YYXqIHL2KxvtCDtdAXVdP8IxuRuUPrFzLe2AwJW2oMk/edit">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YYXqIHL2KxvtCDtdAXVdP8IxuRuUPrFzLe2AwJW2oMk/edit</a> When you nominate someone, it doesn't mean they will automatically be on the board. It just gives their name to the nominating committee for consideration. It can be a parent who is an awesome neighbor or you can even nominate yourself! Please take 2 minutes to think of someone and submit their name on the form.

Also, just a reminder, when doing holiday amazon shopping, go through smile.amazon.com find "PTA Utah Congress Brookside Elementary PTA" located in Salt Lake City as the cause you'd like to donate to. Amazon will donate 0.5% of all purchases back to our PTA.

Thank you for supporting Brookside PTA

# **Lost and Found**

If your child has lost a jacket, coat, or any other item, we ask you to look through the items on the Lost and Found table as soon as possible. The Lost and Found table is located in the hallway near the auditorium. All items that remain in the Lost and Found after January 20th will be given to charity. Thank you!

## Temperature, Air Quality & Outside Activities

As the winter months are approaching, we will monitor the weather, temperature, air quality, and surface conditions each day to determine whether or not to have outside or inside activities at recesses and other times. We use the websites, <a href="https://www.purpleair.com">www.purpleair.com</a> and

https://www.weatherbug.com/weather-forecast/now/springville-ut-84663 for information regarding air quality, temperature, and weather conditions. We will work to follow temperature and air quality guidelines that allow students to benefit from outdoor exercise when appropriate and to provide indoor protection when outdoor activities are not recommended for all students. We encourage parents to inform the school if their child is part of the sensitive group or should have limited outdoor activity when outside temperatures are cooler or the air quality is of a poorer quality. Thank you!

# Plck-up Zone Procedures

Thank you for all you are doing to provide for the safety of students in our pick-up zone. Thank you for pulling all the way forward to allow room for more cars and reduce the congestion on 400 South. If you use the north pick-up lane and get out of your car to get your child, please use the crosswalk instead of crossing through the middle pull through lane. We are trying to help students understand the importance of using the crosswalk and your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you!

#### Masks

Each day we give out several masks to students who have forgotten theirs or who don't have one. As you can imagine, our limited supply is running out quickly. Please make sure your student is prepared with a clean mask each day. We appreciate your help.

#### **Birthday Treats**

Because of COVID restrictions this year, students are not allowed to bring in birthday treats unless the treats are commercially purchased and individually wrapped. Also, treats need to be brought in at the beginning of the day so teachers can give them out at the best time during the day. We have had some treats brought in at the very end of the day and it is difficult for teachers to get them out before the bell rings.

# **Calendar of Events for December**

Wednesday, December 9	School Community Council Meeting, 11:50
am	
Monday-Friday, December 14 -18	
Wednesday, December 16	PTA Meeting 10:00
am	
Monday, December 21-January 1	