



## **Brookside Elementary School Newsletter December 2021**

### **A Note from Mrs. Hatton:**

Dear Brookside families,

December is another busy month for all. We close out our first elementary marking period and report cards will be sent home Friday, December 3rd. I'm really proud of our students and staff for their perseverance and dedication to continuing to make Brookside an engaging and positive place of learning each day. Despite the pandemic, our school day is filled with happy and engaged students and rigorous instruction.

Brookside is also busy with many seasonal activities in celebration of our families and community. Our PTA has organized another SV Holiday Light Display and BINGO nights. Our Brookside Family Tree is starting to fill up with many unique and wonderful handcrafted ornaments. We're hoping that everyone will participate in this. This is a wonderful way to celebrate our families and students.

The Vaccine Clinic sponsored by the Department of Health was held here at Brookside on November 19th. Many families and students attended making it a successful event. Those who participated in the first clinic will be returning for their second vaccine on Friday, December 10th. Other clinics will be held at Donnelly Elementary and RTS Middle School on December 16th. See our district website for more information.

Lastly, we are offering parents/guardians in person, virtual or phone conferences. It's not too late for you to sign up for a conference, if you have not yet done so. Simply reach out to your child's teacher to schedule.

I wish you all my very best and a Holiday Season filled with family, friends, good health and time to recharge for the New Year!

Bobbi Jo Hatton



## **Important Dates:**

### **December 2021:**

**Dec 3 - Early Dismissal @ Noon for PreK-5th Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**Dec 7 - PTA meeting**

**Dec 10 - Early Dismissal @ Noon for PreK-5th Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**Dec 15 - Chorus, 5th grade band, 5th grade orchestra trip to SVHS for concert recordings**

**Dec 23-31 No School Winter Recess**



### **Sneak Peek at January 2022**

**Jan 3 - Welcome back to school**

**Jan 17 - No School in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

**Jan 19 - Board of Education Meeting 6:00pm**

## **Health Update:**

**The Broome County Health Department has released a new mechanism for reporting POSITIVE COVID-19 test results from at-home tests. If a positive test result is obtained from an at home test, no further testing is required. Results can be reported [via this link](#).**

**Additionally, other COVID-19 resources including testing and vaccination locations can be found [here](#).**

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## Saber Cubs News

It's all  
about  
**PRE-K**

Hello families! Here is a look into the celebrations we had after Pre-K finished learning all 26 letters and sounds during ABC bootcamp. We had so much fun decorating and sporting our abc letter vests down the runway and celebrating with some yummy cake after our show. Enjoy some pictures from our day.





This month we had the opportunity to attend a virtual field trip to the Hollywood Enterprise Turkey Farm. We learned many fun facts about turkeys; some of which include turkeys are hatched from eggs, they eat 90-100 lbs of food in their lifetime, they eat rocks, they do not have teeth and cannot fly because their bodies are too big to support their weight.

We want to thank everyone for their participation in PARPI. We had so many readers turn in their reading logs and received incentives for all of their hard work. We could not have done it without you!

We had an awesome time learning about fire safety, seeing a real firefighter in their uniform and getting to see the inside of a fire truck. We are starting to learn about plants and talking about what it means to be thankful.

In math we are learning about length and weight and comparing things that are longer than and shorter than and what weighs more and less. We are continuing to learn our letter sounds and blending them to make words to help us become readers.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Thank you to the Town of Binghamton firefighters for coming to Brookside. The children got to climb on a firetruck and learned all about fire safety. First graders also collected lots of canned vegetables for Thanksgiving. Thank you for all of your support.





## The third graders at Brookside got a visit from Ag In The Classroom to learn how maple syrup is made.

Broome County's Agriculture In The Classroom helps students understand the importance of agriculture in our community. This program, brought to us by BT BOCES and Cornell Cooperative Extension, allows students to explore many different agriculture concepts. The teachers from AITC came to show our third grade students how maple syrup is made. Then they were treated to samples of maple syrup and maple cream. We were thrilled to be able to use our new outdoor pavilion, out behind Brookside, to host this fun and educational AITC program.



**AIS math article** In Primary AIS, we have done a lot of work with making tens, in both place value and currently addition. In third grade we are multiplying, but many of the same tools can be used for some “At-Home” fun. All you need is a pack of playing cards to have fun and practice Math! As the weather gets colder and everyone is inside, you can play these easy games and have some screen-free time.

## Math Games to Try



Directions: Tens Go Fish

[http://lynch.lapeerschools.org/staff\\_directory/curry/math\\_games/tens\\_go\\_fish](http://lynch.lapeerschools.org/staff_directory/curry/math_games/tens_go_fish)



Directions: "Greater Than/Less Than" War or Multiplication War

<https://www.multiplication.com/our-blog/jen-wieber/multiplication-war-card-game-0>



News from the art room:

**First Grade Fall Leaf**



## Pre-Kindergarten torn Owelettes!



## 5th Grade Carousel Horses



### Music Class from Mrs. Dyson 🎵

The Brookside Music Department is asking for your help. If you have any black tops, black pants/leggings or black shoes that don't fit your child anymore and can fit a 4th or 5th grade child, please send them in to Mrs. Dyson. **Our Chorus, 5th grade band and 5th grade orchestra students will be wearing concert black for their performance on Dec.15th.** Your donation will help students who are unable to purchase their concert clothing or forget to wear it on our concert day. Thank you so much for your help! 🎵

Mrs. Kelly Dyson (Chorus Director)  
Mr. Rob Johnson (Band Director)  
Mrs. Eileen Miller (Orchestra Director)



**DON'T FORGET:**

**BROOKSIDE CHORUS. 5TH GRADE BAND. 5TH GRADE ORCHESTRA-**

**YOUR WINTER CONCERT WILL BE FILMED AND RECORDED ON  
DEC. 15TH FROM 9:45am-1:45pm at the SVHS.**

**WEAR YOUR CONCERT BLACK THAT DAY!!!! (Snow Date Is Dec. 16th)**

**Remember to pack a lunch to bring that day if you aren't picking one up from our  
Brookside Cafeteria.**



***PTA NEWS***

Please see flyers attached



# PTA News

## SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAY

December 17-31, 2021 | 5-10 PM

It's that time of year and we are ready to show our SV Sabers Holiday spirit. We will once again be creating a map of the homes of families that would like to participate in sharing their outdoor holiday decorations. Just leave your holiday lights on from 5-10 pm on Dec 17th-31st so that everyone has a chance to see your decorated home!

If you are interested in participating, please send an e-mail by December 8th to [svbrooksidepta@gmail.com](mailto:svbrooksidepta@gmail.com) - Please include your name, address, and which elementary school your child attends. We will map the locations and send them home with the students to give your family a fun activity to do together! \*Only addresses will be shared\*



## BINGO NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Friday Nights starting December 3rd



Our Zoom BINGO nights are starting up again on December 3rd! Contact us at [svbrooksidepta@gmail.com](mailto:svbrooksidepta@gmail.com) if you don't have a BINGO board at home and would like us to provide one. You can use any BINGO board!

\*No BINGO December 24th or December 31st\*

**Zoom Info: Meeting ID: 811 5504 6863 Passcode: 864475**

## HOLIDAY GIFT CARD SALE

The PTA is selling gift cards to fund activities and programs including end-of-the-year field trips! To order, return the completed SCRIP form and a check made out to **Brookside PTA**. Please visit [GLscrip.com](http://GLscrip.com) for a complete list of retailers.

You can also order Gift Cards, eGiftcards, and reload previously registered cards at [GLscrip.com](http://GLscrip.com) or using the RaiseRight phone app by creating an account and entering our enrollment code:

**5589DB7A829L**

## HOMECOMING PARADE

Brookside PTA participated in Susquehanna Valley's Homecoming Parade on October 23rd. The theme this year was decades. Brookside PTA members designed a 1940's schoolroom on their float. Thank you to all families that helped to plan, create, and participate this year!



## WEIS4SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our school is partnering with Weis Markets in the Weis 4 School Program. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school simply by shopping as we all do every day. When you shop at Weis, scan the barcode below to register your Weis Club Card.

Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again. Please share this barcode with your friends and relatives so they can earn points for our school too.

BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY



[www.weismarkets.com](http://www.weismarkets.com)

*Our school's code*

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## TRUNK OR TREAT

Thank you to the 5th grade families for hosting our Trunk or Treat this year! Here are just some of the creative scenes!



## BROOKSIDE'S SPIRIT WEAR STORE

Brookside Elementary now has its own custom spirit wear store that is open all school year!

Check out these fun designs and start customizing your Brookside Spirit Wear here:

<http://www.brooksidesspiritwear.com>

## REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST

Our Reflections Contest is well on its way and all entries are submitted! We are excited to introduce our judges, Connie Barnes, Mason Mastroianni, Leslie Guy, and Haley Bianco.

- **Connie Barnes** is the Gallery & Retail Manager at Broome County Arts Council's Artisan Gallery and a founding Board Member of VINES (Volunteers Improving Neighborhood Environments). She resides locally.
- **Mason Mastroianni** is an American comic artist, illustrator, animator, and cartoonist. He is the grandson of Johnny Hart, who created the comic strips B.C. and The Wizard Of Id. Mason took over artist's duties on the strips after Johnny Hart's death in 2007. Together with his brother, Mick, he created an original strip, The Dogs of C Kennel, in 2009. Mason lives in Mississippi with his fiancée and her two children.
- **Leslie Guy** is a senior partner at the Binghamton Law Firm of Hinman, Howard & Kattell, LLP. She is a litigation partner, specializing in medical malpractice defense; personal injury, for both plaintiffs and defendants; employment litigation; and other complex litigation matters. She serves on the Board of Directors for Family & Children's Counseling Services and is Treasurer of the Board of the Savoca Hibbitt Resident Artists Foundation, Inc. She and her husband David live in Binghamton and are the parents of four children, all of whom are proud graduates of Binghamton High School.
- **Haley Bianco** has been a professional TV personality for nearly a decade. She joined the FOX 40 News team as managing editor and anchor/producer in October 2021. Haley has been recognized by the Keystone Media Awards, Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters, Intercollegiate Broadcasting System, and the Associated Collegiate Press. In 2020 and 2021, the Times Leader named her "Best TV Personality" in the people's choice awards. She is excited to be back in upstate New York!

Our judges are currently reviewing the Contest Entries and we will be announcing the winners soon. The winning entries will then be submitted into the Regional Reflections Contest where their creators will be competing to move on to the NYS Contest. Good luck to our contestants!

## BOTTLE & CAN DONATIONS

Brookside PTA is now registered with Vestal Beverage and Redemption Center in their managed bottle and can drive program. You can drop your bags of cans and bottles off at their facility at 169 Rt 26 in Vestal and tell them you are donating them to Brookside PTA. Donors can get a receipt for tax deductions at the time of donation. Each month they will send us a check for the money accrued.

## PTA/COMMITTEE SIGN-UPS

Join the Brookside PTA by December 8th & be entered into our prize drawing! Your child's classroom will also get credit towards the end of the year pizza party contest! Membership only costs \$5.00 and your student can join too! You can sign up for the PTA & event committees on our website: <https://brooksidepta.memberhub.com>

**Brookside Scrip Certificate Order Form**

*Brookside PTA is raising funds by selling gift cards.  
To order, return this completed form and a check made out to "Brookside PTA" by December 9th. LATE ORDERS NOT ACCEPTED.  
Please visit [Giscrip.com](http://Giscrip.com) for a complete list of retailers*

Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	2%		\$	Diney \$25.00	3%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	8%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	3%		\$	Talbots \$25.00	13%		\$
AMC Theatres Single Ticket \$12.00	10%		\$	Express \$25.00	10%		\$	Texas Roadhouse \$25.00	8%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8%		\$	Exxon \$50.00	1%		\$	TGI Fridays \$25.00	9%		\$
Applebee's \$50.00	8%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	8%		\$	The Home Depot® \$100.00	4%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14%		\$	The Home Depot® \$25.00	4%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	8%		\$	IHOP \$25.00	8%		\$	Wagreens \$25.00	5%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14%		\$	J. Crew \$25.00	13%		\$	Walmart \$100.00	2.5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$10.00	8%		\$	JCPenney \$25.00	5%		\$	Walmart \$25.00	2.5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$25.00	8%		\$	Kohl's \$25.00	4%		\$	Wels Markets \$25.00	5%		\$
Barnes & Noble \$5.00	8%		\$	L.L.Bean \$25.00	16%		\$	Wendy's \$10.00	6.5%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	12%		\$	Lands' End \$25.00	15%		\$				
Bath & Body Works \$25.00	12%		\$	Little Caesars Pizza \$20.00	8%		\$				
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7%		\$	Loews Cineplex \$25.00	8%		\$				
Best Buy \$25.00	4%		\$	Lowe's \$100.00	4%		\$				
Best Western International \$25.00	12%		\$	Lowe's \$25.00	4%		\$				
Blaze Pizza \$25.00	10%		\$	Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8%		\$				
Boscov's \$25.00	8%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4%		\$				
Boston Market \$10.00	12%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1%		\$				
Build-A-Bear Workshop® \$25.00	8%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14%		\$				
Burger King \$10.00	4%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	8%		\$				
Cabela's \$25.00	10%		\$	Omaha Steaks \$25.00	11%		\$				
Children's Place \$25.00	12%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	10%		\$				
Chill's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	8%		\$				
Chipotle Mexican Grill \$25.00	10%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8%		\$				
Chuck E. Cheese's \$10.00	8%		\$	Pizza Hut \$10.00	8%		\$				
Claire's \$10.00	9%		\$	Regal \$25.00	8%		\$				
Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	11%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.5%		\$				
Cracker Barrel \$10.00	8%		\$	Shell \$50.00	1.5%		\$				
Crate and Barrel \$25.00	8%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5%		\$				
CVS Pharmacy \$25.00	6%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	4.5%		\$				
Denny's \$10.00	7%		\$	Starbucks \$25.00	4.5%		\$				
				Subway Restaurants \$10.00	4.5%		\$				

Make Checks Payable To: **Brookside PTA**

Total Due All Columns: \$



# Menus for December 2021

Susquehanna Valley Elementary Schools

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It's the Season!

<p><b>Monday, December 6</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b> Mini Cinnis Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Fresh NY Apple NY Milk</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 7</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Bread Slices Assorted Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> NY Hot Dog on a Bun NY Potato Chips Veggie Cruncher Cup w/Hummus &amp; Dip Chilled Pears 100% Fruit Juice NY Milk</p>
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**Wednesday, December 8**

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Pizza  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Lunch**  
Fruit/Yogurt Parfait  
Mozz. String Cheese  
Scooby Grahams  
w/Hummus  
Veggie Cruncher Cup  
w/Dip  
Chilled Peaches  
NY Milk

**Wednesday, December 8**

**Breakfast**  
Bagel Breakfast Pizza  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Lunch**  
French Toast Sticks  
Sausage Patty  
Potato Puffis  
Fresh Orange  
NY Milk

**Available Daily**

**Weekly Salads:**  
12/1-12/3: Chef Salad  
12/6-12/10: Popcorn Chicken Salad  
12/13-12/17: Turkey Bacon Ranch Salad

**Weekly Sandwiches:**  
M/W/F: Turkey/Cheese  
T/Th: Ham/Cheese

**Milk Choices:**  
Unflavored—1% & Fat Free  
Chocolate— Fat Free

*All salads served w/Garlic Croutons  
All options served w/some fruit and vegetable of the day*

**Thursday, December 9**

**Breakfast**  
Fruited  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Lunch**  
NY Thursday!  
Southwest Chicken  
Chili!  
NY Green Beans  
Fresh NY Apple  
Corn Bread Poppers  
NY Grape/Apple Juice  
NY Milk

**Thursday, December 9**

**Breakfast**  
Ultimate Breakfast  
Round  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice/Milk

**Lunch**  
NY Thursday!  
Pasta w/NY Meat  
Sauce  
Garlic Breadstick  
Garden Salad  
w/Chickpeas  
NY Apple  
NY Grape/Apple Juice  
NY Milk

**Friday, December 10**

**Breakfast**  
Saber Muffin  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Lunch**  
Early Dismissal  
Lunch Choices:  
Unrustable PBJ or  
Yogurt Meal both  
w/Mozz. String  
Cheese  
100% Fruit Juice  
Fresh Fruit  
NY Milk

**Friday, December 10**

**Breakfast**  
Saber Muffin  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Lunch**  
Early Dismissal  
Lunch Choices:  
Unrustable PBJ or  
Yogurt Meal both  
w/Mozz. String  
Cheese  
100% Fruit Juice  
Fresh Fruit  
NY Milk

**December's Menu Features**

**Butternut Squash**

*It is a type of winter squash*

*The name squash comes from the Narragansett Indian term "ashutasquash" meaning raw or uncooked.*

*Rich in vitamins A, C, and E*

*NYS grows nearly 60 million pounds of squash each year*



**Monday, December**

**Breakfast**  
Mini Pancakes  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Lunch**  
Cheeseburger on a  
Bun w/ Lettuce &  
Tomato  
Savory Sweet Potato  
Fries  
Green Beans  
Fresh NY Apple  
NY Milk

**Tuesday, December**

**Breakfast**  
Cinnamon Bun  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Lunch**  
Fruit/Yogurt Parfait  
Mozz. String Cheese  
Scooby Grahams  
w/Hummus  
Veggie Cruncher Cup  
w/Dip  
Chilled Peaches  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Wednesday, December**

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Pizza  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Lunch**  
Chicken Patty on a  
Bun  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Steamed Broccoli  
Fresh Banana  
NY Milk

**Thursday, December**

**Breakfast**  
Snack n Waffles  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice/Milk

**Lunch**  
Turkey/Gravy  
Wheat Dinner Roll  
Mashed Potatoes  
Corn  
Cranberry Sauce  
Chilled Peaches  
NY Grape/Apple Juice  
NY Milk  
Fruit Crisp

**Friday, December 17**

**Breakfast**  
Saber Muffin  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Lunch**  
Wild Mike's Cheese  
Pizza  
Garden Salad  
w/Chickpeas  
Assorted Chilled &  
Fresh Fruit  
NY Milk

**NUTRITION 1000**  
Kids need more calcium than anybody else -- 1300 mg a day. But they typically get far less than that. Indeed, girls 14-18 average only about HALF the calcium they need. A few good sources of calcium are milk, calcium-fortified orange juice, and lowfat yogurt, each of which contain about 300 mg of calcium per cup.

**A QUICK BITE FOR PARENTS**

**Monday, December**  
**Breakfast**  
Fruidel  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk  
**Lunch**  
Chicken Nuggets  
w/Dipping Sauce  
Wheat Dinner Roll  
Mashed Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots  
Fresh NY Apple  
100% Fruit Juicer  
NY Milk

**Tuesday, December**  
**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Bread Slices  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk  
**Lunch**  
Meatball Sub  
Oven Baked Crinkle  
Cut Fries  
Veggie Cruncher Cup  
w/Hummus & Dip  
Chilled Pears  
100% Fruit Juice  
NY Milk

**Wednesday, December**  
**Breakfast**  
Bagel Breakfast Pizza  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Nardone's Pizza  
Assorted Vegetables  
Assorted Chilled &  
Fresh Fruit  
NY Milk



**We'll see you again in 2022!**

Winter Holiday Begins at the end of classes  
Thursday, December 23  
Monday, January 3

**EAT WITH YOUR HANDS.**

Just how big is "serving"? It's hard to tell. And that means we sometimes eat WAY more than we think we do. So look at it this way: a cup is about the size of a fist, an ounce of cheese is as big as a thumb, and a 3 oz. serving of meat, fish, or chicken fills up your palm.



EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.  
**WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!**

Average annual snowfall for selected U.S. cities

**HOW MUCH SNOW?**

Chicago  
Denver  
Syracuse

Dallas  
Seattle  
Wash., DC