



## **Brookside Elementary School Newsletter October 2021**

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

I am thrilled to welcome you all back to the 2021-2022 school year! There are so many things to be celebrating and looking forward to this year!

We kicked off the new year with a new tradition by holding a Brookside Cubs Opening Assembly and Parade. Students in Prek-Grade 5, along with staff gathered outside for a parade procession and welcome back message. Our character education committee planned the event, tying in our monthly character trait themes. We welcomed a special guest this year, Cubby, our Brookside mascot, who led our parade along the front of the building. It was a wonderful surprise to students and staff and made our celebration extra special.

I would like to extend a personal welcome to our new students, families and staff members and student teachers who are new to Brookside this year. We are happy you are here and know that you will find Brookside a wonderful place to be. It is a pleasure to see our Brookside family grow!

You'll notice the addition of large shade pavilions and picnic tables at each of our playground areas. These structures can be used for outdoor eating, classroom gathering and shaded play areas during recess. We are still in the final stages of construction and students and staff will be able to enjoy them soon. They are not only practical, but also look Saber sharp!

If you have not yet done so, please consider joining our PTA. Our PTA is a wonderful partner for our many programs and learning initiatives throughout the year. We rely on your membership and contributions as volunteers. We have several committees you may be interested in joining or activities to volunteer for. Please reach out to our PTA via email at: [svbrooksidepta@gmail.com](mailto:svbrooksidepta@gmail.com).

Have a wonderful year!  
Your Partner in Learning,  
Bobbi Jo



## Important Dates:

October 5 - School Pictures

October 7 - **Early Dismissal** - Brookside dismisses at 3:05

October 8 & 11 - No School for students

October 21 -AIS Parents Information Night 6:00pm

October 23 - Homecoming parade @ Noon, Football game 2:30pm

October 29 - Trunk or Treat and Book Fair 6:00pm

## Sneak Peek of November:


Nov 4 - Picture retakes

Nov 9 - Math and Movement 6:00pm

Nov 11 - No School, Veterans Day

Nov 18 - Pasta Fest 5:30-7:30

Nov 24-26 - No School, Thanksgiving break

<b>LOOK</b>  at the pictures	Get your <b>MOUTH</b>  ready to make the first sound	<b>SLIDE</b> through the whole word 
<b>Spell</b> the word out loud 	 <b>Reread</b> Does it <b>LOOK</b> right? Does it <b>SOUND</b> right? Does it <b>MAKE SENSE</b> ? If not... <b>STOP</b> , go back, and read it again!	Skip hard words and then go back.  Read... <del>Skip</del> Go back and read.
Try a different <b>VOWEL</b> sound. 	Think of a <b>RHYMING</b> word you do know.  "If I know c-a-t spells cat, then h-a-t must spell hat."	 <b>"Chunk it"</b> Look for smaller words hiding inside.

Delores Hudson 2007

Reading Interventionists remind you to always use the following strategies.

Remember to read, read, read!

Mrs. Cortes, Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Raymond

We hope you'll join us for the Homecoming Parade to represent Brookside on October 23! If you plan to attend please reach out to Pta. [svbrooksidepta@gmail.com](mailto:svbrooksidepta@gmail.com)



## SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY HOMECOMING PARADE!



SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### ATTENTION SABER FANS!

Show your Saber Spirit and participate  
in the 2021 Homecoming Parade!

**Saturday October 23, 2021**

Starting at Schnurbusch Park & ending at SV High School

- Line-up begins at 11:15 a.m.
- Parade starts at 12:00 p.m.

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



**Pre - K has to go to school and we love it! We are off to a great start to school here in Mrs. Wolf's Pre- K class. This month we talked a lot about school and friends. We read a story called The Pigeon Has To Go To School! After reading we discussed our emotions and how we felt on our first day of school. The Pigeon was upset at first about school, but then came to be excited! Especially about riding the bus! Of course we had to make school busses for our first foodie fun Friday!**



**In Kindergarten we have been extremely busy learning new routines and being responsible. We have been working hard on building new friendships and getting to know each other. We have experienced first hand the life cycle of a butterfly. In ELA we are learning our Left from our Right and realizing that is the direction we read and write. In Math we are focusing on counting groups of 5 and properly writing numbers from 0 to 5. Your support in reinforcing these concepts are greatly appreciated!**



**First grade is off to a great start! We continue to learn the daily routine and the students are doing a great job. Don't forget to bring the Ipad to school charged and ready each day. Go Sabers!**

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**SPECTACULAR  
SECOND GRADE**

Second grade has been working really hard to get used to Google Classroom. We have been making new friends and learning new procedures. The kids are doing a great job keeping their iPads charged and bringing them to school daily. Second grade promises to be a year full of lots of new learning! Read at home with your kids daily, and practice addition and subtraction facts to 20. The students are becoming independent and we are very excited about all the learning that will take place this year! Mrs. Bieber Mrs. Gaffney Miss Chapman

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**3rd GRADE**

The 3rd Grade students at Brookside have been learning about making connections to stories and the characters in the stories. In the new book, Einstein-The Fantastic Journey of a Mouse Through Space and Time, by Torben Kuhlmann, the main character (a little mouse) is trying to get to a Cheese Fair to sample some different types of cheese. We thought it would be fun for the students to sample those very same cheeses, such as Cheddar, Swiss, Brie and a few others. The little mouse ends up being a day late and tries to travel back in time to get to the Cheese Fair. Our 3rd graders were able to enjoy our own little Cheese Fair without having to leave our back playground area.

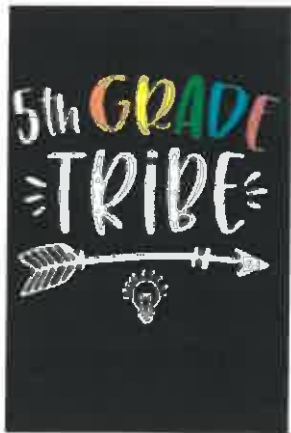
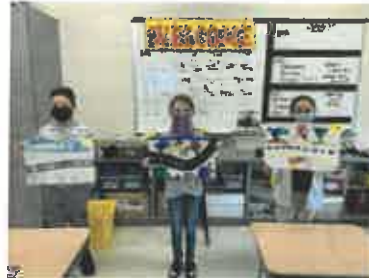




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## Fourth GRADE

The Fourth grade classes at Brookside Elementary spent the last few weeks learning about Notice and Note SignPosts (by Kylene Beers & Robert E. Probst). Notice and Note Signposts help readers to understand the meaning of the text that they are reading. Fourth graders are able to identify all six of the fiction signposts: Contrasts and Contradictions, Aha Moments, Tough Questions, Words of Wisdom, Again and Again and Memory moment. At the end of the week they made their own "Road Map for Reading!!"



Fifth grade is off to a good start! We are enjoying getting to know all of your children, and establishing classroom routines with them. Assignments for each subject area can be found in Google Classroom. Each homeroom also has a separate Google Classroom, in which you can find the reading log and other valuable information pertaining to just your child's homeroom. We encourage you to read and complete the reading log daily. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

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## News from the art room:

We are all off to a fantastic start in art class! Please make sure that your child has an old t-shirt with their name clearly labelled on it for wearing as a smock during art class to protect their clothes this year! These will stay in student classroom desks, and be worn to and from art class on those days. Keep your eyes peeled as the year progresses because I put excellent student work in the newsletter!

We are still awaiting guidance regarding the use of clay this year in art. We are also still awaiting guidance as to if we can still hold the district wide art show in the Spring. Please know that I will do my best to communicate with families as soon as I know more! For this reason, you may not see much of your student's art during the year. I save their work, continually reevaluating what their strongest pieces are. My goal is for each child to have at least two pieces in the art show, should we be able to do it. All work will go home at the end of the year, regardless. ;)

Thank you for your continued support! Don't forget to ask your child what they did in art class this week during dinner time!

Ms. Sumner





The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus is off to a great start! I am so happy to sing together again. Hopefully, your child has brought home the chorus information letter. Chorus rehearsals will be on every Day 1 from 9:15-9:55am.

Our first concert will be the Winter Concert on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Chorus members will need to wear for this performance: Solid black tops, nice black pants and black shoes. Students will wear this attire for all concert events. More information will be coming out as we continue throughout the year. Thanks for your help and support!

Mrs. Kelly Dyson  
K-5 General Music Teacher, Brookside Chorus Director



PE NEWS! From Ms. Simpson, Mrs. Bidwell and Mr. Cook

Brookside students Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade will have PE everyday for 30 minutes. Brookside 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will have PE every other day for 45 minutes. Every PE class (K-5<sup>th</sup>) Brookside students can earn 5 daily points that will go towards their report card grade. The points are as follows:

- Point #1: Preparedness for class (sneakers)
- Point #2: Completion of daily fitness components (warm-up/cool down).
- Point #3: Participation in class lessons.
- Point #4: Cooperation and respect for others (appropriate Interpersonal behavior).
- Point #5: Safe and proper use of equipment.





School year 2021-2022 is here and it is so good to see all the students and staff back at Brookside Elementary!

Thank you Saber community for keeping yourselves and children home when sick or in quarantine. Note, COVID antigen testing is not accepted by state/county to return to school/work. Check with the testing center (physician office, Walgreens or CVS) or your school nurse to make sure you are obtaining the right type of COVID test to be able to return to school/work. No home tests are acceptable. If you or your child are placed in quarantine there is no way to test out of quarantine.

Be persistent and set a good example with hand washing for 20 seconds, hand sanitizing, proper mask wearing and covering coughs/sneezes. Hand washing and proper mask wearing are simple steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Stay healthy Sabers.

**COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC OCTOBER 4, 2021 4:00 – 7:00 PM HIGHSCHOOL (AGES 5 AND UP)**

Take good care,

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# Menus for October 2021

Susquehanna Valley Elementary Schools

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## October is National Farm to School Month

NY Thursdays is a program that brings local farm-fresh and nutritious foods right to your school two times a month. Not only does this help our local farmers, but it increases the nutrients on your plate! New York is home to about 36,000 farms, 98% of which are family-owned. Around 200,000 people have jobs working in agriculture. New York milk is our #1 product, and a big part of NY Thursdays! NY grows lots of apples, corn, cabbage, potatoes, tomatoes, green peas and squash! Farm animals, such as cows and chickens, are also a large part of NY agriculture.



## Available Daily

### Weekly Salads:

- 10/1: Chicken Spiedie Salad
- 10/4-10/8: Chef Salad
- 10/12-10/15: Popcorn Chicken Salad
- 10/18-10/22: Turkey Bacon Ranch Salad
- 10/25-10/29: Marinated Chicken Salad

### Weekly Sandwiches:

- M,W,F: Turkey/Cheese
- T,Th: Ham/Cheese

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

### Milk Choices:

- Unflavored—1% & Fat Free
- Chocolate— Fat Free

Friday, October 1

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Sandwich  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk

**Lunch**  
Homemade Pizza  
Garden Salad  
w/Chickpeas  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
NY Low Fat Milk

Friday, October 8

No School Today!!

Thursday, October 7

**Breakfast**  
French Toast Sticks  
w/Syrup  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk

**Lunch**  
Wild Mike's Cheese  
Pizza  
Garden Salad  
w/Chickpeas  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Juice  
NY Low Fat Milk

Wednesday, October 6

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Pizza  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk

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

Tuesday, October 5

**Breakfast**  
Cinnamon Bun  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk

**Lunch**  
Taco on a Shell  
w/Assorted Toppings  
Seasoned Rice  
Corn  
Mixed Fruit  
100% Juice  
NY Low Fat Milk

Monday, October 4

**Breakfast**  
Mini Pancakes  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk

**Lunch**  
Chicken Patty on a  
Bun  
Sweet Potato Crinkle  
Fries  
Mixed Vegetables  
Fresh NY Apple  
NY Low Fat Milk

Monday, October 11

No School Today!!

Thursday, October 14

**Breakfast**  
Ultimate Breakfast  
Round  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk

**Lunch**  
NY Thursday!  
NY Sloppy Joe on Bun  
NY Corn on the Cob  
NY Asian Cabbage Salad  
Fresh NY Apple  
NY Concord Grape  
Apple Juice  
NY Low Fat Milk

Wednesday, October 13

**Breakfast**  
Bagel Breakfast Pizza  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk

**Lunch**  
French Toast Sticks  
Sausage Patty  
Potato Puffs  
Fresh Orange  
NY Low Fat Milk

Tuesday, October 12

**Breakfast**  
Mini Cinnis  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk

**Lunch**  
Popcorn Chicken  
Sweet Potato Crinkle  
Fries  
Baby Carrots  
w/Hummus & Dip  
Fresh NY Apple  
100% Juice  
NY Low Fat Milk

Friday, October 15

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Sandwich  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk

**Lunch**  
Breaded Mozz. Sticks  
w/Dipping Sauce  
Side of Pasta w/Sauce  
Garden Salad  
w/Chickpeas  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
NY Low Fat Milk



# Only an Illusion

At first glance, the rows of lighter colored squares appear to be slanted — but they're actually parallel to each other. Check it out with a ruler — the distance between the rows of lighter squares is exactly the same on the left and the right!

# BEAUTIFUL SWIMMER

The scientific name for the Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab translates to "beautiful swimmer." Maybe. But their eating habits are hardly pretty. They'll eat just about anything that they can get their claws on — including plants, worms, crustaceans, algae, and any dead stuff they can find in the water!

## ANIMAL APPETITES

Monday, October 18

**Breakfast**  
Mini Pancakes  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Cheeseburger on a Bun w/Lettuce & Tomato  
Savory Sweet Potato Fries  
Veggie Cruncher Cup w/Hummus & Dip  
Fresh NY Apple  
NY Low Fat Milk

Tuesday, October 19

**Breakfast**  
Cinnamon Bun  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Taco Salad  
w/Assorted Toppings  
Seasoned Rice  
Corn  
Chilled Mixed Fruit  
100% Juice  
NY Low Fat Milk

Wednesday, October

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Pizza  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Lupo's Chicken Spiedies Sub  
Oven Baked NY French Fries  
NY Harvest Apple  
Kale Salad  
Fresh Banana  
NY Low Fat Milk

Thursday, October

**Breakfast**  
French Toast Sticks  
w/Syrup  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Pasta w/Meat Sauce  
Garlic Bread Stick  
Steamed Broccoli  
Chilled Applesauce  
NY Concord Grape  
Apple Juice  
NY Low Fat Milk

Friday, October 22

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Croissant  
Sandwich  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Nardone's Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza  
Garden Salad  
w/Chickpeas  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
NY Low Fat Milk

Saturday, October 23

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Sandwich  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Homemade Paranormal Pizza  
Ghoulish Garden Salad  
w/Spooky Chickpeas  
Frightening Fresh Fruit  
Spooky Sundae Zowie Cup  
Monster Milk

Sunday, October 24

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Sandwich  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Homemade Paranormal Pizza  
Ghoulish Garden Salad  
w/Spooky Chickpeas  
Frightening Fresh Fruit  
Spooky Sundae Zowie Cup  
Monster Milk



What's on **YOUR** plate?



**Q:** Besides carving, what else can you POSSIBLY do with a pumpkin?!

**A:** **FLENN!** When the colonists first came to North America, they found Native Americans making soups out of pumpkin strips, using pumpkin as medicine, and also roasting strips and seeds for food. The colonists learned to slice the tops off pumpkins, fill them with milk, spices, and honey and bake them directly in hot ashes. That was the origin of Pumpkin Pie!



Friday, October 29

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Sandwich  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Homemade Paranormal Pizza  
Ghoulish Garden Salad  
w/Spooky Chickpeas  
Frightening Fresh Fruit  
Spooky Sundae Zowie Cup  
Monster Milk

Thursday, October 28

**Breakfast**  
Snack 'n Waffles  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice/Milk  
**Lunch**  
NY Thursday!  
Loaded NY Nachos  
NY Black Beans  
NY Romaine Lettuce  
NY Cheddar Cheese  
NY Sour Cream  
Corn Confetti Salad  
Fresh NY Apple  
NY Concord Grape  
Juice  
NY Low Fat Milk

Wednesday, October

**Breakfast**  
Bagel Breakfast Pizza  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Tomato Soup  
Fresh Cucumbers  
w/Dip  
Fresh Orange  
NY Low Fat Milk

Tuesday, October 26

**Breakfast**  
Breakfast Breads  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Meatball Sub  
Oven Baked NY French Fries  
Veggie Cruncher Cup w/Hummus & Dip  
Chilled Pears  
100% Juice  
NY Low Fat Milk

Monday, October 25

**Breakfast**  
Fruited  
Assorted Fresh Fruit  
100% Fruit Juice  
Low Fat Milk  
**Lunch**  
Chicken Nuggets w/Dipping Sauce  
Wheat Dinner Roll  
Mashed Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots  
Fresh NY Apple  
NY Low Fat Milk