

Bear Tracks



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Dates to Remember



- **April 12**
 - ◆ Lifeskill Tea for Fairness
 - ◆ Body Changes Program for 5th levels
- **April 15–19**
 - ◆ Spring Break
- **April 22**
 - ◆ Earth Day
 - ◆ Palmetto Pride's Litter Awareness Puppet Show, 2 performances
- **April 25**
 - ◆ Lower El students present, "Brockman Tonight," 6:00–6:30 & 7:00–7:30 pm
- **April 26**
 - ◆ Field Trip—Grade 3 to the SC State House, 10:00-1:00
- **April 30**
 - ◆ Playground Meeting, Come see the plans! 6:00–7:00 pm
- **May 1**
 - ◆ Interim Report
- **May 3**
 - ◆ Lifeskill Tea for Perseverance
- **May 7**
 - ◆ SC Ready—Writing Grade 3-5
- **May 8**
 - ◆ SC Ready—Ready Grade 3-5
- **May 12**
 - ◆ Mother's Day
- **May 15**
 - ◆ SC Ready Math (Revised)
- **May 16**
 - ◆ SC PASS
 - ◆ Science, Grade 4
 - ◆ Social Studies, Grade 5
- **May 17**
 - ◆ Field Day
 - ◆ Rain Date: May 24
- **May 20–31**
 - ◆ Testing Make-ups
- **May 23**
 - ◆ End of Year Picnic, 6:00 pm

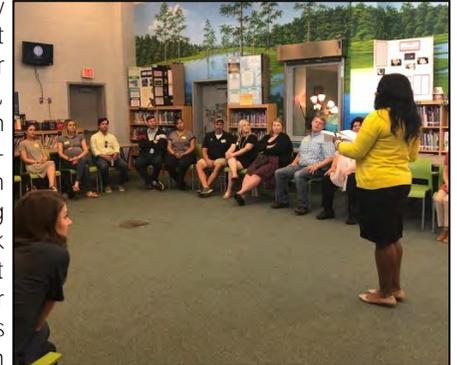


Principal's Message

Dear Brockman Families,

This week we hosted our new Brockman families. Their excitement was contagious! Dr. Parkmond, our Curriculum Resource Teacher (CRT), planned the morning. She told them about the Montessori curriculum for primary students and took them on a tour. Mrs. Clawson, our Reading Coach, invited them to the book club. Mrs. Purnell told them about opportunities to volunteer with our PTO. They asked LOTS of great questions and it's clear that they can't wait to join our Brockman family! Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be a buddy to a new family! We told them about our new buddy program for new families. They are looking forward to their new buddy reaching out to welcome them! If you want to be a buddy, we are looking for four more Brockman families who are willing to start a relationship with a new family and help them feel welcome and reassured as they join our school family!

Dr. Heidi Stark



Where O Where Did Nurse Hubbard Go?



Where O where did Nurse Hubbard go last Friday? She was invited to join the 5th levels on their annual trip to Bull's Island! As you can see, Nurse Hubbard is having way too much fun on this trip! We hear the students did, too! She is pictured here with Ms. Anderson from Upper Elementary.

Lost and Found Needs Your Attention Please!



The Lost and Found is overflowing with coats, hats and other personal items. Please take a look at all the items we have collected the next time you are at school. You may just find that missing coat you've been looking for all winter! And while you are here, plan to stay and join your child for lunch. Thank you and happy "Lost and Found" shopping!

Primary



"Supposing I said there was a planet without schools or teachers, study was unknown, and yet the inhabitants—doing nothing but living and walking about—came to know all things, to carry in their minds the whole of learning: would you not think I was romancing? Well, just this, which seems so fanciful as to be nothing but the invention of a fertile imagination, is a reality. It is the child's way of learning. This is the path he follows. He learns everything without knowing he is learning it, and in doing so passes little by little from the unconscious to the conscious, treading always in the paths of joy and love."

Maria Montessori



Montessori
is
Timeless!

Lower Elementary

Cultural lessons

Cultural lessons give us a chance to learn about new information such as animals, plants, our bodies, the world and history.

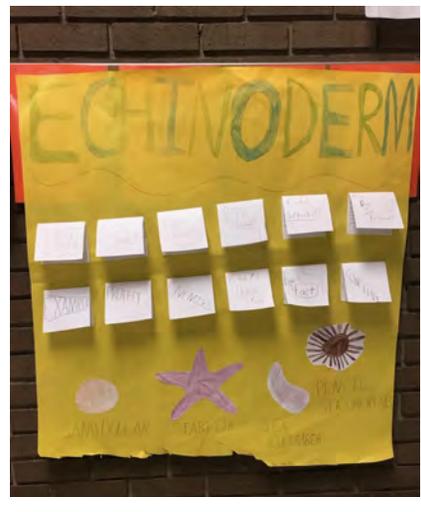
Our Cultural lessons are: Zoology, Geography, Botany, Physiology and History. We do cultural work when we finish our morning work.

We have specific cultural lessons for different grades. We have different cultural journals to record our cultural work

Sometimes we do research after we complete a cultural lesson if we want to find out more information about a topic.

Cultural lessons help us to learn about other things besides math, language and reading!

By Mamie Biel &
Eleanor Rinehart



Upper Elementary

Bull's Island

Have you ever gone on a family road trip and absentmindedly thrown an apple core out of the window? You might think that the apple core is biodegradable and that it is actually helping the environment. You are wrong! If you do throw that apple core out the window, you could be harming many animals, for example, raccoons. Such animals will want to eat the apple and then they will get run over by a car. Birds, like vultures and raptors, will be attracted to the roadkill and get hit by a car in the process of trying to get food.

This is just one of the many things we learned during our recent visit to the Birds of Prey Center and Bulls Island. Bulls Island? There are no bulls on Bulls Island! However, what you will find there are:

Beautiful estuaries; alligators; around 290 species of birds including bald eagles and paragon falcons, which can fly up to 240 miles; sea animals, such as, jellyfish and dolphins; interesting green vegetation growing on trees, such as, ferns and lichens; and large pieces of driftwood that look like dinosaur bones but are not. Did I mention the fresh air? It is the freshest air in South Carolina, y'all.

It rained for three hours but did this dampen our spirits? No, just our clothes and hair. There was nothing about this field trip (apart from the gnats, AKA, "no see ems") that we didn't like!

Fun fact: turkey vultures nest on the ground. Watch out for those World War Two beach mines. Boom!



Guidance

In classroom guidance lessons, we are focusing on positive thinking! Our Primary classes are reading a story called *The Grouchies* by Debbie Wafenbach and practicing using our thoughts, words, and actions to turn grouchy moods around and feel happier. In Lower Elementary, we are using the book *Something Beautiful* by Sharon Dennis Wyeth to explore the concept of looking for beauty in the world to promote inner happiness rather than focusing on negative thoughts.

The Upper Elementary lesson is to help prepare students for end of the year state testing. This lesson shares test taking tips and strategies and emphasizes the importance of a positive attitude and positive self-talk. Click on the link below for testing dates, parent tips to prepare students, and links to the state's brochures about SC READY and SCPASS.

<http://tinyurl.com/Testing-Information-2019>

March of Dimes

Our March of Dimes campaign was a huge success! Brockman students and families have raised over \$350.00. It is not too late to donate! Online contributions can be made using the following link:

<https://www.marchforbabies.org/team/brockmanbears>



Miracles in Motion 5K

Walk, Run & Roll

May 11th

*Benefiting The Therapy Place,
3620 Covenant Road
Forest Acres*

Race registration includes
T-shirt & entry to after party.

\$25.00/5K Race
\$15.00/1 Mile Run/Walk

Other Ways to Help

\$15.00/I'm running
for...Picture/name
of child from TTP
to wear during race

\$15.00/Sponsor a
child...Provides entry
for child in the Fun Run

\$15.00/After Party
Entry...Awards, music,
food & beverages

Register at
www.strictlyrunning.com
Or visit our website for
more information
www.thetherapyplace.org

Pictures!

Photos for Yearbook

Do you have Peace Day pictures, First Day of School, Brockman Bash, Winter Performance or other Brockman related pictures to submit for consideration for the 2018-2019 YEARBOOK? Send the yearbook committee your best photos. We love close-ups, group shots and photos showing a diverse crowd. Send photos to:

brockmanyarbook@gmail.com.

Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22nd - We need your help!

Earth Day is an opportunity to show children an appreciation and care for the Earth. We are planning to participate in lots of ways throughout the week. Every classroom or community has a special project planned, because we are taking action with Earthday.org to make small changes here that make a big difference. Students will be working in the greenhouse on projects and PTO has organized a Puppet Show, "Litter Awareness" from Columbia Theater.

Can you help? We can use donations of bags of potting soil. Also, we are looking for a volunteer who would like to come and "adopt" the area pictured below. The area needs four planters filled and three perennial plants to replace overgrown plants that we recently removed. Volunteers can work alone or we can give them a crew of strong and enthusiastic children to work with on this project. If you are willing, please call our school office.



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Rain didn't spoil the fun for our 5th level students at Bull's Island...



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