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# Welcome



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great happens here

Hello Bricker Friends and Families,

It's hard to believe that we've already completed 100 days of school! Our students will be celebrating their 100 days of being smarter on February 2nd, and we have some exciting mathematical challenges planned throughout the building.

As we move into February, let's take a moment to recognize and appreciate our amazing counselors. National Counselors Week begins February 5th, and we are fortunate to have the best counselor, Mr. James Barnes. Please be sure to wish him a very happy week and express your gratitude for his hard work. Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and on February 14th, we will be celebrating with Lollipop sales. It's a fun way for students to share some love with their friends and classmates.

Looking ahead, the week of February 19th will be eventful. There will be no school that week in honor of Presidents Day, and parent-teacher conferences. The staff will be sending out conference invitations soon. We encourage you to bring your child with you, as our conferences at Bricker are student-led. It's a great opportunity for your children to share their growth and achievements.

Save the date for February 29th – it's a big day for Bricker! We will kick off with a celebration of Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday. The day will conclude with a "Pop into Leadership" night, where we invite you to learn about the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and Leadership from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. We will have many fun activities planned and a chance to win a raffle prize!

A special shoutout to our VIP president, Mrs. Kelcci Meisman, and her dedicated crew of parents. Thanks to their efforts, we've brought back popcorn and cotton candy Fridays, much to the delight of our students. Your support makes a significant difference, and we appreciate it immensely. Thank you for participating in our Panda Night as we raised \$185 dollars for our school.

A big thank you to all the parents who helped make ACCESS testing successful this month. Your efforts to have your students here on time and ready to do their best are truly appreciated. We're putting first things first and working hard to ensure our students are learning and growing.

As we approach Valentine's Day, I want to extend my warm wishes to all of you. I look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

Creating Greatness,  
Principal Jarboe



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# Coach's Corner

Visualizing! What a great reading strategy! When student visualize or see the story in their minds, children understand what they are reading. Creating mind movies of the books they read is engaging, fun, and creative. Mental images help students understand the details of the story. For younger kids, have students share what they see by drawing it out! Older students can turn books into graphic novels and comics. Great creative with stories!

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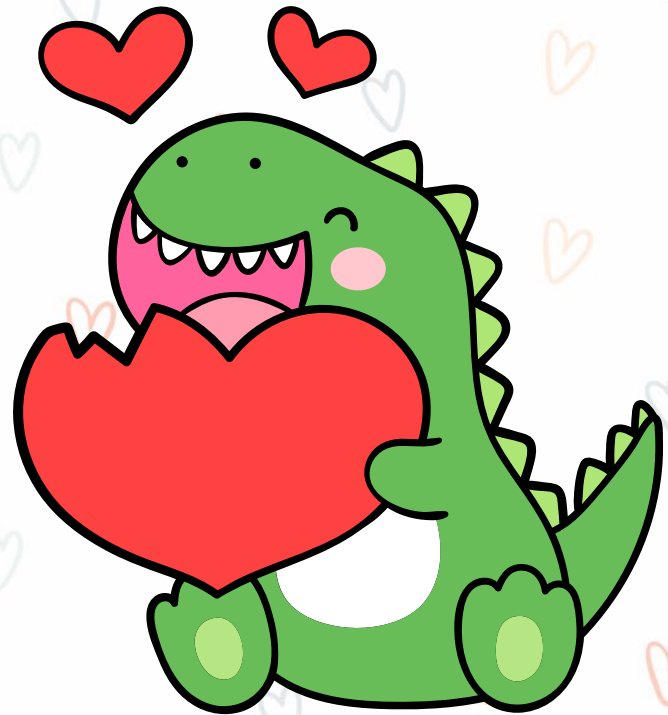
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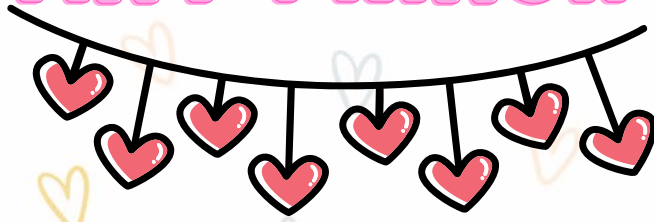
### LOCATION:

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# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL NEWS



I hope this finds you and your family in good health. I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support throughout the school year.

As the weather changes and flu season is upon us, it's essential to ensure that our students stay healthy. Please remind them to dress appropriately, eat nutritious food, get enough rest, and wash their hands regularly. Encourage them to stay hydrated and avoid sharing personal belongings. By working together, we can create a safe and healthy learning environment for everyone.

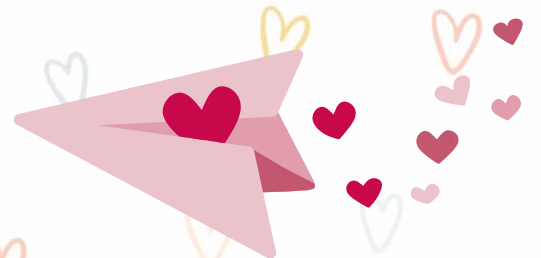
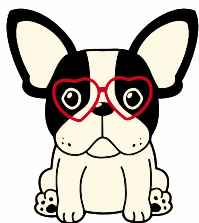
If your child is very ill and stays at home, please remember to call the school to let us know. 719-579-2150. Students are allowed up to 10 PARENT EXCUSED absences PER YEAR. If you have any doctor's notes, please bring those in to the office as well to have on file.

HAPPY  
*Valentines*  
DAY



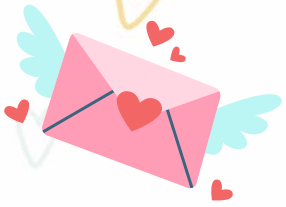
# COUNSELOR NEWS

What a year Bobcats! This month, we will be talking about how we can synergize with our family, friends and peers. We synergize when we work well with others. We will learn how use and accept the ideas of our peers to make our ideas even better. When working with others, it is important to seek first to understand, then to be understood. Knowing how to reach our goals individually is important but we can achieve so much more when we work well with others. Teamwork makes the dream work!



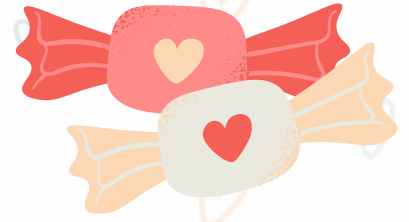
# KINDERGARTEN

This past month we have learned about Native Americans. Some of the specific items we learned about were the different tribes, comparing the different shelters, food, and ways of life within three different tribes. We are continuing to blend sounds to form words and writing complete sentences on topics we are learning about in reading. Some of our big vocabulary words we have learned are agile and feast. In math, we have been learning about number bonds. We are talking about the whole and parts of a number story. We also are working on how to sort objects in multiple ways to fill in a number bond.



# 2ND GRADE

Hello 2nd grade parents! We are so proud of the growth we are seeing in all of your students, keep up the good work at home! We are transitioning into a reading unit on the Civil War. The students will be learning a lot, so don't forget to ask them what they learned about during knowledge. Please continue to read with your kids at home because we are seeing that it is making a huge difference in their reading scores. In math, we are just finishing up shapes and moving into telling the time. Quiz them and have them tell you the time from your "old fashioned" clocks. Hopefully by the end of this unit they won't have to look at a phone to tell you the time! Stay warm!



# 1ST GRADE

In 1st grade reading, we have been working hard on our bossy r vowel sounds! These are er, ar, and or. 1st graders are practicing both reading and spelling words with these sounds in them. We have also started practicing syllables, learning how to decode longer 2-syllable words consistently and spell them as well! In knowledge, we have been learning about early American civilizations, such as the Maya and the Aztec. We will also be starting a few days of lessons about the Inca! In math 1st graders have been learning about measurement. We are practicing the difference between the words "longer" and "taller," and we have been using tools such as centimeter cubes to measure objects. 1st graders have been very creative finding things around the room to measure to practice their skills!

# 3RD GRADE

Third grade has been working hard on being leaders this semester. We have been learning about light and sound in reading. In our next unit we will be learning about Vikings. It should be an adventure! Geometry is our new focus in math. Students are relating geometry to multiplication and area. The students are really enjoying the hands-on work!



# 4TH GRADE

Fourth grade has been diving deep into the fascinating world of Geology in Reading! We have read informational text focused on volcanoes, earthquakes, mountains, and more! We have also been focusing on the use of quotation marks, adjectives, comma usage, and the breakdown of words (prefix, root word, suffix). In Math, we are having fun with fractions and are exploring how to represent and rename fractions, as well as find equivalent fractions. Students are continuing to make great progress and we look forward to seeing the growth students make in this second half of the school year!



# CLDE

Over the last few weeks, we have been busy testing our CLDE students on their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills on a test called ACCESS. Our students have worked so hard and we are so happy to say that ACCESS testing is officially done! Make sure to ask your students how you think they did and praise them for their hard work. We will receive their scores in early May and will share those with you as soon as we get them. To celebrate the end of ACCESS testing, we will be having a donut party with our students!

# 5TH GRADE

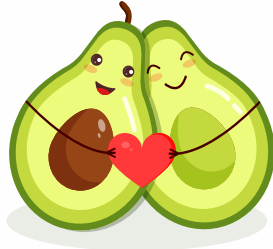
Happy New Year! We are so happy to have our students back and working to get back into our routines. With the recent change of teachers, students have been adjusting extremely well and have continued their learning and studies in the classroom. We are quickly approaching crunch time that is wrapping up the school year and getting prepared for CMAS, the Colorado State Assessment. 5th graders will be taking three CMAS assessments, reading, math, and science. Please remind your child to complete their homework and studies so that they come to school prepared and ready to learn. Additionally, please begin talking with your child about good test taking strategies, trying their best, and overall, just encouraging them. We appreciate all that you do to support your child and love working alongside the Bricker Community to ensure success!





# ART NEWS

Greetings from the art room Bricker Friends and Family, February will bring lots of creativity and artistic opportunity to our young artists. Kindergarteners are creating a teddy bear project using patterns. First grade is starting work on a "One Fish, Two Fish" project in anticipation of Dr. Seuss' Birthday. Our second graders are collaborating using symbols and art works of Jim Dine as inspiration. Third grade is creating Viking ship collage as they learn about Vikings in their classroom reading curriculum. Meanwhile, fourth graders are continuing their exploration of the mathematical style of one point perspective. Portraiture through the ages is the new focus for fifth grade. Each of them is currently exploring Egyptian art by creating a paper mache rendition of King Tut's sarcophagus. See you in the art room!



# STEAM

We've started off the new year by exploring the world through our new class VR set! Students began doing research into sharks to prepare them for the thrilling VR shark dive experience. I am amazed by all the new facts I learned about sharks from the research carried out by our Bricker Scholars. The VR shark dive left some of our students with racing hearts—it looks like a great white shark swim right past you underwater!

# PE NEWS

February, we are excited to celebrate Black History Month and American Heart Month to raise awareness about heart health and cardiovascular disease. Once again Bricker will be participating in the Kid's Heart Challenge to raise money to protect more of the hearts, we love with gifts to save lives. In physical education, we have begun practicing our sports manipulative skills: catching, throwing, striking, dribbling, and kicking. Students are enjoying station practice when they come to the gym each week. I have chosen to do skill stations to allow the students more practice in each class as opposed to focusing on one skill per class. I am seeing students' confidence increase with the extra practice and that is the goal!



# MUSIC

We've been starting off the new year with new songs and activities. Upper grades have been learning "Count on Me" a ukulele accompanied classic by Bruno Mars about being a great friend. We've also been exploring music and movement by creating living statues out of our classmates—an activity that is both hilarious to participate in as well as creativity sparking! I am amazed by the connection our young students have to the music we learn in class and their inner feelings. I look forward to the opportunities we will have this year for students to express themselves through music.



Great things happening at BES

\* 100th Day of School

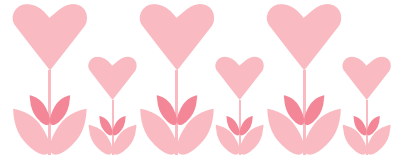
\* Valentine Grams Fundraiser  
Flyer will be coming home

\* Valentine Parties  
February 14, the last  
30 minutes of the day

\* Parent/Teacher/Student  
Conferences



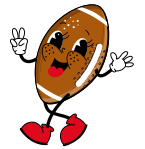
# FEBRUARY



Love the Bus Month



February 9  
Jersey Day



February 5-9  
School Counseling Week



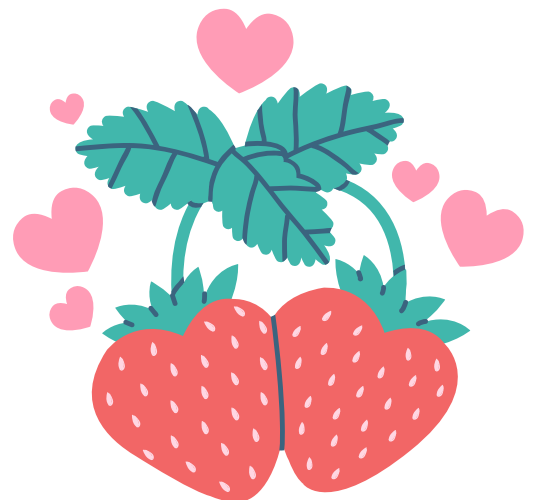
February 19  
Presidents day  
district closed

February 19-23  
No School

February 21  
International Mother  
Language Day



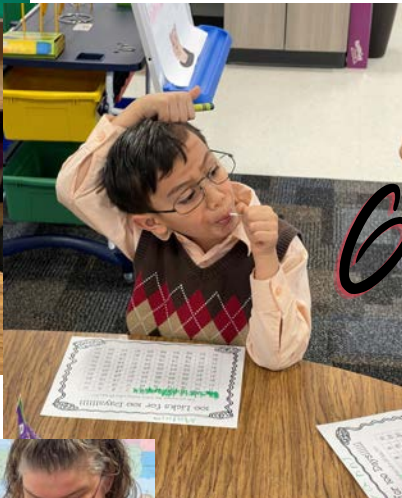
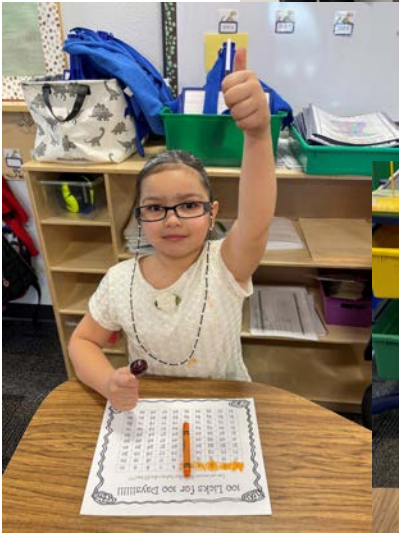
February 21  
Parent/teacher Conferences





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## 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



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