



Upcoming Events

Thursday 12/15
3:30pm
PTO Meeting

Thursday 12/15
6:00pm
WINTER PROGRAM

Tuesday 12/20
6:00pm School
Board Meeting

Friday 12/23
11:00 Early Release

Dec. 26—Jan. 6
No School
Winter Break

Friday 1/13/23
11:00 Early Release
Professional
Development

Monday 1/16/23
No School
MLK Jr. Day

Tuesday 1/17/23
6:00pm School
Board Meeting

Board of Directors:

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Patricia Beathard

From the Principal/Superintendent, Patricia Beathard

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start.

One of the best parts of my day is visiting classrooms. Just this week, I sang math songs

with our 1st and 2nd grade students, observed an impressive lesson on summarization in our middle school, watched our transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students play learning games, and spent time in the 3rd & 4th grade classroom

laughing and smiling while we all talked about the writing process. These classroom learning experiences help to explain why our students demonstrate some of the strongest academic achievement in our region.



We have all had fun with our in-person school events and activities. We are back to having our

quarterly awards assemblies to recognize student accomplishments. We all agree that our Fall Festival was the best ever! Thank you to Alicia Simmons and Raechel Brown for leading the planning group. We invite you to join us for our Winter Program on December 15 at 6:00. Hearing children sing makes everyone smile.

Brinnon School!
Winter Program
December 15, 2022
6:00pm

Join us for an evening of songs to ring in the holiday!

Cookies made by Mrs. Kaye will be available after.

Students: please check in with your teacher by 5:50pm

BUS SAFETY

Help keep children safe by teaching simple safety rules:

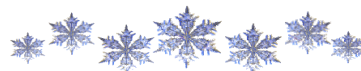
- Be early for the bus.
- Walk to and from the bus.
- Be alert and stand back from the curb.
- Keep hands and feet to self.
- Stay in your seat.
- Use your indoor voice.
- Always obey the driver.
- Wait for the driver's signal before crossing the street.

Parents and community

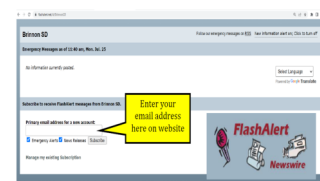
members can help with bus safety, too! Remember to **STOP** when the bus is stopped with **RED** flashing lights.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Just a reminder that when we are experiencing inclement weather to be prepared for transportation changes. Check our website, FlashAlert and Facebook page for alerts.



Register with FlashAlert
<https://www.flashalert.net/id/BrinnonSD>
to get updates for the Brinnon School on weather closures, bus route changes and more!





Greetings!

By Miss Heidi Budnek

Teacher-ELA/Soc.
Studies Grades 5-8

The middle school just finished the book *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt. We enjoyed watching the movie and having popcorn and juice. We will compare and contrast the book to the movie! We had the honor of having the opportunity to participate in our local Veterans of Foreign War essay contest—thank you. The students worked hard in creating multi-paragraph essays. Here are a few excerpts from the fifth and sixth grade class:

Fifth: "Remembering veterans is so important because the more you remember, the more you honor. And the more you honor, the more you respect the veterans who served for us."

Sixth: "I'll respect them by thanking them with a smile. I'd like to thank all the veterans for keeping me and everyone in the country safe, everyone should thank them for fighting for us."

Fifth: "Veterans say their last 'goodbye.' Veterans are people who know they might die trying."

Thanksgiving break was

Hello from the 1st/2nd Grade Classroom by Mrs. Raechel Brown

Many exciting things are happening in the 1st and 2nd grade classroom! We have been doing LOTS of reading and writing! Students are enjoying access to books from the Jefferson County Library Bookmobile, as well as the Brinnon School and classroom libraries. We have been practicing comparing and contrasting characters in stories and working on developing reading comprehension skills by asking questions and using text evidence. A favorite read aloud this quarter was the mouth-watering novel, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.



so much fun!

Joke: What did the beef say to the gravy over the phone? Answer: I can't wait to MEET you!

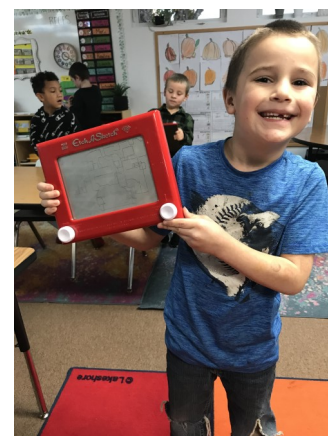
Joke: Knock, Knock. Who's there? Arthur. Arthur who? Are there any Thanksgiving leftovers?

The students have also been working hard at becoming better writers. One student wrote, "In the fall I like to pick apples from the trees and jump in piles of leaves with my sister. It is so much fun!" Another wrote, "In the fall I like to go to the pumpkin patch and carve jack-o-lanterns with my family. We also go on a hayride and run through the muddy corn maze."



In October, our class enjoyed a fun spider art lesson with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. The students learned about alliteration and the repetition of sounds within words. The class listened to the chil-

dren's book called *The Very Busy Spider*, and made some spooky, sparkly, spider webs. They had so much fun decorating their webs and displaying them in the hall for everyone to see at Fall Festival. We are looking forward to the next seasonal art project with the Wilsons!



All our best,

Mrs. Brown's 1st and 2nd
Grade Class

STAFF NEWS

Welcome to Miss Hunsaker in Grades 3/4!

Welcome to Mrs. Kaye in TK/K!

Mrs. Erin Soehl as our Kitchen Manager!

Welcome to Miss Sharon Small
as our intensive tutor!

Welcome to Lucia Carafas
as our student support staff!



3rd & 4th-Grade with Miss Haley Sue Hunsaker

Happy December! The school year is off to an amazing start. We have been working hard everyday in class.

We have started reading our first class novel, *Poppy*. Both the 3rd and 4th graders are striving to understand the new dynamics this year will bring for them. We have been completing challenging tasks and learning to have a great time while doing it.



The students are really beginning to understand how the school day should flow. Our class works together, supports one another, and tries their best everyday. Simply put- our class is awesome. I am excited for the rest of the school year!

~ Miss Hunsaker

Welcoming Mr. Jacob Rember our new Special Education and Technology Coordinator

Technology in the Classroom

Every student has a new laptop this year! As each student grows, it is critical to maintain access to up-to-date computers for students to continue to in their own specialized studies. Each student, on their computer, learns a wide variety of tools that will serve them for their entire life. Additionally, Brinnon School provides access to a wide range of educational resources that meet every student where they are in their studies. Students who are rushing ahead or students who are catching up can each meet challenges to encourage growth.

Highly Capable

Every student needs an education which meets their own needs. For some, that can be additional and

specialized challenges. This year, HiCap students have learned about 3D modeling and 2D animation using software called Blender. We have studied no fewer than three ways they can win a Nobel Prize including the Fermi Paradox and the pursuit of a Grand Unified Theory. Using specialized equipment, we viewed live solar sunspots and talked about their impact on Earth, and we also viewed the moon through a telescope. Right now, we are studying the workflow of taking a digital design and making it into a physical object using 3D printing.

Special Education

Everyone starts their education in a different place. Regardless of whether a student has an IEP, 504, or not, they get the support they need. Brinnon School

works with a wide range of specialists to support students in their growth and to overcome their unique challenges. We are excited to work with a new speech language pathologist, psychologist, and behavioral specialist this school year. Across the complexities that come with life, especially as we progress forward in the wake of a recent pandemic, we are equipped to support our students!

Child Find

Brinnon School partners with the community to support families with children who are struggling with meeting developmental milestones. If a child in your life has a diagnosis or is suspected of having a diagnosis which impacts their ability to thrive, contact Brinnon school. You are not alone!

Transitional Kindergarten & Kindergarten with Mrs. Johnston & Mrs. Kaye

We are excited to be here this year working in the TK/K classroom. It has been a busy start to the new school year. We have completed our assessments and have explored the magic of numbers, the value of letters, the won-

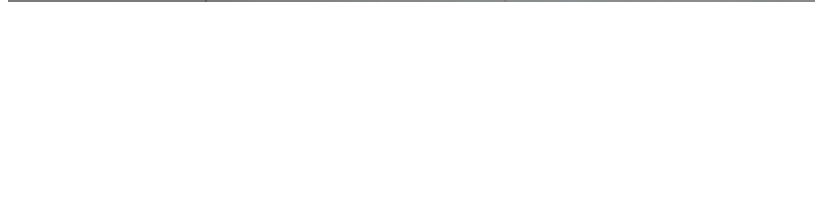
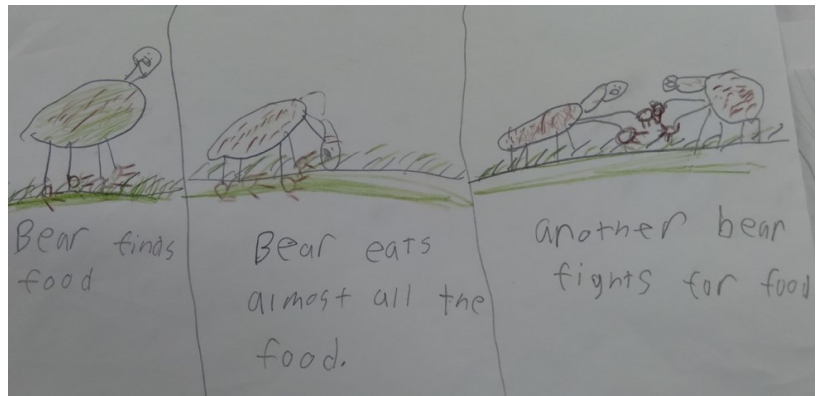
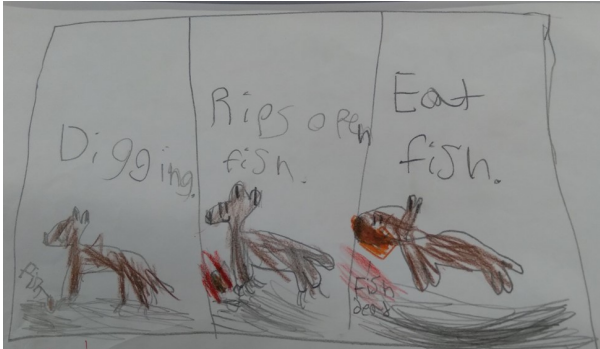


ders of science and the discovery of the world through Social Studies, music and art. We are so thankful for our wonderful Americore person Mrs. L. for helping with sign language and Spanish.

We must not forget about the yummy breakfast and lunches, the socializing with friends during choice time and the importance of using our large muscle coordination at recess. Mrs. Johnston and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to share this learning journey with your children.

Miss Tirzah Small—5th-8th Grade Math and Science

With so many bear sightings around the Brinnon School lately, the fifth and sixth grade students took a day in science to learn about the process for a bear finding food. After watching a video and having a discussion, students created their own comic strip showing a bear's journey to get food. They learned that while bears wait for the salmon run, they will survive on grass and sedges or, if they are along the coast, they are able to sniff out and dig up clams to enjoy. Here are some pictures of the comic strips students created:



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