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From the Desk of the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,
Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the 2016 – 2017 school year! It is my hope that each of you had the opportunity to spend time with your loved ones during the holiday season.

We will hit the ground running in the coming days, weeks and months. Teachers will implement daily classroom instruction based on grade level requirements and student ability as we continue to prepare for our upcoming assessment; **Georgia Milestones**. For the 2016 – 2017 school term, promotion requirements include all students in grades 3 and 5 scoring as a “Proficient Learner” in the content area of ELA as well as a minimum of “Developing Learner” in the content area of Math. As these are mandated state requirements, we are asking that you attend one of our scheduled workshops so that we may share more information with you regarding current Promotion Requirements. The workshops will take place January 19th, @ 8:45 and again January 26th @ 5:30. We look forward to seeing you!



Congratulations to Jaylen Mosley for winning Brookdale’s annual spelling Bee competition! Jaylen will represent our school in the upcoming Bibb County Spelling Bee. We also want to congratulate Malachi Jones for being first runner up as well as all students that participated. Way to go girls and boys! We are proud of each of you!!

As Always, Take care,

Mrs. Kim E. Tolbert, Principal

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR FINE, FINE TEACHERS!!

This week, we would like to shine our spotlight on Mrs. Chante Roberts! Mrs. Roberts is new to Brookdale but not to education. In her 26 years in education, she has served in several capacities including classroom teacher, instructional coach and assistant principal! She currently serves as a fourth grade teacher at our fine, fine school. A graduate of Valdosta State University, Mrs. Roberts also earned her Master’s Degree from Georgia Southern University. Way to go Mrs. Roberts!



Our annual Title 1 Literacy Curriculum Evening will take place Thursday, January 26th @ 5:30. Parents are welcomed on this evening to participate in several fun filled and educational activities that will address literacy standards and expectations. An invitation will come home in next week’s signed naners. We hope to see you then!



Brookdale Elementary is a Relay for Life School! Most if not all of us have been touched by cancer and understand the urgency of finding a cure. Please consider donating to this worthy cause as we continue this important work!! Please send in those coins as we strive to fill up our piggy banks!!

Mark Your Calendars

- January 16: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- January 18: Report Cards sent home
- January 21: First Day of Saturday School
- January 25: 2nd Quarter Recognition Assembly
- January 26: Literacy Day/Evening
- Every Friday – Jean Dav for Students.