



Bramlett Elementary School

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Winter 2012



From the Principal's Desk

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Happy New Year!!!

I sincerely hope that winter break was restful and enjoyable for you and your family. January is a great time to reflect on the success we have experienced during the first half of the 2011-2012 school year. It is also a time to set new goals and put plans in place to reach those goals. Here are some tips to help students start the New Year off on a positive note:

Get plenty of sleep – Scientists have found that students who do not get enough sleep have difficulty paying attention in class and do not do as well in school. *Recommended* amounts of sleep range from about 8½ to 11 hours a night for elementary students.

Eat healthy – Eat more fruits, nuts, and vegetables. Drink at least 8 (8 oz) glasses of water every day. Limit the amount of sodas and snack foods you eat.

Exercise – Exercise your body and your mind daily.

Time + Effort = Achievement – Take the time to carefully complete all assignments at school and home; ask questions when you do not understand a task; demonstrate perseverance (that means keep trying – even when the work is difficult), and eliminate the word “can’t” from your vocabulary. Make it a goal to do your personal best at school every day.

Read, read, read – Success in school depends, in large part, on a student’s ability to read and understand what they have read. Students should read a variety of books, including folktales, poetry, biographies, fiction, and more. Read to get information, read for fun, read to someone in your family...just read!

Attend school regularly and on time.

Write out your Plan for Success – The plan may include getting better grades, making new friends, studying harder, staying out of trouble, etc.

Great News

Bramlett Elementary has received our “Amended AYP Results” and the results are impressive!

Third grade students who do not meet standards on the reading section of the CRCT are provided a re-test opportunity. Fifth grade students who do not meet standards on the reading and/or math sections of the CRCT are also given a second opportunity to meet standards. Once re-test scores are calculated, schools are notified of their “Amended AYP Results.” Bramlett is pleased to share our final 2010 – 2011 AYP results.

Bramlett Elementary School 2010 – 2011 AYP Results	Math	Reading
AYP Results – 1 st Release (Not including re-test results)	91.9%	94.5%
AYP Results – Final Release (Including re-test results)	93.7%	95.8%

Academic Measurable Objective **Met for all subgroups**

Winter Weather

January brings with it new excitement and cooler weather. With winter upon us, please remember to label your child's coats, sweaters, hats, and gloves. We already have quite an extensive collection in our lost and found! If names are written in these articles of clothing, we can return them to their rightful owners. In the event of inclement weather in the coming months, official announcements about Barrow County School System closings will be broadcast on the following radio and television stations:

FM 89, FM 89.5, FM 94.1, FM 95.5, FM 97, FM 98.5, FM 102, FM 102.3, FM 102.9, FM 106, FM 106.1, AM 550, AM 640, AM 680, AM 750, AM 960, AM 1240, AM 1300, AM 1340; Ch-2 (ABC), Ch-4, CH-5 (FOX), CH-11 (NBC), CH-12, CH-46 (CBS).

You may also check the website for updates: www.barrow.k12.ga.us

Every effort is made to get information to these sources by 6:15 A.M. so that inconvenience to staff, parents, and students is kept to a minimum. The safety of students is the primary concern when inclement weather is a problem.

On rare occasions, developing weather may make early dismissal of school necessary. Should such an event occur, we will use the severe weather emergency instructions parents provided at the beginning of the year. If you need to make changes to your instructions, please communicate this information to your child's teacher. Since it is impossible for us to telephone the parents of 700+ students when severe weather approaches, it is very important that we know what transportation arrangements you prefer for your child. To reduce confusion should an early school closing occur, it is also important that parents discuss these arrangements with their children so that each child is aware of what parents want him/her to do on such an occasion.

Thank You

As always, thank you for your support. I would like to thank our PTO, business partners, and parent volunteers for all the wonderful things you have already provided for Bramlett Elementary this school year!

Pre-K News

Our second nine weeks of learning in Pre-K has been fun, fun, fun!!

Our class made spooky cupcakes for Halloween and we had some firemen bring a fire truck and talk to us about "Fire Safety". We were honored to also have Orfey, the Auburn police dog and his handler, visit our class.

We had an "out of this world experience" as we visited the Star lab and learned about the stars. For our Thanksgiving feast we ate "Stone Soup"! The Boosterthon was a great success. We decorated our door with a jungle theme which included a panther on it! The students ran laps and cheered on their classmates. We all had a great time. Our Christmas party was exciting. We ate pizza and had a book exchange. Our Pre-K students are ready for 2012!!!



Kindergarten News



Kindergarten is “snow” much fun!

We had “snow” much fun the second nine weeks! We completed units on Fire Safety, Pumpkins, Thanksgiving, Family Celebrations and motion. We worked on reading sight words and writing words and sentences, and using inventive spelling during our reading and language arts time. In math, we completed units on patterning and measurement.

Kindergarten teachers would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of the parents who sent in donations for our annual Kindergarten Thanksgiving feast. We had a wonderful time and shared lots of great food together. The teachers would also like to thank everyone who worked to make the Boosterthon Fun Run a huge success. Our Kindergarteners did a great job during the fun run.

We look forward to “snow” much more fun in the 3rd nine weeks.



First Grade News



First graders have been hard at work during the second nine weeks! We have added many new gumball words to our sight word knowledge and are reading away! We have also worked on mastering nouns! Just give your child a quiz and see if he or she can name people, places, animals, and things! First grade has been working hard on mastering math standards including collecting and showing data, creating charts and graphs, sorting objects by attributes, and solving addition and subtraction word problems. Looking ahead to the third nine weeks, an excellent way you can help your child with the math skills we will be working on would be to have him/her help you count pocket change up to a dollar, as well as work with him/her on telling time to the hour whenever there is a clock nearby. Showing your child the real world relevance of his/her learning reinforces his/her time at school. During the second nine weeks, we studied the seasons, weather, economics, and community helpers. Please continue to read with your child every chance you get. Every opportunity to enjoy a book makes a difference! Let the second half of first grade begin!

Second Grade News



As our second grading period comes to an end we find ourselves half-way through the year with a lot of new things learned under our belt.

Over the past couple of months we have learned about Native Americans, data collection, graphing, adding two and three-digit numbers with regrouping and much, much more. We also had a great opportunity to learn about safety through the Safety Zone program that visited us in November. We also enjoyed wonderful Thanksgiving Feasts in November and fun Christmas parties in December! We had a wonderful Polar Express day where we wore our pajamas, drank hot chocolate, rode on the Polar Express train and had lots of fun! Christmas break was a nice refresher for us all and we came back to school with a bang ready to learn and prepare for the second half of our year!

It has been fun and we can't believe how fast this year is rolling along, as we are already finding ourselves at the end of our second grading period! We are moving into learning about, cursive, subtracting two digit numbers and many more new skills as we begin our third grading period.

Third Grade News

Our third graders have been very busy in the 2nd nine weeks. We started the nine weeks with a cute PTO presentation. The students sang songs about Halloween and Thanksgiving. The teachers “spooked” the students by joining in a flash mob with the first song of the program.

The Pilot Club of Winder, the Winder Women’s Club, and the Woodmen of the World made a visit to our school and presented each third grader with his/her very own dictionary. The students were very appreciative, and we definitely put them to good use.

Our Social Studies Unit focused on government. Students learned about the levels and branches of government. They learned that each branch of government has a different job. Students practiced being good citizens by registering to vote and voting for student council representatives. Congratulations to Tyler Geertz and Avery Cavines. We know that you will represent third grade well!

In math we have been focusing on multiplication and division. We’ve played games and listened to rap songs to help the students memorize the facts. Keep studying the facts at home! We will be starting our Great Multiplication Race soon.



Fourth Grade News



Tales from Fourth Grade

Fourth Grade has had an exciting and eventful nine weeks. In November, Staff Sergeant Smith from the USMC visited with us in order to discuss why we observe Veteran’s Day. He shared a poignant story about the Vietnam Wall called The Wall by Eve Bunting and a power point presentation, which included pictures of some of the countries he visited while serving in the Marine Corp. Semper Fi Mr. Smith!! In addition, students were motivated by Tiger Tim and the Boosterthon team to get active and help earn money for our school. The students earned homework passes, cool pencils, and other rewards as incentives for the pledges they received.

We all enjoyed book character dress up. The kids found it amusing to see the fourth grade teachers dressed up as characters from Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Mr. Smith dressed up as Willy Wonka, Mr. Garland was Augustus Gloop, Mrs. Mauldin was Violet Beauregarde, and Mrs. Davis was Veruca Salt.

Now, on to academics where students have learned how to multiply 2-digit by 2-digit numbers as well as 3-digit by 2-digit numbers. Students have also been introduced to division and will delve into long division when they return from Christmas break. In science, students learned about the water cycle and how to observe clouds so that they can predict the weather forecast. Take the time and ask your child to sing the “Water Cycle” song to you. Students also studied about the early colonies established before the Thirteen Colonies were developed. Ask them about the mystery of Roanoke. If you haven’t read the book or watched the movie The Best Christmas Pageant Ever it is worth checking into. It is a hysterical story about a family of six mischievous children who everyone thinks will ruin the Christmas Pageant, but end up teaching the true meaning of Christmas.

The Fourth Grade Team would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year!!!

Fifth Grade News



We have some awesome spellers in the 5th grade. The classroom Spelling Bees were tough competitions. The winners are: Solomon Thao and Kalina Xiong from Ms. Page's class, Helen Bryant and Justin Heupel from Ms. Power's class, Heather Xiong and Miguel Gutierrez from Mr. Seuser's class, and Chuemei Moua and Rachel Ray from Mr. Williams's class. They will all be competing in the Bramlett Spelling Bee on January 19.

Writing students have finished their informational writing and will be starting on persuasive in January to prepare for the state writing test in March. The Young Georgia Author entries will be turned in during January. In math, students are finally finishing up our study of fractions and will be moving into measurement and geometry. Science classes will be studying Earth Science after the holidays. The Invention Project in Social Studies produced some very interesting new ideas.

On December 7, Pearl Harbor Day, all fifth graders participated in a live interactive webinar from Hawaii. They saw a tour of the Pearl Harbor monument in Pearl Harbor and were able to answer questions online as part of the presentation. Our students got ALL the answers correct!!!! We are planning to use our promethean boards for more interactive projects like this one.

Officer Minish, our SRO, did a class on Internet Safety with all fifth graders this month. As children become more active on the internet, they must use caution in "surfing the net."

The SCOOP From SCOPE

Congratulations to the **SCOPE Accelerated Reader Top Point Earners** for the 2nd 9 weeks!

5th = Kamila Artemenko & Nicholas O'Leary

4th = Kesley Goss & Julia Tran

3rd = Avery Caviness & Amanda Goss

2nd = Amelia Yother & Kaydee Artman

1st = Addison Zammit

SCOPE Reading Logs are checked every Monday and updated on Thursdays.

3rd - 5th Graders --Stock Market Game

Teams of SCOPE third through fifth graders achieved great results in the fall STOCK Market Game. Congratulations to all of the SCOPE teams!

SCOPE Yearbook Staff

The SCOPE Yearbook Staff is preparing the 2012 yearbook. Don't miss your chance to purchase a yearbook! Orders may be placed on line at jostensyearbooks.com or brought to school. The cost is \$30.

Mrs. Farr would like to send a special thanks to all of the SCOPE students for awesome work creating the SCOPE Safari.

IMPORTANT YEARBOOK INFORMATION



Yearbook

You may order a yearbook on line at:

www.jostensyearbooks.com

or use the link on the school web site. Orders can also be sent to school.

Counselor Update



Happy New Year!! Special thanks to everyone who made a donations (food, clothing, etc.) to our school during the holidays. We appreciate your support and generosity.

Career Day

We will have our Career Days in March. If you would like to share your career with our students during Career Day, please contact me. More information regarding the dates will be forthcoming. Thank you for your support.

Good Touch/Bad Touch

Good Touch/Bad Touch is a body safety program that will be taught in 1st, 3rd and 5th grade. If you have any questions, or would like to review the curriculum, please contact me at 770-307-1627.


Thank You

PTO NEWS

Happy New Year to Bramlett Staff and Families from your PTO. We had a successful 2011 and want to thank the many volunteers and business partners that helped contribute to our success. PTO has had wonderful meetings filled with beautiful music by different grade levels and our Bramlett Chorus. Many families have been helped by our Food Drive. THANK YOU to those that donated canned goods. During the 2nd nine weeks, Bramlett celebrated its 20th birthday with a dance party, pumped up our school spirit with the Boosterthon Fun Run, ate breakfast with Santa, shopped at our Secret Santa Shop and provided a Christmas Luncheon for Bramlett Staff.

We are looking forward to an EXCITING and FUN 2012!! We hope you can join us for our events! We have some great things planned! Coming January 12, we will host Domino Night – eat pizza with us and play dominoes with your children!! Guess what?? WE DON'T NEED VOLUNTEERS for domino night!! Please come and enjoy the night. February will host our 70's Boogie Down Dance!! Get out your platform shoes and bell bottoms! Yeah baby!! More to follow – watch your email for updates!

Do you need to get in touch with us? Do you have a great idea?? Let us know – contact your Bramlett PTO by emailing us at bramlettpto@gmail.com



Bramlett Elementary is proud to announce our Business Partners for the 2011-2012 school year

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Barrow County Agricultural Coalition * Barrow County Emergency Services * C&S Bank-Auburn Branch * Costco Wholesale-Mall of Georgia * Community Bank & Trust * 1St Appraisal Solutions * Liberty Mutual Insurance * McDonald's-Auburn * Martin Marietta * Publix-Mulberry Village, Dacula | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Subway-Chateau Élan * Dixie Taylor Photography <p>Bramlett would like to thank our 2011-2012 business partners. They play a very important role in our school by providing student incentives, teacher appreciation and helping us with community involvement. If you have a chance, please help support these businesses. We look forward to a great school year and look forward to working with our partners to make this a successful year for our students and staff.</p> |
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Important Dates

1/5/2012 - School Governance Team Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

1/12/2012 - PTO – Domino Night

1/16/2012 - MLK Holiday - No School

1/18/2012 - Ident- A – Kid - 9:30

1/19/2012 - Bramlett Spelling Bee - 9:00 a.m.

2/03/2012 - Barrow County Spelling Bee - 9:00 a.m.

2/10/2012 - School dance