



## A Note from the PTA:

### 3/14-Happy Birthday Mrs. Ahl!

**Happy Birthday to our beloved Head Tiger, Principal Ahl!** Brookside

families wish you a wonderful birthday, and thank you for your wonderful care and leadership! We are so fortunate to have you as our principal!

*\*Note from the editor: While humbled, I am so appreciative of the very kind birthday wishes! Thank you to our incredible, supportive families. ❤️ I am so lucky to work in partnership with all of you!*



## March Counseling Connections Newsletter

March's 'Counseling Connections' newsletter is available online **HERE**! Brought to you by our counselor, Holly Baxter!

## Collecting Books This Week for Recycled Book Fair!

The Recycled Book Fair is next month, April 18-20. This is your opportunity to purchase used books for as little as \$1.00. That's right, only \$1.00! All proceeds go to the Brookside PTA to help fund the many activities and programs here at Brookside. We

are currently accepting donations. **If you have any gently used books that you'd like to donate, please place them in the tubs that will be in front of the MPR all next week.**

Thank you.... If you have any questions, please contact Recycled Book Fair Chair, Stuart Forman, at [sforman66@icloud.com](mailto:sforman66@icloud.com)



## Kids with Character: Tigers Show DETERMINATION!

On Wednesday, March 9th's school assembly, Mrs. Ahl recognized students for consistently reflecting February's Character Trait, **DETERMINATION**! Students were nominated by their teacher from each class and awarded a DETERMINATION spirit stick for their Brookside Spirit Stick key ring. Congratulations, Tigers, on showing DETERMINATION!

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

3/14	Last Day to Register for Growing Outdoors After-School Enrichment
3/16	PTA Jog-a-Thon Pledges and Shout-Outs Due!
3/17	PTA Jog-a-Thon
3/19	The Great Race of Agoura Hills
3/22	PTA Spirit Stick Sale (note, new date!)
<b>3/23</b>	<b>PTA General Association Meeting (Annual Election) 8:30 a.m. in the MPR</b>
3/25-4/1	SPRING BREAK

**FEBRUARY: DETERMINATION AWARDS**

**DK & Kindergarten:** Marley Berkoh, Ivars Vitols, Ben Heller, Sophie Blatt, Brandon Yan, Dhanvi Gupta, Madison Sawyer, Fiona Carrigan, Aaron Driggs, Jhanvi Kumar, and Cameron Soelberg

**1st Grade:** Delilah Druian, Derek Dermott, Dru Larson, Kaela Oliva, Aaron Berro, Lola DeLaTorre, Sam Licht, Aiden Mense, Lanyon Cummings, Noam Levanon, Jake Licht, Sophia Cohen, and Rei Sadahiro

**2nd Grade:** Sophia Franco-Flores, Olivia Hagopian, Claire Soelberg, Jonah Hoyeaux, Tanya Hingorani, Kevin Leggett, Josie Norton, Jonathan Lin, and Tasnim Albalbaki

**3rd Grade:** Eden Cohen, David Ross, Oliver Gonzalez, Zachary Miller, Raven Ercolono, Yaeli Keidar, Emma Gibson, Paul Li, Jordan Goldberg, Kalia Bell, and Kiefer Leong

**4th Grade:** Laura Barsoe, Mariya Kiseleva, Julianne Koch, Richard Sanchez, Camden Bell, Eva Hans, Kasey Lee, Gunnar Canty, Ashley Park, Eylon Levanon, Gavin Alford, Danielle Almog, Tyler Atkin, Camille Sander, Dani Whittington

**5th Grade:** Katelyn Wiederspahn, Raven Graeff, Dane Von Mulldorfer, Noy Deri, Mia Manoukian, Maggie Schnobrich, Andy Vidriezca, Conner Najdowski, Dylan Miller, Gabe Gonzalez, Daniel Amir, Karina Brewer, Owenn Bock





## Jog-a-Thon MOVED To THIS THURSDAY, 3/17! Pledges & Shout-Outs Deadline Extended to 3/16!

**PLEDGE FORMS & SHOUT-OUTS AVAILABLE ONLINE [HERE](#)!** All Tigers handing in pledge forms of \$10 or more will be getting their Jog-a-Thon Spirit Stick! Sponsors can also easily donate online by visiting our Jog-a-Thon site [HERE](#).

### 3/17 -This THURSDAY is Jog-a-Thon Day!

Due to the weather, Jog-a-Thon has been moved to THIS Thursday. It's not too late to sign up if you're still interested in helping; please visit the ParentSquare post [HERE](#). **Please be sure to send your student in with running shoes and a water bottle!** They will be bringing their water bottles to the field that day for their 15 minute run time so be sure to send them to school! Students will change into their Jog-a-Thon T-shirts the morning of the Jog-a-Thon.

Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!** **Shout-Outs: Last Chance, Due 3/16- Don't Miss Out to Have a Personal Message to Your Student Read Over the Microphone on Jog-a-Thon Day!**

Send a "Shout-Out" -a message of encouragement to your child that will be read over the microphone while their class is running during the Jog-a-thon! Each Shout-Out is just \$5. Please fill out the form and send it with your payment (checks made payable to Brookside PTA with you child's name in the memo line) to your child's teacher via their homework folder or to the office workroom. If you have questions about shout-outs, please contact **Emily Velasco** at [emily.velasco@gmail.com](mailto:emily.velasco@gmail.com)

### Fun Prizes! Make Sure to Turn in Pledge Forms by 3/16!

- **ALL students receive a Jog-a-Thon T-Shirt from the PTA**
- Pledges of \$10 and over will earn a Jog-a-Thon Spirit Stick.
- Pledges \$50 and over will give students a chance to be entered into a raffle for the following fun prizes donated by our community businesses & families-**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES!:**
  - Dinner at **Cronies** and movie family pack
  - Week of **Malibu Makos Surf Camp**
  - **Scooter's Jungle** playdate for 5 & **Baskin Robbins** ice cream cake
  - Foursome for Footgolf at **Lindero Country Club** & Baskin Robbins ice cream cake
  - Motorized Scooter



- Pledges \$100 and over will give students a chance to reach into the Brookside Prize Bag
- Top Collecting Class in the School: Earns Pajama Day & a frozen yogurt sundae party!
- Top Collecting Class (1 from K-2) and (1 from 3-5): Earns extra recess and Jamba Juice
- Top Pledge Collector: Breakfast with Principal Ahl and a friend
- Top next Top 3 Pledge Collectors: PE Coach for the Day with special BES tumbler & whistle
- Top Boy & Girl Lap Runners in Each Class: BES Tumbler
- Most Enthusiastic Class: (classes can decide how best to show their enthusiasm-crazy socks? crazy hair?) gets to choose how Principal Ahl dresses up for the day! Will she be dressed as Taylor Swift? A Star Wars character? A Clown? They decide!

**If the school reaches the \$15,000 pledge goal, a FUN school-wide assembly will be planned!**

## Thank You to Our 2016 Road to Fitness Jog-a-Thon T-Shirt Sponsors



**The Goldberg Family**

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**The Wang Family**



## Spring Trimester Registration Closes THIS MONDAY, 3/14!

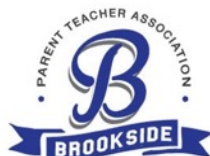
**THIS MONDAY is the final day to register for Growing Outdoors Spring Trimester!**

Spring Trimester Registration for Growing Outdoors, Brookside's After-school Enrichment provider, ends tomorrow (3/14). Make sure to check out the wide variety of classes offered including hip-hop dance, woodworking, art, chess, music, robotics, legos, Homework Helper, Playground Plus, and many other classes with Growing Outdoors' signature touch of 21st century skill-based learning and team building wrapped in fun! For more information, pricing, and online registration visit the Growing Outdoors website: [growingoutdoors.com/brookside](http://growingoutdoors.com/brookside) . This is the final session of the school year!

## Date Change: Spirit Stick Sale is Now on 3/22!

Our Spirit Stick sale has been moved from Tuesday, 3/15 to Tuesday, 3/22 after school!

## 3/23-PTA General Association & Election Meeting 8:30 a.m. in the MPR



### 2016-17 Brookside PTA Slate of Nominees

Officers	Candidate Name
<b>President</b>	<b>Tina Wang</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Maria Cross</b>
<b>V.P. Programs</b>	<b>Jaya Hungund-Yan</b>
<b>V.P. Fundraising</b>	<b>Denise Helfstein</b>
<b>V.P. Volunteers</b>	<b>Kim Kavett-Moore</b>
<b>V.P. Membership</b>	<b>Judie Berro</b>
<b>V.P. E-Communications</b>	<b>Tim Fontenette</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Meg Khanolkar</b>
<b>Auditor</b>	<b>Ty Avendano</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Liz Shor</b>
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Michele Abdulaziz</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>Jennifer Burstein</b>
<b>Room Parent Coordinator</b>	<b>Sue Dermott</b>
<b>Teacher Representative</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Administrative Representative</b>	<b>Sara Ahl</b>

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WEEK #2 SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS <small>REG CODE # SMC208-2</small>	08/01 MINI GOLF DODGEBALL	08/02 GAGA CAPTURE THE FLAG	08/03 HOCKEY CONQUER	08/04 SOCCER YOSHI /ULTIMATE C.	08/05 FOOTBALL KICK/MATTBALL

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Are you a local business interested in advertising in our Tidbits e-Newsletter? Do you know of a local business that would like to advertise with us? Send them our way! We are now accepting submissions for advertisements in our Tidbits e-newsletter. Every ad helps to support your child's favorite PTA program! Support local businesses, support our school. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

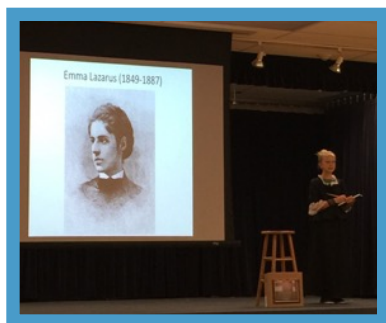
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## TIGER SHOUT-OUTS!

### Women in History!



Thanks to our wonderful **Brookside PTA Women in History Chair, Shawna Driggs**, and parent volunteers, **Lia Linn, Prerna Mathur, Janet Tseng, Samantha Kinkaid, Meg Khanolkar, and teacher sponsor, Ms. Lisa Ortiz**. On Monday, March 7th, our Brookside Tigers got to learn more about important women in history, **Emma Lazarus, Jane Goodall, Mother Teresa, Malala Yousafzai, Beatrix Potter, and Grace Murray Hopper** as portrayed by some of our talented 5th grade students:



**Elena James, Sydney Miller, Talia Parker, Derica Chiu, Hana Chizzo, Rachel Driggs, Nina Krishnan, Jodi Chung, Saanshi Panigrahi, Nandita Valiveti, Arushi Mathur, Sharon Dennis Luciana LaVigna, Ananda Kinkaid, Aanya Ghosh, Charlie Hough, Dylan Miller, and Mia Warshaviak.**



## Science Fair & Family Science Night!

**SCIENCE FAIR-A huge Tiger Shout-Out to the record number of students who worked hard and participated in our science fair. Special thank you to Science Fair Chair, Eva Larson**, for all her hard work in coordinating and organizing the projects, and to **Mrs. Kelly Shaver**, our librarian for promoting Science Fair to help get our students excited about participating.

**FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT** was a HUGE success with a record number of families coming out to enjoy





our fantastic vendors! This amazing night was the result of several months' worth of hard work and planning by our **Family Science Night Chairs, Jennifer & David Goldstein**. Special thanks also to our amazing vendors: **Mad Science, SubZero Ice Cream, National Park Service, Growing Outdoors, Engineering for Kids, Bricks 4 Kidz, MCMS Robotics, Debbie Hammill, our wonderful OPUSD Science Specialist, OPHS Rocketry Club and OPUSD Superintendent Dr. Tony Knight.**

Thank you also to all of our wonderful Science Fair & Science Night volunteers: **Denise Helfstein, Meghana Khanolkar, Annapurna Nori, Dominique Berger, Verna Pryor, Archana Thakur, Veena Bhashyam, Gurmeet Kaur, Joanna Peterson, Ann-Marie Compton, Sommay Yep, Amy Cook, Anil Hingorani, Patricia Jagger, Tas Sutarwala, and Rachel Oakes.**

## A Big Thank You to All of the Generous Companies Who Donated to Our Jog-a-Thon!

Students raising \$50 or more in the Jog-a-Thon will be entered into a raffle to win some pretty fun prizes so we want to thank our generous community donors:

- Malibu Makos - 1 week of surf camp
- Lindero Country Club - party of 4 to play Footgolf
- Scooter's Jungle – passes for free playtime
- Baskin Robbins in Agoura - ice cream cakes
- Cronies - gift card

## OAK PARK COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

Join us for a day of merriment and revelry as the  
Nottingham Festival & Renaissance Masters Pavilion present....

**Nottingham Village & Marketplace**

**Saturday, April 9, 2016 • 10am-5pm**

Oak Canyon Community Park • 5600 Hollytree Drive, Oak Park CA  
Admission and Parking are FREE



## The Nottingham Village and Marketplace is coming to Oak Park, CA on Saturday, April 9th!

The Nottingham Village and Marketplace (reminiscent of the Renaissance Faire!) is coming to Oak Park, CA on Saturday, April 9th! Join us for a day of merriment and revelry brought to you by the Nottingham Festival and Renaissance Masters Pavilion! This pop-up event will feature entertainment, food and beverages, games, merchandise vendors and more! Admission and Parking are absolutely **FREE** to everyone in attendance! For more information visit the website here: <http://nottinghamfestival.com>

## Big Sunday Registration Now Open!

The OPUSD Committee Outreach Committee has opened up the registration process to volunteer on the May 1st Big Sunday Event. We are asking our community members to "Give Back" by volunteering 4 hours of their day to help complete projects throughout our schools and community. Little Hands and Big Hands are all welcome. Young and old please join us as we work and play together! Make sure you are able to work at the location of your choice by registering today. Click here for more information and to register! <http://www.oakparkusd.org/Page/5135>

## Oak Park Music Festival on 4/10 from 12-4 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE for the first annual Oak Park Music Festival on Sunday, April 10th from 12pm-4pm at Medea Creek Middle School.** Visit [www.oakparkmusic.org](http://www.oakparkmusic.org) to purchase your tickets in advance and for more details.

This fun-filled family event will feature all the students of the Oak Park USD music programs. Bring a blanket or a chair to spread out and enjoy an afternoon of fabulous music. There will be two stages of revolving talent.

**\*\*Admission is only \$5.00 and all proceeds support the Oak Park USD music programs\*\***

--Eat from one of the yummy food trucks or bring your own picnic lunch. --Bid on one of the exciting silent auction items including Disneyland park hopper tickets, Six Flags Magic Mountain tickets, Burberry Perfume, The Barkley Pet Hotel, Bath and body baskets and so much more.

--Browse our business booths for great finds at West Pac Designs, Jeanette Airen Performing Arts Studio, Journey On Travel, Winck Links Jewelry, Gourmet Blends, Light Lines, Pocahanto Swim, Arbonne, Cee Cee Coastal Clothing, Silpada and more.

--Buy a sweet from our delicious bake sale.

## Promote Your Business at the Oak Park Music Festival

The Oak Park Music Festival is selling booth space to area businesses. A great way to promote home based businesses, corporate businesses or sell your products or arts and crafts. Booth space is 10'x10' and includes a table and 2 chairs. Booths are \$100 and all proceeds benefit OPIMA. Businesses may share booth space. Contact Julie Prince at [jprince007@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jprince007@sbcglobal.net) for more details or to reserve your booth. Space is limited!

