



A Note from our P.E. Teacher, Coach Christa

Hello, Tigers and Tiger Parents!

We have been having a great time in PE so far this year! The students amaze me on a daily basis with their abilities to work as a team and to encourage their classmates. Grades 2-5 have been learning and playing different variations of kickball for the past couple of weeks. They have been challenged to come up with some fun strategies to help their team and it has been great to watch their success! Our DK-1 classes have been working on games that help them learn how to move safely through shared space and also help to develop their abilities to listen and follow directions. All in all, it's been a very productive and fun time in PE over my first month here at Brookside!



I wanted to send out a reminder that students need to wear shoes appropriate for participation in PE (shoes that can be tightened by laces or Velcro). We have had some students that have been coming in UGG boots, ballet slippers, cowboy boots, etc. These shoes do not adequately protect the feet and often times come off during our time together. When students wear inappropriate PE footwear it does impact their PE grade because I want their feet to stay healthy!

Another reminder: A parent note may excuse your child from participating for one day, and after that a doctor's note is needed to excuse them without impact to their PE grade.

Thank you for your support and understanding! I can't wait to see how the students thrive over our time together!

Deadline Approaching To Order a Directory

The Brookside PTA is finalizing the Brookside School Directory and we need your assistance. We would like you to proof your contact information to ensure that it is both accurate and complete. In order for us to do this, we will be emailing you soon to ask you to review your contact information online and "e-confirm" that the information is correct. Please be sure to "double check" that your name, home address, email address, phone number and area code are correct. If everyone's contact information is up to date and accurate, it will allow all of us to contact each other throughout the year with ease.



If you do not wish to "e-confirm" or have not received a separate email, please stop by the Brookside office workroom Monday, October 6th through Friday, October 10th where you can review a physical copy of the proposed directory and check your information there. If it is incorrect, you may handwrite the changes on that hard copy. After Friday, we cannot make any more additions or changes, so please make this a priority.

Finally, please note that we do not have ANY contact information for many families. If you would like to be included in the Brookside Directory but have not submitted your information, this is your last chance to do so.

Please email Michele Abdulaziz with your information or any questions at besptamembership@gmail.com.

5th Grade Jamba Juice Sale!

Come support the 5th graders on Tuesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. as they sell healthy Jamba Juice smoothies! Enjoy your favorite flavors: Razz-Mattaz, Strawberry Surfrider, and Mango-a-Gogo. \$2 or \$3 each. Perfect for a cool treat!



Registration for Chorus is Still Open

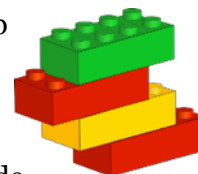
Brookside is still taking sign-ups for the school Chorus program (grades 1 – 5). Registration forms, which were sent home last Monday, are due by Monday, October 6th.

If you like to sing, enjoy music and want a chance to perform – Chorus is for you! This will be a fun place to learn more about singing and performing. Solo and duet opportunities are available! The fee to join the program is \$80, which includes a materials fee.

Senior Chorus is for Grades 3 – 5 and will be held on Wednesdays from 7:40am to 8:15am beginning Wednesday, October 8th. Junior Chorus is for Grades 1 and 2 and will be held on Thursdays from 7:40 to 8:15 and will begin Thursday, October 9th. If you have any questions, please email abenjamin@oakparkusd.org.

Legos Wanted!

Everyone has some. You know you've stepped on them a zillion times. Can you give up some of your spare ones to benefit the new Brookside Lunchtime Lego/Building Zone? What are we talking about? LEGOS, of course! The Brookside PTA is looking for donations of Legos or other types of building blocks suitable for children in grades K-5. These materials will become a part of an upcoming "Building Zone" for Brookside students to use during lunchtime.



Here is what we want:

- Lego pieces/sets (new or used)
- Magna Tiles
- Other types of age-appropriate building blocks
- Bases
- Wheels

Here is what we do NOT want:

- No manuals
- No motors
- No Duplo's or other pre-school age blocks
- No guns, weapons or monster/scary figurines

If you have anything to donate, please place small pieces in clear zip lock bags and place in the bin in the office workroom. Thank you!

Calling All Parents Who Like to Build....

The Brookside PTA is looking for parent volunteers to supervise our upcoming Lego Construction/Building zone during lunchtime. If you can volunteer your time to work at school noon to 1:30 on Fridays, please contact Denise Helfstein at besptapresident@gmail.com for more information.

Enter The Reflections Art Contest

Show your child's creative side by entering the Reflections arts contest. This year's theme is ***"The world would be a better place if..."***.

The world would be a better place if...what? Explore this question through art! Choreograph a dance, produce a film, write a poem or story, compose a song, take a picture or create a piece of visual art and tell us your interpretation of the theme: "The world would be a better place if..."



Entries deadline is October 13th and 14th . Students can enter up to 4 submissions for each category.

HOW TO ENTER:

- 1 Read the guidelines and information for each category at: <http://www.oakparkusd.org/Page/7731>
2. Download an entry form for EACH submission
3. Turn in the child's art work and forms on Oct. 13-14th from 8am - 8:45 in front the school.

Make sure you follow all of the guidelines and rules and complete an entry form for each work of art that you submit! If you have questions please email Heather at maxhipcat@gmail.com.

Baker Extraordinaire?

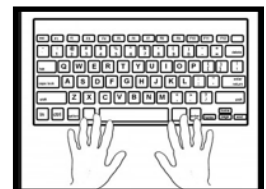


The Brookside PTA is looking for two or three parents who would be willing to bake some muffins or other type of breakfast item to serve as refreshments at the Common Core Parent Information meeting on October 13, 2014. If you are able to help, please contact Denise Helfstein at besptapresident@gmail.com. Thank you!



Typing Boot Camp

Typing Boot Camp is a FREE before-school keyboarding skills "workshop" that will meet for about 30 minutes each day, three (October session) or four (December session) days a week for three (December session) or four (October session) weeks (12 sessions in total), open first to third graders and then fourth and fifth graders that have not taken Typing Boot Camp. If there is room after that, repeat students will be enrolled. The goal of Typing Boot Camp is to improve student keyboarding skills in order to prepare them for Common Core computerized testing which will require students to type several responses. For more info, please visit our web link ([CLICK HERE](#)).



UPCOMING EVENTS...

10/8: Walk To School Wednesday
 10/13 & 14: Reflections submissions due
 10/13: Common Core Parent Info Meeting in MPR - 8:30am - 9:30am
 10/25: Movie Night
 10/31: Halloween Parade @8:30am
 11/10: No School
 11/11: No School (Veteran's Day)

Walk to School Wednesday is October 8th

Come Join the Fun!

Walk to School Wednesday is the event that promotes healthy kids, cuts down on neighborhood traffic and pollution, and builds community spirit! Come on out and meet up with Mrs. Ahl, some of your favorite teachers, and many of your friends for the trek to school. Stripes the Tiger will meet you at school and be handing out healthy KIND bars too! Wear your spirit wear!

Meet us at one of three locations:

1) Deerhill Fire Station - 7:45am

Mrs. Farlow

Ms. Landis

Mrs. Strong

2) Conifer & Locust - 7:55am

Mrs. Ahl

Mrs. Keane

3) Conifer & Bayberry - 7:55am

Mrs. Stephens

Mrs. Watson

Looking forward to seeing you all there.



Movie Night is October 25th!

Brookside's annual Movie Night is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 4:30-8:30 p.m. The movie showing is FREE!! This year, we will show Despicable Me 2! There will also be a pre-party Minion Mash with a DJ, Minion dress up contest, Hot Diggity Dog, Hu'i Hu'i shaved ice, Los Ruizenores Taco Stand, and so much more. We will hold a silent auction fundraiser to benefit the PTA's many programs. We will be auctioning off the coveted parking spot as well! A flyer will be coming home with more specifics of this annual tradition at Brookside. Mark your calendars!

CReATE at Lunch

Students are having a great time at lunch dropping by the quad to explore their limitless imaginations using a variety of new and recycled materials typically found on school campuses everyday (we don't use glue, paint or markers).

By inventing something new from something used the kids not only have fun but challenge themselves to see new possibilities unfold before their eyes without even knowing it.

Creativity is a window to the endless possibilities that surround us and help us grow and it's all happening at lunch with the CReATE ON YOUR CAMPUS pilot program Tuesdays from 12:15-1:15pm!



Come Learn More about The Common Core State Standards

On October 13th from 8:30am - 9:30am, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Leslie Heilbron and Principal Sara Ahl will discuss: How Common Core is being Implemented at Brookside, including the new Go Math! curriculum; The challenges of transitioning to Common Core; How to support your children at home during the transition to Common Core. No need to RSVP -- please show up for a cup of coffee and light refreshments courtesy of the Brookside PTA.

Keep Your Box Tops Coming!

Thank you for all the box tops you have collected! Please keep them coming ~ There are more sheets in the workroom or please contact Gale Saul and she will place them in your teachers box. You can also clip and cut them out and place them in the "Box Top" container in the workroom by the sign in area.



Counselor's Corner

Please enjoy the following articles for this month's read.



Set Limit to Balance Your Child Schedule

Establish a System to Keep Track of School-Related Papers

Perseverance Helps Your Child in School and in Life

Research Reveals Discipline that Actually Works

Elementary School Calendar October 2014

Other Happenings Around OPUSD...

Attention all STEM Enthusiasts!

“Exploring Your Universe 2014”

Get ready for the most exciting day of science all year, the sixth annual Exploring Your Universe! EYU 2014 will take place on Sunday, November 16th, 2014 from 12 - 5 pm (with possible nighttime activities to follow) at UCLA's campus (see Visitor Info link for general directions and scroll down on this page for a detailed campus map specific to this event). This event is FREE of charge to the public and FAMILY-FRIENDLY! New to this year: We're live-tweeting EYU! Follow the event with #EYU2014! Visit <http://www.astro.ucla.edu/~outreach/eyu2014.html> for all of the information!

Oak Park Neighborhood School

OAK PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL
for preschoolers & their families



Our award winning, Reggio Emilia Inspired, preschool is looking for a few more families to complete our enrollment for the 2014/2015 school year. If you are interested in joining our dedicated community of families and providing your preschooler with a high quality learning environment, please call 818-707-7742.

Play & Learn Parent Class
Wednesdays
Toddlers: 9:15 -10:45
Infants: 11:15 to 12:15
Free Trial October 15

