



Message from Principal Ahl

Dear Brookside Families:

New School Calendar: Most of you have heard that we will be moving to a new school year calendar for 2015-2016. Please make sure to take a look at the calendar when making your summer plans. Of particular importance is our first day of school, which is Tuesday, August 11, 2015. [Click here](#) for a direct link to the new calendar.

Help from parents: Thank you all for your continued efforts to support the learning in our school! Parents have done a great job in keeping the noise level down around our classrooms before dismissal time and you have carefully followed procedures in the parking lot in an effort to keep everyone safe.

- ▶ For reminders about safety in the parking lot, [click here for the archived Tiger Tidbits article](#).
- ▶ For reminders about guidelines during pick-up time please [click here for the archived article](#).

School Site Council: I want to thank all of those who participated by voting in our School Site Council election. We are happy to have Beth Zeolla join the committee this year and appreciate her willingness to serve!

Halloween: With Halloween right around the corner, I ask that you help us by following some simple guidelines:

- ▶ Costumes may not include masks that cover the face;
- ▶ Costumes may not symbolize violence (no weapons);
- ▶ Costumes should not be gory, bloody or frightening.

Please make sure that students are able to easily change into school clothes after the morning Halloween Parade. Don't forget to send school-appropriate shoes, too! Thanks so much for all of your help with this so that the remainder of Halloween Day can be productive in the classrooms.

Facebook: Have you "liked" the [Brookside Elementary School Facebook Page](#)? If you do, you will receive regular updates and announcements in your newsfeed. We hope you will join the fun!

Thank you all so much for your involvement, support and enthusiasm. It has been an exceptional school year thus far and I look forward to many good times to come!

Sincerely,

Sara Ahl

UPCOMING EVENTS...

10/21-10/31: Starbucks and Socks for Soldiers Drive
 10/25: Movie Night- 4:30pm - 8:30pm
 10/27-10/31: Red Ribbon Week
 10/28: Reflections Gallery Night in MPR- 6:30pm
 10/29: PTA Meeting in MPR - 8:30am
 10/31: Halloween Parade - 8:30am
 11/3: Veteran's Day Assembly - 8:20am
 11/10: No School
 11/11: No School (Veteran's Day)
 11/25-11/27: No School

IMPORTANT PARENT SURVEY

The Brookside PTA is seeking parent member input regarding how to use \$10,000 to \$15,000 allocated for general improvements and/or equipment at Brookside. Please take a moment to complete this important survey, which will also provide us with feedback regarding meeting times that work for you. It will only take three to five minutes of your time. [Click HERE](#) to access the survey.

REFLECTIONS GALLERY NIGHT 2014

Please come and celebrate the student artists of Brookside at the PTA's 2014 Reflections Gallery Night. This event will take place on Tuesday October 28th at 6:30p.m. in the MPR. Everyone is welcome!

The Brookside PTA's Reflections Gallery Night is where we announce, and honor, those students who have been judged to have excelled in their chosen artistic category. All visual art will be on display, and there will be a selection of submissions performed by our students.

Refreshments and party atmosphere will be provided.

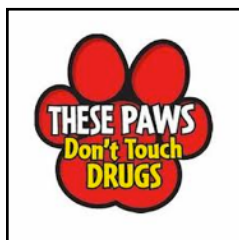
If you have any questions, please contact the PTA's Reflections Chairperson: heather@machipcat.com.



Red Ribbon Week Is THIS WEEK!

The Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. The theme this year is: "Love Yourself. Be Drug Free." This year at Brookside, we are asking students to do the following:

- Monday 10/27: Turn Your Back on Drugs (wear your shirt backwards)
- Tuesday 10/28: Put a Sock on Drugs (wear crazy, silly socks)
- Wednesday 10/29: Wear Red Day
- Thursday 10/30: Shade Out Drugs Day (wear sunglasses)
- Friday 10/31: Show you "Love Yourself and Pledge to Be Drug Free." (wear a red ribbon sticker (sticker will be given out at school) on your costume or backpack)



Thank you in advance for encouraging your students to participate in this weeklong event.

GROW TIGERS, GROW!

The Brookside organic garden is getting ready for lessons and we are looking forward to all students using the garden for practical and hands-on learning across the curriculum.



Growing this program is very much aligned to our commitment to connect education and real life through critical thinking, problem solving and analysis whilst also equipping our students with healthy and environmentally friendly habits for life. So expect to hear more about this and, our commitment to maximizing our valuable garden teaching resource as the school year progresses.

The Brookside PTA is also pleased to announce that we have a new volunteer to lead our Garden Program this year, but we could use some additional helpers too. Green thumbs or garden experience not required. This is a great opportunity,

whilst volunteering, to learn gardening skills from our new Garden Program Chair, Debra Leith - a certified landscape designer with years of organic growing and school garden experience.

If you want to help but, prefer not to garden, we have support tasks too or, you can help by donating much needed garden supplies.

GARDEN SUPPLIES

We can help de-clutter your garage or shed! If you don't need them any more, we'll happily put to good use/recycle most garden tools/equipment in working condition or even tools that we can clean up/sharpen to a reasonable working condition. IN FACT, WE'LL TAKE YOUR SHED IF YOU NO LONGER NEED IT! ☺ Here's a list of items that we could certainly use...

- Vertical shed (to store our larger/longer handled tools)
- Hose spray head attachment/nozzle/multi spray heads
- Plastic plant markers and china/grease pencils
- Garden twist ties – medium and large
- Garden shears and pruners
- Long handled shovels
- Long handled loppers
- Blade sharpening stone or file
- Garden gloves (adult and kid size)
- Basic tool kit
- Potting bench or a wood donation (so we can make one!)
- Earth Boxes (<http://earthbox.com>)
- HydroFarm Dirt Bag w/handles (15 gallon size or larger)
- Home Depot/DIY Stores/Garden/Nursery gift cards

We look forward to a fruitful year in the Brookside garden and thank you in advance for helping our Tigers grow! Email debra@2edenstudio.com to donate or volunteer.

Got Car Wash BUCKS?!

If you take your car to be washed, consider going to the Agoura Hills Hand Car Wash (at the corner of Reyes Adobe and Canwood). If you mention Brookside you will receive a "Wash Buck" certificate for \$1.00. This is an easy way for the PTA to make money for all our school programs.



Veteran's Day Assembly November 3

On Monday, November 3, 2014 at 8:20am, you are invited to join us for a school-wide assembly honoring Veteran's Day. Fifth grade students will be singing special patriotic songs and we will be acknowledging local servicemen and women, both active and retired. Please see the flyer [HERE](#) for start time and other details.

Starbucks and Socks for Soldiers

In honor of Veteran's Day, Brookside Tigers are working to provide some comfort and warmth to soldiers overseas. We will be sending letters from students, socks and bags of Starbucks coffee. Please help us by donating NEW white or gray athletic/crew Men's socks (size 9 to 13) or a bag of Starbucks whole bean/ground coffee. There will be a drop-off box in front of the office from 10/21/14 – 10/31/14. Monetary donations towards the purchase of coffee are welcome. Thanks for your help!



We Want Your Box Tops!

Thank you all for participating! From September to November we submitted \$315.00 worth of box tops: Way to go Brookside Tigers! Please continue to clip those box tops and help us reach our goal of \$1,000 by March 1, 2015. There are more sheets available for you ~ simply ask your teacher and we will get them to you. Or you may clip them and place in a zip lock baggie and put them in the workroom (there is a box top box next to the sign in area). Please remember to check the dates to make sure they are not expired! Thanks for supporting the school!

DO YOU STILL NEED SPIRIT WEAR?

As most of you know, Brookside's "spirit wear" is sold completely on-line this year. The on-line store is open again for those of you who missed out or want to order something else. To purchase, simply go to www.zimmzang.com/brookside. The last day to order from this "web store" is **NOVEMBER 6th**. Your order will be shipped and delivered directly to Brookside to your child's classroom about 10 to 14 days after the close of the web store. Any questions, please contact Denise Helfstein at besptapresident@gmail.com.

Come to the PTA Meeting on October 29th

The next PTA meeting will be held on October 29, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the MPR. OPUSD Science Specialist Debra Hammill will be present and will discuss with Brookside parents some of the interesting things she is planning for elementary schools this year and beyond. We will discuss upcoming fundraisers and programs too!



Go Math! Parent Training

November 21st 8:30am – 9:30am (RSVP Required)

You are invited to join an expert from the Houghton Mifflin publishing company for a parent training on the digital resources available through the new Go Math curriculum. The trainer will show parents how to navigate the various support resources through the online *Think Central* and how to best support their children at home. If you would like to attend the training please complete the form on the attached flyer and return it to your child's teacher or to the school office no later than October 31. If you are interested in attending a Go Math training but cannot make it to a morning session, please indicate that on the form so that we can plan an evening training. If we have a minimum of 20 parents interested in attending an evening session we will schedule it!

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKET TO WIN A CHANCE TO ESCORT "STRIPE THE TIGER" ONTO THE OPHS FOOTBALL FIELD!

OPUSD's Community Outreach Committee is inviting four lucky Brookside students to hold "Stripes" the Tiger's hand as he runs through the Eagle at the **November 7th** OPHS vs. Agoura High School football game. To enter for a chance to win, Brookside students need to fill out a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets are **free** and will be available **before school on Monday, October 27th and Tuesday, October 28th**. A PTA volunteer will be sitting at a table in front of school on the 27th and 28th where your child can complete a raffle ticket. (If for some reason you or your child cannot fill out a raffle ticket before school on the 27th or 28th, please email besptapresident@gmail.com before October 28th to request a raffle ticket.) Please note that there will be four winners; two students will run with Stripes at the beginning of the game and two will run with him at the beginning of the second half of the game. Mrs. Ahl will randomly pick four raffle tickets and will notify the winners on Wednesday, October 29th. You must be able to attend the game to participate in the raffle! (The game starts at 7:00 p.m.) Raffle winner or not—EVERYONE is welcome to attend this great community event. It is the last game of the season (and a BIG rivalry). The middle school band members will also be playing with the high school marching band! So, come on out-you won't want to miss this fun and exciting OPHS and community event!



OTHER HAPPENINGS AROUND OPUSD...

Community Rummage Sale @ OPHS

The OPHS Athletic Boosters will be having a Community Rummage Sale at OPHS on Saturday, November 1st from 8:00 to noon. Many household items will be available as well as clothing and musical instruments. Please come by and support the Athletic Boosters!

STEAM CARNIVAL:



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The poster features a green and blue geometric pattern background. It includes a logo with a stylized 'S' and 'C' inside a circle. Below the logo, it says 'The Los Angeles STEAM Carnival debuts OCTOBER 25 & 26 CRAFTED at The Port of Los Angeles'. A yellow ticket graphic on the right offers '\$5 OFF EACH TICKET!' with promo code 'CAPTA'. A banner below the text lists 'ROBOTS • FIRE • LASERS • GAMES • SCIENCE'. At the bottom, there are three photos: a woman interacting with a blue circular object, a laser light show, and a child interacting with a red ball. The bottom of the poster has a dark blue bar with white text: 'Tickets and More Info at steamcarnival.com • #steamcarnival'.