



SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday-2/20/16,
6 p.m.

Brookside Elementary
PTA's *Give to Grow*
Mid-Winter Gala at
Four Seasons in Westlake
Village!

SAVE THE DATE, and join us as we support all of Brookside's wonderful programs while enjoying a fun-filled evening with a silent and live auction, dinner, dancing, and more. Tickets will go on sale soon. **There is limited space for this event.** Look for weekly information in the *Tidbits* for updates on how you can help, information on corporate sponsorships and advertising, and event information.

Brookside Families, we need your connections! We want this event to be a huge success and cannot do it without the help of our parents and community. If you would like your company to sponsor the event and be acknowledged in our invitation, *Tidbits*, and/or event program, please click **HERE** or contact our Gala Chair, Lolly Parker, at laurenkparker@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 10/6: OPUSD Community Read: *Wonder* 6:30 p.m. @OPHS Pavilion
- 10/7: WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY!
Brookside Family Restaurant Event at Islands in Agoura, 1 p.m.-closing
- 10/12: PTA Mixed Bags Fundraiser ENDS; please turn in all forms!
Kindergarten Assessments (12:15 p.m. early release, Kindergarten only)
- 10/15: Great Shake Out
New California Standards Parent Meeting #2 6:30 p.m. @OPHS Pavilion
- 10/16: New California Standards Parent Meeting #2 8:45 a.m. @Red Oak MPR
- 10/19-23: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
- 10/19- Breakfast with Books @7:45 a.m.
 - 10/21- Parents and PJs; Book Signing with bestselling author, Drew Daywalt @ 5 p.m.
 - 10/23- Breakfast with Books @7:45 a.m.
- 10/23-31: RED RIBBON WEEK
- 10/26: NO SCHOOL
- 10/27: Spirit Stick Sale!
- 10/28: PTA General Association Meeting @ 8:30 a.m. in the MPR (Principal Coffee)
- 10/29-11/5: CONFERENCES (12:15 p.m. dismissal)
- 10/30: Halloween Parade at 8:30 a.m. in the Quad
- 11/6: Special Minimum Day: K-3, 12:15 p.m., 4-5, 12:30 p.m dismissal. Office closes 1 p.m.



10/6-PTA Reflections Gallery Night 6:30 p.m. in the Brookside MPR

We will be celebrating our Reflections participants and the over 80 submissions we received this year. Winners will move onto the next round of judging at the local level.

Mixed Bag Designs Fall Fundraiser Ends 10/12!

ORDER YOUR MIXED BAGS TODAY!

Have you checked out your Mixed Bags

Catalog? Look inside-- there are great bags and

more. The deadline for orders HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO **OCTOBER 12TH!** You or your out of town friends and family can also shop online at www.mixedbagdesigns.com using

Brookside's fundraiser **ID #355426**. Plus, kids earn fun Minion-themed prizes. **ANY CHILD**

WHO HAS \$50 OR MORE IN SALES WILL EARN A "THANKS A MINION" Spirit Stick!

Don't delay! Order today! For more info, click [**HERE**](#) for Mixed Bags flyer.

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Counselor's Corner: October's Newsletter and Parent Education Session

Character Counts- Kindness & Caring

Click [HERE](#) to learn more from our amazing new school counselor, Holly Baxter, in the October edition of her newsletter, **Counseling Connections**. There you will find helpful information, tips, and parent education events. October's traits for our Character Counts program are **Kindness & Caring**.

Please join Mrs. Baxter for her next parent education session: **"You CAN Sit Here:**

Coaching Our Sons and Daughters to Handle Drama and Bullying Decisively". Click [HERE](#) for the event flyer! Helping our kids to learn respectful self-advocacy can be difficult when bullying and drama come into play. It's hard to know when to step in and when to coach our kids to take their own steps towards solving the problem. Join us for a frank discussion of what constitutes bullying, how to model and support assertive self-advocacy, the different types of bullying that can take place, and what to do when drama takes over. Both a morning and evening session are offered: **Monday, October 19th 7:00pm-8:30pm or Tuesday, October 20th 8:30am- 10:00am at Red Oak Elementary, Multi Purpose Room, 4857 Rockfield Street, Oak Park.**



Typing Boot Camp for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders: Sign-Up Now for December!

The October session is now FULL and starts 10/6, but there are a limited amount of spaces left for December! Typing Boot Camp will take place in the Computer Lab **Tuesday,**

Wednesday, and Thursday mornings at 7:45 am. There is no cost to this program; the only requirement is that your child attend all 12 sessions. To enroll please click [HERE](#). Any questions, you may contact Mrs. Rosen at: jrosen@opusd.org.

10/7-Walk to School Wednesday

Come join the fun, and walk to school! Walk to School Wednesday promotes healthy kids, cuts down on neighborhood traffic and pollution, and builds community spirit! Come on out and meet up with some of your favorite teachers and many of your friends for the trek to school. Stripes the Tiger will meet you at school! Wear your spirit wear, and meet us at one of three locations:

- 1) Deerhill Fire Station - 7:45 a.m. Teachers TBA
- 2) Conifer & Locust - 7:55 a.m. Ms. Brennan, Mr. Squire, & Mrs. Thomas
- 3) Conifer & Bayberry - 7:55 a.m. Mrs. Stephens & Mrs. Watson

Questions: Contact Monica Chizzo @ mchizzo@aol.com.

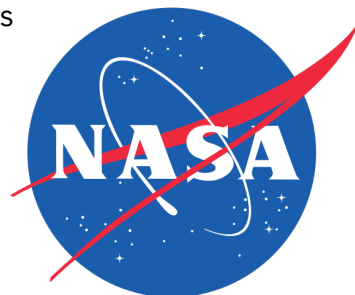


10/7-Brookside PTA Family Restaurant Event @ Islands! from 1 p.m. to Closing!

After all that walking, take advantage of our minimum day on Wednesday, and make plans to join friends for lunch at **Islands in Agoura Hills** or meet up later for dinner! Either way, it's sure to be a fun time seeing Brookside friends and sharing a meal while raising money for the Brookside PTA! Please be sure to download the flyer [HERE](#) to be present at the restaurant for credit towards Brookside; please note credit is given for dine-in orders only. For more information, please contact Crystal Bell @ mrsbell@gmail.com.

10/10 & 10/11-NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab: Open House 9-4 p.m.

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena invites the public to its annual Open House. The event is free of charge with no tickets or reservations required and takes visitors on a "ride" through the wonders of space. Highlights include: a life-size model of the Mars Science Laboratory, demonstrations from numerous space missions, JPL's machine shop, where robotic spacecraft parts are built, and the Microdevices Lab, where engineers and scientists use tiny technology to revolutionize space exploration. For more information, click [HERE](#).

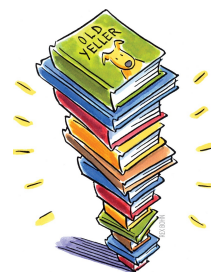


Brookside PTA's Next Spirit Stick Sale TUESDAY, 10/27 (note new date!)

We will have our next sale on **October 27th** (not the 29th as stated in last week's Tidbits) and will have special Halloween Spirit Sticks, more sports-themed ones, and some special Book Fair ones in honor of our Book Fair Week! Stay tuned, and **THANK YOU** again for your support of this program that helps support our important programs. Special thanks to **Sue Meskis** for all her hard work in organizing the sale!



Brookside PTA: Lunchtime Library Book Cart & littleBits Are Here!



littleBits were rolled out for the first time last week, and Lunchtime Library Book Cart will be rolled out near the garden on Tuesdays and Fridays. After being dismissed from lunch, students can come by, grab a book to read alone or to share with friends, and simply return the book when the bell rings. Special thank you to **Lori Getz** for helping us label & organize the littleBits, **Pam Norton & Rachel Oakes** for volunteering each Friday with LEGO and littleBits, and **Denise Helfstein** and **Kelly Shaver** for getting the Book Cart going, and thank you to all the incredible parent volunteers: **Preeti David, Carey Fried, Luisa Kaptiz, and Kerri Scherzay**, who make it possible for our children to enjoy it. If you are interested in helping with the Book Cart, please contact Denise Helfstein at denisehelfstein@me.com.

Reminder: Fridays are Brookside Spirit Days!



Wear your new Spirit Wear or Brookside blue on Fridays, and show your Tiger Pride! Miss out on our Spirit Wear online store sale? Don't worry, we will re-open our online store again soon! Look for more details in our next issue of *Tidbits*!



It's Not Too Late To Join The PTA!

The easiest way to become involved in your child's education is to have a voice. The Brookside PTA gives you that voice. It allows you to be a part of decisions over 50 plus programs currently being funded by the PTA. Membership is \$10. If you already joined, we thank you! If you did not get a chance to join, please go **HERE**, to download the form; you may turn in the form with your check made payable to Brookside PTA in an envelope addressed to "**PTA, Attention Michele Abdulaziz**" via your child's homework folder. This will also be the last opportunity to order a school directory. You will need to be a PTA Member in order to purchase a directory using the form above. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Abdulaziz, VP of Membership at

besptamembership@gmail.com



Brookside Water Bottles for Sale!

If you didn't have a chance to purchase an insulated Brookside water bottle, it's not too late! We have a limited supply of water bottles left! First-come, first-served! You can order and pay online **HERE**. Bottles will be delivered to your student's classroom. If you wish to pay by check to **Brookside PTA**, please place it in an envelope with your student's name and teacher's name, to the **attention of Maria Cross, PTA Financial Secretary**. Envelopes may be turned into the office or to your child's teacher via your child's homework folder.

Santa Comes to Westlake/Agoura & Beyond

Brookside students, along with other area schools, will be collecting donated food in November for the annual Santa Comes to Westlake/Agoura and Beyond food drive. **If you or a family you know could benefit from the donated goods**, please contact Jennifer Goldstein of the Westlake Village Junior Women's League with the name, address, and phone number in an email to jennic1@gmail.com. Your name and the recipient's name and personal information will be kept confidential. Donated goods will be distributed on December 12 and can be picked up or delivered. **Please submit names by November 6.**



Feeding the Community

Turn in Your Box Tops & Wash Bucks!

Save **Wash Bucks** collected from the Agoura Hills Car Wash (at Reyes Adobe and the 101 freeway) to help earn money for Brookside! Gale Saul, our Box Tops coordinator collects them in groups of 100 and redeems them for Brookside. Simply tell the cashier you would like Wash Bucks for Brookside. Also remember to save your Box Tops!

Please cut the box tops out neatly to help us save on postage

costs, check the expiration dates, and bag them in bunches of 50,

or attach them to the sheets that you can download **HERE** or pick up in the office workroom!

Turn them into the Box Tops bin located on the shelves in the PTA workroom or via your child's homework folder to the attention of "PTA: Gale Saul." The deadline for Box Tops submissions for this pay period is October 23, 2015. Thank you so much for your support.



Oak Park Community Happenings



OPUSD 9/15 School Board Notes

At the regular monthly meeting of the Oak Park USD Board of Education held on September 15th, The Board heard a report from Dr. Tiffany Morse from the Ventura County Office of Education in regard to the Ventura County Innovates Grant, and regular reports from Board Members, the Superintendent, and the

Student Board Representative. The Board also heard reports from BES, ROES, and OPHS School Site Councils. To read more, click **HERE**.

10/6-OPUSD Community Read: *Wonder*

The Oak Park Unified School District is organizing a community-wide read of the book **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio. This inspiring story about the power and the importance of kindness in everyone's life has been selected as the first community read. Copies are available at the Oak Park Library or wherever you download or purchase books. There will be a community book club meeting on **Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 PM at the OPHS Pavilion** - hosted by MCMS teacher, Kathy Mosley. All members of our learning community and the community at large are invited and encouraged to participate.



10/16- OPUSD 2015 World Food Day & the UN Zero Hunger Challenge: Volunteers Needed



On Friday, October 16th, OPUSD will be aligning with the UN's "Zero Hunger Challenge" and joining other groups around the world to celebrate World Food Day. This "Challenge" raises awareness of how individuals can make small changes in their diets and in doing so help eliminate world hunger. On this day, OPUSD will be enticing students with some tasty vegetarian food samples. We are looking for a few volunteers at each school to help us hand out these yummy morsels. Please sign up [HERE](#) and select slots for "BES" to volunteer at Brookside.



Oak Park Cheer Clinic on 10/18!

ATTENTION: All Future Oak Park Cheerleaders! Cheer for a cure!

Come join us for the Annual Cheer Clinic where you get to learn fun cheers, dances, and stunts all to perform under the lights at an Oak Park Football Game! The Cheer Clinic is on **Sunday, October 18th from 9-12 p.m.** and then the **actual performance is on Friday, October 23rd at Halftime**. A portion of the proceeds from the clinic will go and

support **The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**. Can't wait to see you there!

Registration forms are due on 10/9 and are available for download **HERE** complete the form **by October 9th.**

10/5 Oak Park CERT Training and Update

TIME CHANGE: FALL BACK NOVEMBER 1ST

Oak Park residents need to be prepared:

Spring and Fall time changes are great reminders for improving home and family safety.

- Smoke Detectors/Carbon Dioxide Detectors: Change Batteries! According to the U.S. Fire Administration, most alarms need a new battery at least once a year. In addition, if your wired smoke alarm is more than 10 years old, replace it with a new alarm and a new battery. Practice your fire escape plan.
- Fire Extinguishers: Check Status/Maintenance and Replace if needed
- Clothes Dryer & Vent: Clean accumulated lint
- Kitchen Hood Fan: Clean accumulated grease
- Furnace/Air Conditioner Filters: Follow manufacturer's replacement schedule usually every 3-6 months
- Rain Gutters: Clean out debris. <http://fire.countyofventura.org>
- Water Filters: Follow manufacturer's replacement schedule
- Disaster Supplies: Rotate/Replace/Add to Water, Food, First Aid, Sheltering equipment and supplies.
- Add rain gear-battery powered radios-family communication plan. www.fema.org



*Citizen disaster preparedness training: The Ventura County Fire Department is presenting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training in Oak Park starting October 5th, 2015. Email: DiStarzak@sbcglobal.net for details or to register.