

OCTOBER 2017

FROM PRINCIPAL AHL

I hope that you are able to attend this week's Parent Information Session regarding our newly implemented curriculum, Reading Workshop (see below for all the details!). As you know, our classrooms are now immersed in this very authentic and personalized system of literacy learning and we want to continue to highlight information that will be helpful to parents as we move forward in the implementation. The session for all OPUSD parents (DK-5) will be held this Wednesday, October 18th, at Oak Hills Elementary School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

We had a fabulous SOCKTOBER kickoff event this past Friday morning and we already have a wonderful collection of new socks to donate to those in need. THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity! What an incredible community.



It's Socktober!

It may be October to everyone else, but here at Brookside- it's SOCKTOBER! You are invited to contribute new pairs of socks by dropping them in one of the boxes near the front office of the school.



As winter approaches, there is nothing better than a place to live and warm socks on your feet. Brookside Tigers want to help those in need by donating a pair of new socks! We can help make a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors who are homeless.



Tigers to the Rescue!

Mission: Used clothing for kids in St. Maarten.



When Hurricane Irma hit the Caribbean Islands a few weeks ago, 90% of the structures on the island of St. Maarten were destroyed. 150,000+ people are struggling to meet their basic needs, many of them

children. Here's how you can help. The students from Learning Unlimited Preparatory School are desperate for clothing. Declutter your closets and clean out those dressers.

Please donate any unwanted, gently worn clothes for children, that are still in good condition. Any clothing for ages 5-12, boys or girls, would be appreciated. Socks and shoes that are clean and wearable would also be great. A drop box will remain in front of the school office until Wednesday, October 18th. Questions? Email Mrs. Stephens at cstephens@opusd.org. Thank you for your help. Let's do this, Tigers!

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/18	Parent Information Night: Reading Workshop 6:30pm (OHES)
10/19	Reflections Gallery Night/Awards (5:45 Gallery/ 6:30 Awards)
10/25	PTA General Association Meeting (8:30am MPR)
10/23-10/31	Red Ribbon Week
10/27-11/3	Conference Week (12:15 dismissal)
10/31	Annual Halloween Parade - 8:30am
11/4	Bingo Night
11/10	NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
11/13-17	Santa Comes to Agoura Food Drive
11/20-24	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break (Happy Thanksgiving!)
11/29-12/1	PTA Scholastic Book Fair


Educating Compassionate and Creative Global Citizens

What is Reading Workshop, and How Does It Change the Way We Report Student Progress?

Come have a conversation with teachers, principals, district leaders, and a leader from the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project. We will discuss the ways that Reading Workshop has changed our classrooms and the new ways to look at reading grades.

Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30-7:30
Oak Hills Elementary School MPR

Child care will be provided for OPUSD students in the OHES library. Please let us know how many students you will bring so that we can ensure adequate staffing for the event.
<http://bit.ly/ReadingNight>



10/18: What's Reading Workshop? Come and Learn all about it!

OPUSD is putting on a Workshop that is being facilitated by the Teacher's College Reading and Writing Project this Wednesday, October 18th, from 6:30-7:30pm at Oak Hills Elementary MPR. It is a great opportunity to come hear and learn more about Reading Workshop!

Our conversation will be focused on the changes parents will see regarding grades and the reporting of student progress. Child care will be provided to OPUSD students (no younger siblings, please) - please RSVP at this link <http://bit.ly/2i4md2l>

10/19: Join us for Reflections Gallery & Awards Night!

We had over 65 amazing entries this year! Please join us as we celebrate our students' artistic endeavors at the PTA Reflections Gallery and Awards Night on Thursday, October 19th.



Please note the awards portion of the program starts at 6:30 p.m., but refreshments and viewing the gallery of art inside the MPR will start at 5:45 p.m. For further details, please click [HERE](#).



10/20 Deadline: Cosmic Bingo Night - Get Your Tickets Before Oct. 20th!

Brookside PTA's *COSMIC BINGO Family Fun Night* will be held on Saturday, November 4th in the Medea Creek Middle School Gym from 6:00-8:30pm! Space is limited and Bingo sells out quickly! Don't Delay, Buy Your Tickets Now! Deadline to Buy Tickets: end of the school day on October 20th!

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR BINGO NIGHT TICKETS and PRE-ORDER JERSEY HOT DOG MEALS!

- *If paying by credit card, click [HERE](#) and follow the instructions.*
- *If paying by cash or check: please download attached cash/check registration form. Turn in your completed form with payment to the office workroom. [Bingo Registration Form 2017.pdf](#)*

Bingo Night is a fun and memorable experience with family and friends, and in addition, it is a PTA fundraising event and helps fund our many wonderful programs.

New This Year! We will hold only one session, in a much bigger venue, allowing us all to play together.

- Admission: \$10 per person and includes one bingo card per round.
- We will also sell raffle tickets: \$5 for 10 tickets or \$10 for 20 tickets.
- We will light up the sky with stars and enter outer space. Feel free to accessorize accordingly. Light-up clothing and glow accessories will create an even more *Cosmic* atmosphere!
- Jersey Dogs will be on hand selling their delicious hot dogs! Pre-orders are strongly encouraged. You can also buy directly from Jersey Dogs on the night of the event.
- Medea just installed a beautiful new floor in their gym and requests that you wear rubber-soled/gym shoes. Please, no heels or other hard-soled shoes that can damage the floor.

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!

The Bingo Committee is in need of raffle prizes for the event. If you are able to donate a raffle prize, please take the item to the office workroom and place it in the bin labeled "Bingo Raffle Prizes". If you have any questions or suggestions, or would prefer to give the raffle item directly to me, please contact Alison Ross at 323-620-4600 or alison@centerforeatingrecovery.com

10/25: PTA General Association Meeting-8:30am

Please join us at our October PTA General Association Meeting at 8:30am, on Wednesday, October 25th in the MPR. In addition to approving program plans and hearing updates from Principal Ahl and our PTA executive board members, we are pleased to hear from OPUSD Board of Education President and Brookside parent Drew Hazelton, and Derek Ross, OPUSD Board of Education Vice President.

FROM THE BROOKSIDE PTA



Just for the Kids: Let's Meet Our Goal of \$120,000!

THANK YOU to all of our generous families for supporting our annual giving campaign "Just for the Kids-Give to Grow." To date, we have *\$106,424* in pledges with 235 of our families participating. We're only *\$13,576* away from our Just for the Kids-Give to Grow goal. If you have not had the opportunity to donate, there's still time to donate and make a difference.

What is Just for the Kids?

Just for the Kids is the Brookside PTA's largest annual fundraiser--there is nothing to buy or sell; it is just a direct tax-deductible donation towards the numerous salaries and programs that benefit your student during the school year. While a public school education is free, an enriched education is not. OPUSD is one of the top districts academically, but as we don't have the demographics that meet the criteria for additional funding, we are at the bottom of the state funding ladder. For more information on how state funding works, please visit www.ed100.org

I Would Like to Donate!

If you didn't have the opportunity to do so yet — *it is not too late*. Simply click [HERE](#) to donate. Let's get our participation level to 100%. *EVERY donation counts*, and together we can do more. *We appreciate any amount that meets your family's budget*. THANK YOU for investing in your student!

Check Out Our "Paw-Some" Display on the MPR Windows!

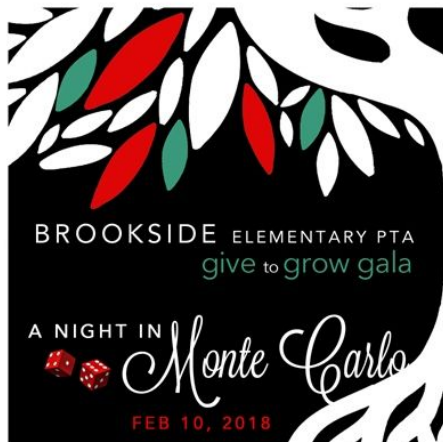
Every student whose family donated is recognized on our window display with their name and grade on a paw print. Please be sure to stop by and check it out! We are counting on 100% participation!

**THANK YOU to ALL of OUR FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY
DONATED....EVERY DONATION MATTERS!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE!**

2017-18 JUST FOR THE KIDS GIVE TO GROW CAMPAIGN

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Give To Grow Gala - Call For Help From Families!

Plans for our Give to Grow Gala - A Night in Monte Carlo are well underway! We could use your help in one of two ways.

1. Corporate sponsorships - If you or someone in your network owns a business that would be interested in underwriting our event, we'd love to speak with them. We have four levels of sponsorship in return for many advertising and promotional opportunities. Deadline for recognition on the banner at the Royal Flush, Ace and King levels is Dec. 1. And please remind them that we have families from San Fernando Valley, Conejo Valley, Simi Valley, Oak Park and beyond so their advertising reach will be quite broad. Please click [HERE](#) for more information for corporate sponsorship.
2. In-kind donations - Special experiences seem to garner the highest bids from Brookside families. If you or someone you know has sporting tickets, a timeshare or owns a business and can donate an experience, please let us know. We are also open to donations such as gift cards. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Please reach out to our gala chair, Jaya Yan, at jayayan@gmail.com or at 310-500-7166 if you have any suggestions.

Thank you and please remember to save the date of Feb 10, 2018. Tickets will be going on sale soon!

Got Box Tops? Time to turn them in!

The time is fast approaching for our fall Box Tops submission! Please round up all the Box Tops you have been saving, clip around the pink dotted line, and either attach them to one of the designated sheets or place them in a zip top bag. Our school earns money with each Box Top submitted.

Please be sure the dates are current (many expire November 1) and the Tops are clipped carefully by the pink dotted line. Please have all Box



Tops submitted in the office workroom by Thursday, October 19th so we can make the fall submission deadline and make progress toward our goal of raising \$1,000! Questions? Contact Susan at susarina@gmail.com. Click [HERE](#) to print out a Box Top sheet.

TIGER SHOUT-OUTS!

Music Van Volunteers Rock!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO our INCREDIBLE Music Van Chair PTA parent volunteer, Stuart Forman, and all our wonderful parents for volunteering for this amazing program! We couldn't have done it without your help! Please see the following message from Stuart:

Strike up the band! I'd like to offer my musical thanks to the *Staff* and many parent volunteers who went to a lot of *treble* to help make this year's Music Van program a success.

Not to *harp* on it, but many of you pulled a lot of *strings to be there*. Thank you Eliza Parker, Kerri Scherzay, Lauren Wolff, Sorour Gritz, Naomi Paz, Ilanit Levanon, Dominique Berger, Joanne Loetz, Samantha Kinkaid, Taline Galstian, Judy Violette, Lydia Rychlik, Maria Hoffman, Judie Berro, Lauren Wolff, Robin Weiss, Stephanie Brody, Kelley Foster, Kristin Arledge, Michelle Haines, David Haines, Kyle Schmidt, Lori Getz, Rian Li, Christine Hazelton, Monica Chizzo, Elena Wendell, Maria Cross, Amanda Benjamin, Amber Ruddock, Susan Vaughan, Amy Theaker, Danielle McFadden, and Michele Abdulaziz. Hopefully we *drummed* up a lot of interest in studying music.

- Stuart Forman, Music Van Chair

Thank You, Brookside Families!

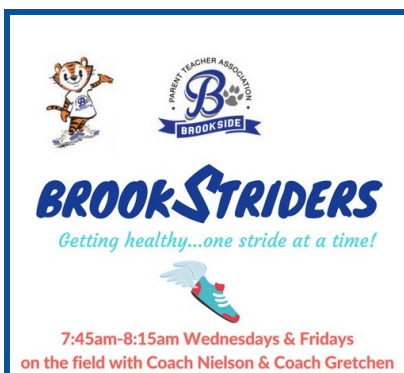
Thank you to all the Brookside families who participated in our first Restaurant Night Out at Sharky's. Together, we raised over \$330.

Special thanks to Denise Zweig and Judie Berro for coordinating this fun event! Thank you to our wonderful Principal, Sara Ahl and our amazing teachers Denise Keane, Cindy Stephens and Stacy Reisman for "smashing the guac"!



BrookStriders Are Off And Running!

Our newly renamed before school run/walk club kicked off this month, with over 115 kids currently signed up! If you would still like to sign up, please do so at least 48 hours prior to your first day of attending. Please click [HERE](#) to sign-up and complete the mandatory waiver. Thank you to Coach Nielsen and Coach Gretchen and to parent volunteers: Tina



Wang, Maria Cross, Danielle McFadden, Susan Vaughan, Gina & Chris Sampera, Nicole Best, Carmela Barbieri, Eric Agovino, Mojdeh S. Kazemi, Denise Zweig, Kelly Ridge, and Juliette Raymond.

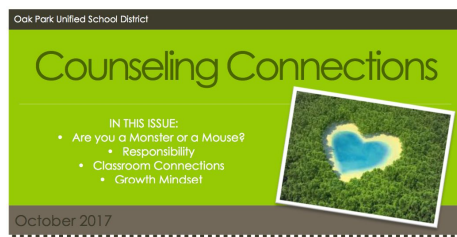
Picture Perfect!

Thank you to Amy Theaker and Virginia Rosenthal for helping make Brookside's picture day run so smoothly!



FROM OPUSD

Counseling Connections: October Edition



Counseling Connections is a great way to keep informed about the different Social and Emotional Learning going on and Brookside, as well as what we are doing to highlight the character trait of the month.

This month, you will find information on Responsibility, Growth Mindset, Gossip is like Glitter, and an Upcoming Parent Education. Please click [HERE](#) for the full newsletter.

Walk for the Dogs!

Community Dog Walk - Saturday, October, 21st at 10AM. Meet at Oak Park High School!

Oak Park High School students in the club SPAE, Students Protecting Animals and the Environment invite you to bring your dog and a \$10 donation to participate in our Walk for the Dogs. This year all proceeds will be donated to The Humane Society of the United States to support their work related to animal rescues in hurricane ravaged areas.



There are thousands of animals that have been affected by the hurricanes. There will be two courses, one short for smaller and older dogs and one that is about a mile for other dogs. All dogs must be on a lead at all times and any waste must be picked up.

Entry forms will be available at the event. Cash or checks accepted. Checks should be made out to The Humane Society. Only well socialized/safe dogs should participate in this activity.

Get Your Game On: Family Game Night is Coming!



Family Game Night
Friday, October 27, 2017 at 6 pm

Oak Park Community Center
1000 N. Kanan Rd., Oak Park, CA 91377
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The OPUSD Community Engagement Committee is jointly sponsoring a Family Game Night with RSRPD at the Oak Park Community Center on October 27 at 6 PM. There will be giant games and board games. This event is free and open to the community.

Food will be available for sale, as well as the Oak Park-Opoly Games. The Oak Park-Opoly games can be pre-purchased on the district website (show receipt for pick up) or purchased onsite at a special game night sale price of \$25 reduced from \$50.



OAK PARK MUSIC AT THE MOVIES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
at 7:00 pm
Oak Park High School Pavilion
OAK PARK INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PRESENTS A
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\$5 students
\$10 Adults
\$25 VIP Seating

Join Us For Oak Park Music at the Park!

Join the Oak Park High School Strings and Wind Ensembles for an evening of Music at the Movies!

Student musicians will perform music from blockbuster films, accompanied by film clips from the movies themselves!

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For more information, or to begin advertising in our November newsletter, please click [HERE](#).

OAK PARK COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Family Activities in the Community and Beyond!

★ *The 36th Annual* ★ 

Westlake Village
Junior Women's Club:

GingerBread Boutique



Featuring unique gifts, jewelry, apparel and home goods

Friday November 3, 2017 - 9:00am -4:00pm
Shopping Night 6pm-9pm \$30 entry : includes shopping, cocktails, food & dessert

★ **St. Maximilian Kolbe Church** ★
5801 Kanan Road Westlake Village, CA 91362


All net proceeds will benefit charities in Conejo Valley.




For more information visit: www.westlakejuniors.org or email gingerbread@westlakejuniors.org

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1000 N. KANAN RD.


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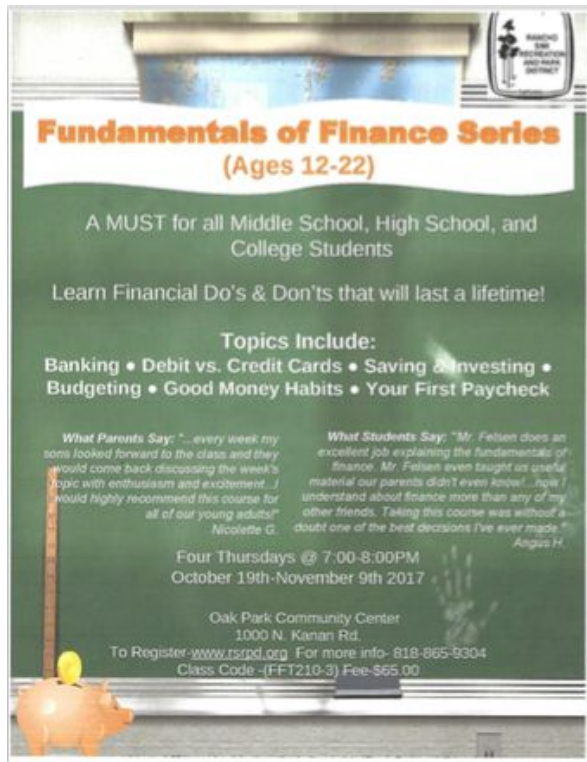
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Banking • Debit vs. Credit Cards • Saving & Investing • Budgeting • Good Money Habits • Your First Paycheck

What Parents Say: "...every week my sons looked forward to the class and they would come back discussing the week's topic with enthusiasm and excitement. I would highly recommend this course for all of our young adults!"
Nicolette G.

What Students Say: "Mr. Felsen does an excellent job explaining the fundamentals of finance. Mr. Felsen even taught us useful material our parents didn't even know! ... Now I understand about finance more than any of my other friends. Taking this course was without a doubt one of the best decisions I've ever made."
Angus H.

Four Thursdays @ 7:00-8:00PM
October 19th-November 9th 2017

Oak Park Community Center
1000 N. Kanan Rd.
To Register: www.rsrpd.org For more info- 818-865-9304
Class Code - (FFT210-3) Fee-\$65.00



NATIONAL PUMPKIN DAY

=FREE PUMPKIN DECORATING=

Thursday Oct 26 - 6pm - 8pm

Free small pumpkins & supplies
(stickers, glitter glue, etc) for all participants.

Whole Foods Thousand Oaks is hosting a **FREE pumpkin decorating event on Thursday, 10/26 from 6pm-8pm**. All Brookside students and parents are invited! It will be a fun, festive (and FREE) night! Free goodies & dinner specials will be available for participants, too.