

NOVEMBER 2017

FROM PRINCIPAL AHL

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, I am reminded of all for which we have to be thankful here at Brookside Elementary School. What comes to mind first and foremost are the generosity and thoughtfulness of our school community, as evidenced by the impressive response to the multiple calls for support that we have put out over the last few months. This has been an exceptionally busy season of giving, beginning with our fundraisers and clothing collections for victims of the devastating hurricanes, to our annual "Socktober" sock drive for the homeless, to our "Snacks for Soldiers" drive for the men and women serving our country overseas, and, now, our current "Santa Comes to Agoura" food drive (just to name a few!). We are very fortunate to partner with local organizations that provide these opportunities to give charitably to others. And, without our very hard-working Student Council advisors, Ms. Landis and Mrs. Stephens, and their dedicated students, much of this would not be possible!

With all of this and so much more, I reflect on the gifts that I have in my life, both personally and professionally, and I feel incredibly grateful for the kind and giving nature of the Brookside and OPUSD staff, families, and surrounding community.

THANK YOU for answering our calls to help those in need and for joining us in creating a culture of philanthropy, compassion, and kindness for our children.

I wish you a wonderful week. Stay tuned for the next edition of our weekly update after the Thanksgiving holiday!

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/13-17	Santa Comes to Agoura Food Drive
11/16 & 11/17	Aladdin, Jr. School Play (evening performances)
11/20-24	NO SCHOOL - Fall Break (Happy Thanksgiving!)

11/29-12/1	PTA Scholastic Book Fair
12/22-1/5/18	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
1/8/18	School Resumes (Elementary Only; Secondary Returns 1/9)
1/15/18	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/24/18	PTA General Association Meeting (8:30 am - MPR)

11/13-11/17 Santa Comes to Agoura Food Drive

Each year, Brookside Tigers work hard to collect canned and packaged goods for local families in need during the holiday season. Between November 13 and November 17, please bring breakfast items, such as cereal, oatmeal, protein bars, and breakfast bars to school. There will be boxes outside of the school office, in which you may place your donations. Whether it's Cheerios, Quaker Oats, or Tiger Milk Bars, anything helps and is greatly appreciated!



If you are interested in participating further in this community service event, you are invited to help put together the care packages on Saturday December 10 at the Agoura Hills DIY Home Center parking lot from 8:30-11:00 am. Thanks for all you do, Tigers!



Come and See the Show!
Brookside's Fall Play:
Disney's Aladdin, Jr.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Upstage Theatre Schools *in cooperation with Brookside Elementary's PTA* presents : Disney's Aladdin, Jr.

Come to one or both performances and support your Brookside classmates! Please note the different start times for each performance.

1. Thursday, November 16th at 6:30pm
2. Friday, November 17th at 7:00pm

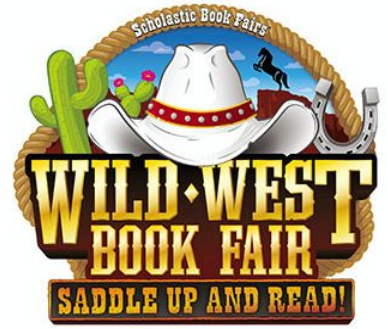
HOW TO ORDER TICKETS: <https://upstagebesaladdin.bpt.me>

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

Brookside Elementary School MPR

11/29 - 12/1: Brookside's Annual Scholastic Book Fair

****WANTED** YOUR ATTENDANCE!**
BROOKSIDE'S ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Wednesday, 11/29 - Friday, 12/1



Join us in the MPR for our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Get your holiday gift lists together and let your shopping benefit our school!

- Wednesday, November 29 at 7:30am: Donuts with Dudes! & Coffee with Cowgirls!
Fair Open: 7:30am - 8:15am & 12:15pm - 1:30pm
- Thursday, November 30: Fair Open: 7:30am - 8:15am & 12:15pm - 3:30pm
- Friday, December 1: FINAL DAY! Wear your favorite wild west wear to school!
Fair Open: 7:30am - 8:15am & 12:15pm - 3:30pm
- Friday, December 1: EVENING EVENT with author Drew Daywalt and Food Trucks!
Fair Open: 4:30pm - 7:30pm

We are excited to have our very own Drew Daywalt, author of *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *The Day the Crayons Came Home*, join us Friday evening to read his latest book, *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*, and then stay for a book signing! We will also have food trucks, so bring your appetite while shopping for books.

All Book Fair Purchases will earn a ticket for some fun raffles throughout the fair.

PLEASE be on the lookout for volunteer opportunity posts coming through ParentSquare.

Questions? Contact our Wild West Sheriffs, Virginia Rosenthal and Michele Abdulaziz at besbookfairchair@gmail.com

FROM THE OFFICE

growing**outdoors**

Winter Trimester
Registration Now Open!

Register For Growing Outdoors After-School Exploratories TODAY!

Brookside's after-school enrichment provider, Growing Outdoors, has done it again! Coming right off the success of their Fall Trimester and Conference Week Camp, they have put

together a fun and beneficial set of exploratories for their Winter Trimester! Visit the Growing Outdoors website for complete listings, pricing, and online registration: growingoutdoors.com/brookside.

But don't delay, registration closes Tuesday, November 21st! So be sure you register before Thanksgiving Break!

FROM THE BROOKSIDE PTA

Lunchtime Enrichment is in Full Swing!

The Brookside Elementary PTA is proud to sponsor Lunchtime Enrichment on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Brookside! Programs are run on a drop-in basis and student participation is optional.



TUESDAYS

- LUNCHTIME LIBRARY BOOK CART: Borrow a book during your lunch break; sit near the cart and enjoy a book alone or share a book with a friend.
- CReATE Art at Brookside: Brookside PTA has partnered with CReATE Art in Westlake as part of their Create on Your Campus (COYC) program to bring our students the opportunity to exercise their creativity by using recycled materials to create!

THURSDAYS

- PLAYGROUND PLUS: This popular program run by Growing Outdoors to promotes fitness and team-building through team play. All students participate in AMAZING and FUN games each week to get students moving and working together!

FRIDAYS

- LEGO BUILDZONE: Students love the projects they will build each week with different LEGO bricks and elements designed to promote fun, creativity, and collaboration!

PTA Give to Grow Gala: Get Your Tickets Now!

Prices Go Up on 12/15!

Early bird tickets for the Give to Grow Gala - A Night in Monte Carlo are on sale. Please note that table seating and table location will be determined on a first come, first served basis so please get your tickets early. Prices go up 12/15.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, please click [HERE](#).



**TICKETS
ON SALE!**

BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY PTA
give to grow gala

A NIGHT IN *Monte Carlo*

ENTERTAINMENT
SpotlightLA
& OPHS Jazz Band

5:30 P.M.
Silent auction, passed
hors d'oeuvres
casino games, cash bar
photo booth opens

7:30 P.M.
3-course seated dinner

8:30 P.M.
Live auction

9:00 P.M.-Midnight
Dancing with SpotlightLA,
pictures in photo booth,
dessert bar, casino games
with prizes (9-10pm)

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10, 2018
5:30 P.M.**

HYATT WESTLAKE VILLAGE
880 S Westlake Blvd,
Westlake Village, CA 91361

\$100 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS
(\$125 AFTER 12/15)

**HIGH-ROLLER TABLES FOR 10
\$2000**

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT
WWW.BIDDINGFORGOOD.COM/BESGALA
(Pre-purchase casino chips at a discount
when you purchase your tickets)

Questions: Jaya Yan at jayayan@gmail.com



Congratulations to our PTA Reflections Award Winners!



Congratulations to the following PTA Reflections in Art award winners whose artwork was recognized on October 19th at the Gallery and Awards Night and has been selected to represent Brookside at the Conejo Council level for the next round of judging:

Visual Arts Primary Category (K-2nd): 1st place: Elise Peloso, 2nd place: Michael Subotnik, 3rd place: Isha Jadhav, 4th place: Leanne Amir.

Visual Arts Intermediate Category (3rd-5th): 1st place: Sophie Vaughan, 2nd place: Annika Thakur, 3rd Place: Avery Boggs, 4th place: Zara Farooqui

Film Production Intermediate (3rd-5th): 1st place: Elena McFadden

Literature Primary (K-2nd): 1st Place: Emily Hardy

Literature Intermediate (3rd-5th): 1st place: Anona Nori, 2nd place: Kiefer Leong, 3rd Place: Simran Kaur, 4th place: Max Chizzo

Music Composition Intermediate (3rd-5th): 1st place: Harrison Forman, 2nd place: Simran Kaur

Dance Choreography Primary (K-2nd): 1st Place: Lilia McFadden

Dance Choreography Intermediate (3rd-5th): 1st place: Shayona Dravid, 2nd place: Ailee Nishi, 3rd Place: Ella Warshaviak

Photography Primary (K-2nd): 1st place: Aaron Driggs, 2nd place: Aaron Driggs, 3rd Place: Sheryl Dennis, 4th place: Sheryl Dennis

Photography Intermediate (3rd-5th): 1st place: Bing Heine, 2nd place: Raven Ercolono, 3rd Place: Emma Gibson, 4th place: Harrison Forman

TIGER SHOUT-OUTS!



Cosmic Bingo Night was Out of this World!

A huge thank you to the Brookside community for participating in our biggest Bingo fundraiser ever last Saturday! We lit up the sky and played fifteen rounds of Bingo in our extraterrestrial zone.

Thanks to your generous donations and participation, we were able to award multiple prize baskets per round, give away some amazing raffle prizes - including an electric scooter and a Fitbit - and raise money for our wonderful PTA programs. We couldn't have done it without you!

Special thanks to Mrs. Farlow and Mr. Squire for entertaining us as our awesome Bingo callers.

A big Brookside shout out to our out-of-this-world PTA Bingo Chair & parent volunteer, *Alison Ross*, and to the Bingo Committee for their hard work in putting together the event: *Erika Miller, Lori Getz, Amy Cook, Dominique Berger, Kerri Scherzay, Joanna Peterson, Monica Chizzo, and Amy Theaker.*

Thank you to our wonderful Bingo Night volunteers:

Maria Cross, Tina & Allie Wang, Judie Berro, Monay, Nicholas, & Kamila Zamani, Jen Burstein, Amber Ruddock, Rob, Arianne & Cole Walker, Katrin & Justine Bolton, Danielle McFadden, Sandra Holmes, Tina Kadner, Gurmeet Kaur, Carmela Barbieri, Rosie Satorius, Adam Kommers, Dylan Miller, Minnoli Nori and Sofit Racusin.

And capturing all of the fun on film, thank you to our yearbook co-chairs, *Karen Pemberton and Stephanie Boggs.*



PTA Reflections in Art

We'd like to thank all the volunteers who worked on the PTA Reflections in Art!

A big shout out to our amazing event co-chairs:
Danielle McFadden and Dana Brown.

Thank you to *Monica Chizzo, Annapurna Nori, Michele Abdulaziz, and Diana McDonald* who all played a vital role in making the Reflections Gallery and Awards Night a special evening for our Brookside artists.

And finally, a special thank you to *Stephanie Boggs* who photographed the event!

FROM OPUSD

OPUSD Board Meeting: October Summary

All Oak Park Board of Education meetings are open to the public, and all Board business takes place in public except for discussion on some specific topics where the Board meets in Closed Session. For meeting dates, agendas, and meeting summaries, please click [HERE](#).



BROOKSIDE TIDBITS COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS

The Oak Park Unified School District and Brookside Elementary School
do not endorse any advertised products or services



Advertise your business in Tidbits!

The Brookside Tiger Tidbits e-Newsletter is a very cost-effective way to reach over 600 local families. Many families who are new to the area find our Tiger Tidbits a convenient source of local information and services when settling in and around the Oak Park, San Fernando Valley, Simi Valley and surrounding areas. New Monthly Pricing Options: \$75 for 1 month/ad or \$200 for 3 month/ad.

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

OAK PARK COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Family Activities in the Community and Beyond!



Friday, Dec. 1st from 8am to 4pm. Hosted by Red Oak PFA.



FALL 2017: HEALTH & SAFETY

Oak Park residents need to be prepared:

- Wildfires
- Earthquakes
- Potentially- Rain

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.

*******KIDDE Fire Extinguishers: RECALL**

Kidde toll-free at 800-880-6788 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.kidde.com and click on Safety Notice for more information.

Check Status/Maintenance and Replace/Additional as 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/weather gear-battery powered radios-family communication plan. www.fema.org

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Nov. 2017 OPUSD

Parenting Gifted Children and Teens

Presentation Series

Autumn 2017

What is Gifted?

Characteristics, Joys, and Challenges

What is giftedness? Expert opinions vary. This presentation will build understanding of typical characteristics of gifted kids, including the joys, complexities, and challenges of parenting them. It will be followed by the opportunity for questions and discussion. It will not be a presentation about the OPUSD GATE program specifically. Both morning and evening programs will cover similar content.

Tuesday, November 14 at 8:30 to 9:45 am

Red Oak Elementary School Multipurpose Room
4857 Rockfield Street, Oak Park, CA 91377

Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 to 8:45 pm

Oak Park Library Film and Lecture Room
899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377

Top Ten Tips for Parents of Gifted Kids

This program will focus on practical strategies that parents can use to address the needs of their gifted kids and the challenges they may present. Again, the presentation will be followed by the opportunity for questions and discussion. It will not be a presentation about the OPUSD GATE program specifically. Both morning and evening programs will cover similar content.

Thursday, December 14 at 8:30 to 9:45 am

Oak Hills Elementary School Multipurpose Room
1010 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377

Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 to 8:45 pm

Oak Park Library Film and Lecture Room
899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park, CA 91377

Coming soon...

- Motivation, Perfectionism, and Underachievement in Gifted Children and Teens - presentation
- SENG group – parent discussion group series (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) beginning January 28

Speaker: Judy Wiener, LCSW, LMFT, Psychotherapist

Specializing in Giftedness and Twice-Exceptionality

Registration is **FREE**, but space is limited, so **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

by one week prior to the presentation.

RSVP: JudyWiener@gmail.com or (818) 706-0140 Please leave your name and contact information.

Sponsored by the Oak Park Unified School District GATE Advisory Committee