

FEBRUARY 2018

FROM PRINCIPAL AHL



I would like to congratulate all of the BES spelling bee participants who recently competed as representatives from each of their classrooms. These 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students showed skill and grace as they kept the audience entertained and impressed us throughout! I am very proud of each of these participants, who displayed courage and confidence during the competition.

Congratulations to our final three competitors: Ian Scherzay (3rd Grade), Malvika Kolpe (4th Grade), and Kalia Bell (5th Grade). Ian will represent Brookside in the county-wide spelling bee and Malvika will serve as our alternate. Go, Tigers!

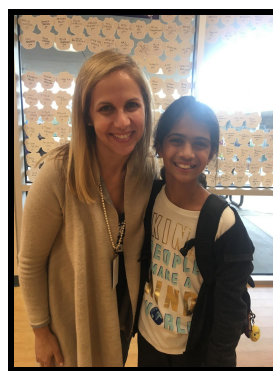
Congratulations to all of our participants and alternates!

3rd Grade: Asher Bennett, Elijah Mathew, Chandler Ebor, Saanvi Dasari, Ian Scherzay, Ella Warshaviak, Quinn Baumann, and Cara Cross.

4th Grade: Harrison Forman, Kevin Leggett, Malvika Kolpe, Shanesh Vangapandu, Joel Broberg, William Song, Gabby Salter, and Noah Zweig.

5th Grade: Trace Burgoon, Raja Rydman, Max Chizzo, Jonathan Zhang, Kalia Bell, and Jacob Richter.

The spelling bee would not have been possible without the coordination and planning of our very own Ms. Ortiz. I thank her for her leadership and support! Thank you to Virginia Standing, our office manager, for serving as pronouncer and Stacey Reisman, 5th-grade teacher, for serving as an additional judge!



Thank you... I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many messages of support you sent after hearing about the change that will be coming to Brookside. It is because of so many of you that it will be so difficult for me to leave my position as principal of BES. Thank you for all you do to make Brookside the truly extraordinary place that it is. It has been a genuine pleasure for me to serve. Once a Tiger, always a Tiger!

~Sara Ahl 

UPCOMING EVENTS

2/7	BrookStriders Second Session Begins
2/8	5th Grade Parent Info Night at MCMS (6:30PM)
2/10	PTA Mid-Winter Gala and Casino Night (Westlake Hyatt)
2/12 - 2/15	Kindergarten Assessments (12:15PM release, K only)
2/16 & 2/19	NO SCHOOL
2/24	OPUSD Super Saturday Sustainability Fair (OPHS)
2/28	PTA General Association Meeting (8:30 AM - MPR)
3/2	Father & Daughter Winter Dance (6:30 PM - MCMS Gym)
3/5 - 3/9	Conference Week (12:15 PM dismissal times)
3/6 - 3/8	BES at Kids World (12:00 - 3:00 PM daily)
3/21	Jog-A-Thon
3/24	Great Race of Agoura
3/28	PTA General Association Meeting and Annual Election (8:30 AM - MPR)
3/30	NO SCHOOL (local holiday and first day of spring break)
4/9	School Resumes after Spring Break

BrookStriders Resumes: This Wednesday, 2/7

Join our PE Coaches, Coach Nielson and Coach Gretchen for the second session of BrookStriders starting February 7th!

Studies show that exercise before school positively impacts children's classroom behavior and readiness to learn! BrookStriders allows students to start their day in a fun and active way where they can walk, jog, or run with friends before school! While we have fun milestone incentives for students to work towards, it is non-competitive and one lap is better than none - come give it a try!! Parents are WELCOME to join their students!

- WHEN: Wednesdays & Fridays (weather permitting)
- TIME: 7:45am to 8:15am
- WHERE: Meet down by the lower level playground/field no earlier than 7:45am
- HOW TO SIGN UP:
 - If you signed up for our first session, your BrookStrider is automatically signed up for this session.
 - If you did not signed up at our first session last fall, there is no cost to join; just sign up and complete the mandatory student/parent waivers [HERE](#) and show up!



BROOKSTRIDERS
Getting healthy...one stride at a time!





Congratulations to our Marathon Achievement Winners!

Left to Right: Lily Snyder - 2nd Grade, Mrs. Pryor's class; Michelle Vu - 4th Grade, Mrs. Powers' Class; Sophia Lara - 4th Grade, Mrs. Farlow's class; Sophie Vaughn - 4th Grade, Mrs. Farlow's class; Emma Baskin - 4th Grade, Mrs. Keane's class; Adam Noy - 5th Grade, Ms. Ortiz's class.

FROM THE OFFICE

growing**outdoors**

Spring Trimester Registration Now Open!

Growing Outdoors is back for our final trimester of After-School Exploratories of the school year! Don't delay; registration ends February 13th! Visit the Growing Outdoors website for complete listings, pricing, and online registration: growingoutdoors.com/brookside.

Growing Outdoors After-School Exploratory Programs Include:

- Kindergarten: Animal Adventure, Silly Science, Hip Hop
- 1st-3rd Grade: Woodworking, Hip Hop, World of Art, Engineering, Animal Adventure
- 4th-5th Grade: Yoga, Woodworking, Glass Art Fusion, Video Game Design

Hooray! We did it!

Thank you so much for being part of the 2018 Great Kindness Challenge! What an AMAZING celebration of kindness it was. We hope your week was filled with an abundance of joy and that the kindness momentum will continue!

Because of our participation in The Great Kindness Challenge, Brookside has once again been named a Kindness Certified School for 2018!

Thank you for making such a positive difference at Brookside, in our community, and in our world. There's no doubt about it, your KINDNESS MATTERS!



P.E. / Activity Excuse Notes

All P.E. notes must be turned into the office in the morning. Please have your student bring the note to the office when they are dropped off at school. The office will distribute the note to all the appropriate parties. Students who are excused from P.E. are also excused from the same activities during recess or lunch. Thank you for your help with this matter.

FROM THE BROOKSIDE PTA

Get Involved with the PTA Executive Board Next Year!

If you are interested in serving on the board or getting involved next year, please contact Tina Wang, PTA Parliamentarian, at besptaparliamentarian@gmail.com.

Our nominating committee will be considering candidates for several open positions for the 2018-19 school year in the next few weeks.

March elections will be held on March 28, 2018 at our PTA General Association Meeting. To view board positions, take a look [HERE](#).



Give to Grow Gala Online Auction Opens Tomorrow, February 5th!



The online auction will be open to the ENTIRE Brookside community starting on Monday, 2/5 and will close on Friday, 2/16. Note that the online auction will NOT be available the day of the Gala, 2/10.

Spirit Wear: Last Chance to Purchase!

Show your Tiger Pride and place your spirit wear orders online by clicking [HERE](#). Don't miss out - the store will only be open through February 6th!

- All orders will be shipped to the school and distributed to your student's classroom
- Samples available in the MPR for sizing purposes.
- Store will be closing on February 6th, 2018
- All sales are final.
- Please contact Judie Berro besptafundraising@gmail.com

YOUTH SIZES FLYER

\$20 Dri fit tee youth in navy & black lazer camo

\$12 Fine jersey youth tee in pink, grey & navy

\$16 Girls Fanatic tee in blue w/ grey & white

\$11 Trucker in navy w/ white

\$20 Dri Fit raglan 3/4 sleeve tee in white w/navy

\$22 Sweat pants in navy

\$30 Special blend hoodies - in grey & navy
Add glitter for \$1.00

ADULT SIZES FLYER

\$11 Trucker in navy w/ white

\$35 Special blend hoodies - in grey & navy
Add glitter for \$1.00

\$20 Dri Fit raglan 3/4 sleeve tee in white w/navy

\$25 Ladies off shoulder tee in blue marble

\$18 Ladies Fanatic tee in blue w/ grey & white

\$12 Fine jersey adult tee in pink, grey & navy

\$15 Ladies fine jersey tee in deep heather

Please email texasjudie@yahoo.com with any questions

All sales are final once printed. Please use the provided samples at registration & Size charts online.

Please email texasjudie@yahoo.com with any questions

All sales are final once printed. Please use the provided samples at registration & Size charts online.

YOUTH SIZES FLYER

ADULT SIZES FLYER

Earn Money for Brookside: Register for the Great Race!

Sign-up now for the Great Race of Agoura Hills and designate "Brookside" on your registration form! Brookside PTA will earn \$5 for every person who registers for the race. All you have to do is go to <http://greatrace.run> by February 25, 2018 and register yourself, your spouse, and/or your children.

(The Great Race of Agoura Hills is Saturday, March 24, 2018.)

You don't have to be a competitive runner to participate. From a half-marathon to a one-mile family fun run-the Great Race has something for everyone and it is a great community event. Thank you for supporting Brookside! See you there!

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** In order for Brookside to get credit for your registration, you must designate "Brookside" under the "affiliation or school" selection tab and you must complete the race.



5th Grade Parents - We have an invitation for you!

The MCMS Parent Faculty Association (PFA) board invites parents of all rising 6th graders to get involved with the MCMS PFA. There are several opportunities for incoming families to get involved on the board, both as committee

chairs and as volunteers. With just a small commitment of time, you can make a big difference in your child's experience at MCMS.

With your help, we can make great things happen for our kids! Please feel free to visit the [MCMS PFA webpage](#) to view our current board and positions.

If you have any questions or are interested in more information, please contact Tina Wang, MCMS PFA Parliamentarian, at mcmspfaparliamentarian@gmail.com

FROM OPUSD



OPUSD Board Meeting: January 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](#).

Counseling Connections: February 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 Cooperation, Bullying and Aggression, Creating a Peaceful Home. Please click [HERE](#) for the full newsletter.

Join the OPUSD Community for Super Saturday! 2/24

Oak Park Unified School District Presents: The 7th Annual "SUPER SATURDAY" Sustainability Showcase & Recycling Drive

Saturday, February 24th

899 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park 91377



Sustainability Showcase
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
OPHS Campus

Electric Car and Bike Demos and Test Drives
➤ From our local dealers and families

Animal Friends

- Captain Carl's Tide Pool Table
- The Nature of Wildworks (mammals, birds)
- EducationThrough Nature (reptiles, insects)

Kids' Hands-on Building Activities

- Mini-Solar Boats - build and race
- CReATE Studio - recycled materials
- OP Community Gardeners - seed pots
- Discovery Center – tinkering
- Plant cuttings workshop

Booths related to sustainability, including:

- Theodore Payne Foundation for Native Plants
- Sea Shepherd Conservation Society
- Santa Monica Mountains Fund
- PCH Scuba Demos

Student Sustainable Art Showcase ... and more!



Recycling Drive
9:00 – 2:00 p.m.
OPHS Parking Lot

Electronic Waste
*Includes batteries in zip-type bags
(no light bulbs or paint)*

Paper Shredding on Site
First 3 boxes free per car; \$6/box thereafter

Expired/Unwanted Medications
*Prescription & over-the-counter medications
collected by Sheriff's Department (remove all
labels; no sharps)*

All Eyeglasses and Cases

Used Clothing, Shoes and Textiles

Unwanted bicycles (also offering free
minor repairs onsite by the Rotary Club)

CDs/DVDs/Cases, Ink & Toner Cartridges

*** **Recycling proceeds support our students' educational interests and efforts** ***

Food available for purchase from:



Free compost samples, seed packets, and
pet waste bags & carriers provided by
Triunfo Sanitation

Presented by the
OPUSD Environmental Education and Awareness Committee
www.oakparkusd.org/supersaturday
for more information and what's recyclable



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. Monthly Pricing Options: \$75 for 1 month/ad or \$200 for 3 month/ad.

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

OAK PARK COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Family Activities in the Community and Beyond!

NEW* Kids Pickleball in Oak Park



Pickleball - the FASTEST growing sport in America!

Just what is pickleball, you ask???
As you can see above (right picture) it's similar to tennis played on a smaller court and the net is 2' shorter in height.
It is played with a paddle (lighter than a tennis racquet) and a plastic ball with holes (see above middle). It can be played as doubles or singles.

Why play pickleball???
It's a fun and exciting game to play with your classmates and friends.
The ball moves slower than a tennis ball, and therefore it is easier to learn.
It can be learned in relatively short time.
Good exercise without being too strenuous.
It can provide social activity and friendships.
It is a fun family sport for kids, parents, and grandparents.
Since this game is easier to learn and play, it will boost the confidence of the kids.

Classes for beginners
Indoors at the Oak Park Community center (courts size as suggested for elementary schools) Sign up now on line #PBT20201 www.rsrpd.org
4 Thursdays starting Feb 1st 3:15 – 4:15 pm
Fee: \$35.00

For more information, contact the community center at 818 865-9304

WOW! Week of Wonder

After-School Themed Enrichment

1/22-1/25 Arctic Adventure reg code: ECA201-1	2/26-3/1 Cultivate Kindness reg code: ECA202-1
3/19-3/22 Mystery Week reg code: ECA203-1	4/23-4/26 Under the Sea reg code: ECA204-1

NEW FOR 2018

Ages 4-7 • 3:00pm-4:45pm
\$80/4 day week
*\$20 cash material fee due to instructor

4 day theme weeks include hands on arts & crafts, sensory play activities, storytime, cooking and science.

A great time for children to meet new friends, create, learn and grow.

Instructor: Rachel Greenwald has been working with children for over 25 years, including children's acting classes for the entertainment industry, summer camp and as a coach/guest teacher in the Oak Park School District. Her passion for the arts helps inspire children and their creativity.

ENROLL TODAY!

Oak Park Community Center
1000 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park
Register online at www.rsrpd.org or call 818 865-9304

