

FROM PRINCIPAL AHL

By now, you know that communication with parents/families is one of our top priorities. To that end, you will continue to receive our weekly updates via ParentSquare and you will also receive our more comprehensive newsletter, the Tiger Tidbits, each month to provide you with a more detailed picture of all that is going on at Brookside Elementary. As you have no doubt heard me say at least once before (and I cannot promise I won't say it again!), our school staff simply cannot do our jobs as effectively as we would like without your cooperation and support. With that said, I thank you for staying informed and involved!

I am very happy to announce that as a result of your help and generous contributions, the 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students have collected over \$1,800 in donations to support the Hurricane Harvey Relief efforts. Thanks to the leadership of our 5<sup>th</sup>-grade team of teachers and students, we not only will be making a difference in the lives of those affected, but we also continue to spread the message of empathy, compassion, and kindness throughout the Brookside community!

As we always say, "Fill more, dip less!" Have a wonderful week, Brookside families!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

9/10-9/16	National Arts in Education Week
9/19	PTA Music Van Visit (Grades 3 & 5)
9/21	NO SCHOOL - Local Holiday
9/22	Elementary School Night at OPHS Football Game
9/28-9/29	Reflections Submissions Due (before school)
9/28-9/29	OPUSD Parent Education: <i>Frenemies, Bullies and Besties, Oh My!</i>
9/29	Yearbook Cover Contest Due (5th grade only)
10/4	Walk to School Wednesday
10/9	Picture Re-Take Day

## National Arts in Education Week is Here! 9/10-16

The Brookside PTA is proud to promote the arts in education through your generous support by funding our music specialist, music curriculum, grade-level performances, the Artist in Residence program, sponsoring the New West Symphony Music Van, the Kingsmen Shakespeare annual visit to Brookside, providing our students the opportunity to showcase their talents through the PTA Reflections Arts contest and program, and sponsoring CReATE on Your Campus during Lunchtime Enrichment. During this week, Mrs. Shaver will be talking about the PTA Reflections programs and the arts during library visits, and the New West Symphony will be coming to Brookside on its annual visit to our 3rd and 5th graders!

## The Music Van Is Coming to Brookside Sept. 19!



The Music Van is a nationally acclaimed program made possible by your generous support and the New West Symphony, where orchestral instruments are brought to schools for a "hands on" experience. Our students will have the opportunity to explore brass, woodwind, string and percussion instruments.

The program is for our 3rd and 5th graders, but you don't need to be the parent of a 3rd or 5th grader to volunteer. You are also welcome to sign up for more than one slot. No musical experience is required but, if you do play an orchestral instrument, we would especially like to have your help.

We will need EIGHT parent volunteers for each class' visit in order for this event to be a success. The time slots below are to help with two *separate* class visits, back to back, *with every class getting 40 minutes* each in the MPR. Maintaining the same volunteers for the 2 classes in each slot will provide the students with a more fluid and dynamic "hands on" experience. All volunteers should sign in with the office prior to heading to the Multi-purpose room at your

assigned time. Thank you for volunteering your time and your heart to help make this event a success!!!

For volunteer opportunities, please click [HERE](#) to sign up via ParentSquare. If you have any questions, please contact Stuart Forman at [sforman66@icloud.com](mailto:sforman66@icloud.com). To learn more about New West Symphony and The Music Van, please visit [www.newwestsymphony.org/education/musicvan.php](http://www.newwestsymphony.org/education/musicvan.php) Thanks!

## Show Off Your Talents! Join The Reflections Art Contest!

Brookside Tigers, put on your thinking caps, and start thinking about incorporating this year's PTA Reflections theme, "*WITHIN REACH*" into your next masterpiece!



The Brookside PTA is sponsoring the 2017-2018 PTA Reflections Arts Recognition Program and invites your student to participate. Entry form, rules, and information are located [HERE](#). Entry forms and works of art are due at PTA tables 9/28 & 9/29 before school. Reflections Gallery & Awards Night is in the MPR on 10/19 at 6:30 pm. Please be sure to read the guidelines carefully.

### 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 *\$102,800* in pledges with 225 of our families participating. We're only *\$17,200* 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.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the families who applied for *corporate matching* from the following companies: *Amgen, Bank of America, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Northrop Grumman and Intuit*. Please check with your company's HR department to see if your company matches your donation.

### 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](http://www.ed100.org)

The PTA funds many of the programs and services your children directly benefit from:

- SALARIES for:
  - over 2,500 hours of classroom aide time—and so much more.
  - our music specialist and grade-level performances
  - our computer specialist and computer lab supplies
  - additional math enrichment instructional aide
  - extra yard duty supervision
- Lunchtime Enrichment (CReATE art, Lego Buildzone, Sports and Fitness, Library Book Cart, and littleBits)
- Artist in Residence (ArtTrek Inc., and other art vendors)
- Over 50 programs: Spelling Bee, Science Fair, Reflections, Run Club, etc.
- Classroom supplies & so much MORE!

We would *not* be able to provide these programs and services without your generous support. The Brookside PTA is a 501(c)(3) organization, and your donations are tax deductible.



## Just for the Kids

### Brookside PTA's Annual Giving Campaign



*How Much Does Your Brookside PTA Need to Raise?*

**\$350/student or \$35/month**



### Where Does My Donation Go?

The State does not fund music specialists, computer specialists, and additional instructional aide time. OUR PTA DOES! We also fund an additional 60 programs to enrich our children's education at Brookside. A public school education is free, but an enriched education is not.







### 1 SALARIES

Yearly Donations Support the Following:

- Over 2,500 hours of Instructional Aide Time
- Mrs. Rosen, Computer Specialist
- Mrs. Benjamin, Music Specialist
- Artist in Residence Program
- Additional Math Aide & Campus Supervision
- Lunchtime Enrichment Supervision



### 2 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Assemblies, LEGOs at Lunch, Science Fair, Sports N' More, CReATE on Your Campus, Library Books, Educational Software, Run Club, Spelling Bee, Women in History, PTA Reflections Arts Program, Music Van, Earth Week, Red Ribbon Week, Student Council, Character program, Road to Fitness, Dash & Dot Robots, and so much more!







### 3 CLASSROOM SUPPLIES & SUPPORT

Each Teacher Receives \$600 for Classroom Supplies, PTA funds library books and supplies, playground & PE equipment, laminator supplies, educational software and materials. Through the Teacher Innovation Grants, teachers may secure additional funding for innovative new programs they would like to implement in their classes.






### 4 FAMILY & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Annual Welcome Back Movie Night  
Staff Appreciation  
Family Book Fair Night  
Parent-Child Events  
Family Science Night



## 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!

## 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!



# Just for the Kids

Please Consider Joining  
As a Bronze Donor \$35/month per Child



## 4 Easy Ways to Donate

One-Time Donation	10-Month Installments	5-Month Installments
Bronze Level: \$350 per student Silver Level: \$450 per student Gold Level: \$1,000 per family Platinum Level: \$2,000 per family Friends & Family \$100-\$349	Bronze Level: \$35/month per student Silver Level: \$45/month per student Gold Level: \$100/month Platinum Level: \$200/month	Bronze Level: \$70/month per student Silver Level: \$90/month per student Gold Level: \$200/month Platinum Level: \$400/month

## CORPORATE MATCHING

Every dollar counts. Each year we raise almost \$15,000 through corporate matching. We appreciate your taking the time to DOUBLE your donation by contacting your Human Resources department to see if your company matches. Please contact the PTA President at [besptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:besptapresident@gmail.com) to confirm your donations via your company's program. Thank you!

## Thank You!

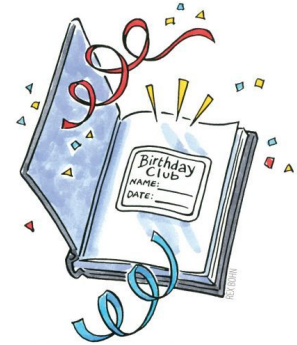
- ♥ All Donors Receive a Reusable Brookside Tote
- ♥ All Bronze Level Donors Receive A 2017-18 Car Magnet & Yearbook Recognition
- ♥ All Silver Level Donors Receive the Above Plus a Stainless Steel Water Bottle
- ♥ All Gold Level Donors Receive the Above Plus a Polar Insulated Water Bottle
- ♥ All Platinum Level Donors Receive the Above Plus Recognition on a Plaque in the BES Office, Breakfast with the Principal



*Please Give What You Can  
 All Amounts Are Appreciated & Are Tax Deductible  
 The Brookside Elementary PTA is a 501c3!*

## There Is Still Time to Join the Birthday Book Club!

Thank you to so many families who participated in our Birthday Book Club. The Birthday Book Club is our primary source of purchasing the latest new books for our growing Library. Books are purchased during your child's birthday month ( or half birthday)...then, your child will select a new book from our new inventory basket. Your student's name and birthday platelet will be added to the book for memories to come! Your student gets to check out this book first and then the book is highlighted on our Birthday Book Club shelf for other students to then check out!



*There is still time to join our Birthday Book Club.* To pay by check, please download the form [HERE](#) and turn in to PTA Workroom or with your child's homework folder to the attention of Mrs. Kelly Shaver, Librarian. To pay by credit card, click [HERE](#).

The new book is a way to celebrate your child's birthday and love of reading with the entire Brookside family. August and September birthday books will be selected in September to allow ordering and processing time.

Thank you for sharing your love of reading and making a donation to our growing library!

### TIGER SHOUT-OUTS!

## Welcome Back Coffee

Thank you to Joanna Peterson, our VP of e-Communications, for coordinating a wonderful Welcome Back Coffee Event for our families!

## THANK YOU Welcome Back Movie Night Volunteers!

Let's give a HUGE SHOUTOUT to our AMAZING Movie Night Co-Chairs Joanna Peterson & Amy Theaker for their tremendous hard work and planning to ensure a fabulous and fun movie night for our annual Welcome Back Movie Night.



*Thank you to our Movie Night volunteers:* Joanna Peterson, Amy Theaker, Amber Ruddock, Danielle McFadden, Maria Cross, Michele Abdulaziz, Monay Zamani, Virginia Rosenthal, and Tina Wang.

*Thank you to our Medea Creek volunteers:* Aaron Helfstein, Abby Berro, Allie Wang, Cole Cross, Cole Walker, and Zachary Elbaum.

*Thank you to our OPHS volunteer: Nicholas Zamani*

*Special thank you to Camp Keystone for generously donating the use of their outdoor screen, and to the Boggs Family for lending us the awesome Moana standees for our photo booth.*



FROM OPUSD



Odyssey of the Mind®

For all families interested in participating in Odyssey of the Mind, please complete this OOTM Interest Form [HERE](#).

Odyssey of the Mind is an acclaimed international STEAM program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.

Also, the *one and only mandatory* OOTM Parent and Coaches Meeting has been scheduled for September 23 from 9AM-12PM at the bungalows behind the OPUSD District Office. Please RSVP on the Interest Form and mark your calendars!

For any questions, please email [ootmopef@gmail.com](mailto:ootmopef@gmail.com). Oak Park Education Foundation is the OPUSD's Sponsor for this program.

We are looking forward to supporting another successful year of Odyssey of the Mind!

# IF YOU CAN IMAGINE IT, YOU CAN CREATE IT.

Find a unique opportunity to showcase your gifts in script writing, costume creation, robotics, visual arts, dance, music, problem solving, leadership, props and scenery construction, engineering, and much more!

## ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

All OPUSD students can participate!  
Teams assemble early in the Fall! Parent coaches needed!



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO [DANPARKUSD.ORG/PAGE/7978](http://DANPARKUSD.ORG/PAGE/7978) OR CONTACT OOTM PARENT REPS  
MONICA CHIZZO AND SAMANTHA KINKAID AT [OOTMOPF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OOTMOPF@GMAIL.COM)

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## OPUSD Board Meeting Summaries

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](#).



## 9/28 & 9/29: Parent Education Event with OPUSD Counselor Holly Baxter

The Oak Park Unified School District is proud to offer a Parent Education Event:

### Frenemies, Bullies, & Besties, Oh My!



**Helping your child negotiate the social map of elementary school**

**Thursday, 9/28  
7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Free childcare\***

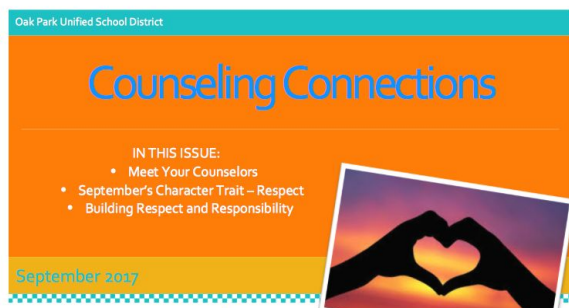
**Repeat presentation:  
Friday, 9/29  
8:30 – 10:00 am**

Conflict is a natural part of any social environment, but it can be very hurtful and harmful when left unchecked. In our first parent workshop of the year we will discuss how to help your child avoid conflict, make positive friendship choices, be a problem-solver, and more! Our workshop will be facilitated by our elementary school counselors, Holly Baxter and Samantha King.

**Red Oak Multi-Purpose Room  
4857 Rockfield Street, Oak Park**

**\*Free childcare will be provided for any OPUSD student during our evening session**

A smaller version of the Oak Park Unified School District logo, featuring the text "Oak Park" and "UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT" with a small emblem in between.



## Counseling Connections: September 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. Please click [HERE](#) for the full newsletter.

## Show your school spirit! Join the Oak Park High School Cheer Clinic!

Calling all future Oak Park Cheerleaders! Show your spirit at the annual OPHS Football Cheer Clinic for Boys & Girls, Sunday, Oct. 8th from 1:00-3:30 PM. Participants will be featured during the halftime performance on Oct. 13th at the OPHS vs. Grace Brethren football game. Sign up by September 15th to guarantee t-shirt size. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).



## Love Your Beach! Join Coastal Cleanup Day!

Join Coastal Cleanup Day, September 16th! Help us clean Medea Creek (the creek, not the school) and join thousands of others that day to protect the ocean!

Sadly, any litter in the creek eventually makes its way to the ocean. To stop this and protect our oceans, OPUSD's Environmental Education and Awareness Committee (EEAC) is partnering with Heal the Bay as a designated clean up site for Coastal Cleanup Day.

Bring your family and meet us on the OPHS lawn at 9 AM for a quick sweep of Medea Creek. We should be finished by 10:30. Sign the waiver and register [here](#). Questions? Contact Keyla Treitman at [ktreitman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ktreitman@sbcglobal.net)

## 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
- \$200 for 3 month/ad

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

## OAK PARK COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**We hid 8 water Pokemon around Oak Park**

Find one at each park, use water to sprinkle on concrete.  
Prizes and rules at [www.rsrd.org](http://www.rsrd.org)

**Coding for Kids Oak Park**

**RANCHO SIMI**  
RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

**02 Oct - 04 Dec 2017**

**FALL ENRICHMENT**

**Sandbox STEAM Education**  
[www.sandbox4kids.com](http://www.sandbox4kids.com)

Our mission is to make STEAM education fun, relevant, and accessible to children K-12.

**math** **NERD CLUB**

REGISTER ONLINE  
[WWW.RSRPD.ORG](http://WWW.RSRPD.ORG)

**12TH ANNUAL OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**  
1000 N. KANAN RD.

**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 31ST**

**HELP! Volunteers Needed!**

**5:30-8:00pm**

TRICK-OR-TREAT VILLAGE, ENCHANTED FOREST, GAME BOOTHS, & PRIZES.  
AGES TWO AND OVER  
\$1 UNDER AGES TWO  
FOOD & BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

CO PRESENTED BY: **WESTIN WESTLAKE VOLKSWAGEN RAZER**

MEDIA SPONSOR: **Acorn**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (818) 865-9104 OR VISIT [WWW.RSRPD.ORG](http://WWW.RSRPD.ORG)

**ARE YOU PREPARED TO CARE FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY??**  
**EARTHQUAKES-WILDFIRES**



*This Training will help you get started.....read on*

**Ventura County Fire Department  
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM  
FREE Oak Park Community CERT Training**



**Monday nights from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm|**  
**Start Date: October 2, 2017**  
**End Date: November 6, 2017**

**Location: Oak Park High School Room G-9**  
**899 N. Kanan Rd. Oak Park, CA 91377**

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for service typically rendered. The local population will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs. Community Emergency Response Team Training is a program that focuses on being prepared for that eventuality.

The six week training is conducted by the Ventura County Fire Department free of charge to all citizens eighteen and older.

**Topics Include:**

Light Search & rescue  
Fire Suppression  
Disaster First Aid  
Disaster Psychology  
Home Disaster Preparedness  
Introduction to Homeland Security

**For questions or to register email: Di Starzak**

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