

MAY 2018

FROM INTERIM PRINCIPAL JENKS

### Tiny Tiger Theatrics

Our Kindergarten students presented their class play "Three Piggy Opera," on May 1st and 2nd. The show was directed by Brookside's music teacher, Amanda Benjamin, and funded by your generous donations to the PTA.

Each class had their own performance for family and friends. The shows were better than ever, and audience members were delighted by the talented students' efforts. Thank you to everyone who made these events possible.





**“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”**

***Margaret Atwood***

Brookside Discovery Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First grade students have been getting lessons on composting from Debra Leith, OPUSD’s School Garden Specialist. Tables with compost samples on paper plates were set up in the quad for students to explore the newly made soil and decomposer creatures after Mrs. Leith talked to them about nature’s way of recycling natural plant materials including kitchen scraps and garden waste. These lessons are the introduction to gardening education aligned to Next Generation Science Standards for upper grade students, where composting education also features the nitrogen and carbon cycles, and plant use of potassium and phosphorus. Our garden raised beds are temporarily located in back of the third grade portable classrooms where students grow fruits and vegetables that are used in school lunches.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

4/30 - 5/18	State Testing
5/7-5/11	Staff Appreciation Week
5/14	School Site Council 2:30 p.m.
5/16	PTA General Association Meeting (8:30 AM - MPR)
5/19	Family Fun Night & Campout
5/22	5th Grade Event at Camp Keystone
5/25	5th Grade Culmination
5/25	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (12:15 early release, all grades)

## “Camp Brookside” Family Fun Night & Campout!



The poster features a dark blue background with a yellow crescent moon and stars at the top. The Brookside Parent Teacher Association logo is in a cloud. The main title is in large, bold, yellow and red letters. A red-bordered box contains event details. At the bottom, there are logos for participating food trucks and a stylized tent and tree graphic.

**CAMP BROOKSIDE**  
**FAMILY FUN NIGHT & CAMPOUT!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 19th**  
**BROOKSIDE & MAE BOYAR PARK**

ART BUS | ROCK WALL | CUPCAKE WALK  
PIE THROWING | FOOD TRUCKS | INFLATABLES

5-7:30PM: FOOD TRUCKS, ART BUS, DJ,  
INFLATABLES, ROCK WALL  
5:30-6:30PM: PIE THROW  
8PM: OUTDOOR MOVIE BEGINS  
CAMP OVERNIGHT IN MAE BOYAR

PREPAID WRISTBANDS: \$15/child  
DAY OF: \$20/child  
\$10 to CAMP OVERNIGHT w/YOUR TENT

**FOOD TRUCKS!**

FIRE ISLAND GRILL | EPIC TACOS | JERSEY DOGS | ALL AMERICAN SOFT

Come out for a fun-filled Brookside annual year-end family tradition: The Brookside PTA Family Fun Night & Campout on SATURDAY, 5/19! It's also Family Movie Night with an 8pm showing of Ferdinand!

Festivities begin at 5pm (see image above for schedule!) Enjoy the Art Bus, a rock wall, an inflatable slide, obstacle course, and basketball, a DJ, photo booth, pie-throwing, cake walks, and awesome food vendors like Fire Island Grill, Epic Tacos, Jersey Dogs, and All American Softy!

Afterwards, camp out with Brookside families in Mae Boyar Park! Breakfast served for those that sleep over!

- PRICE:
  - \$15/child wristband through 5/16; \$20 at the door
    - Wristband gives child access to the Art Bus, rock wall, inflatables, and popcorn
  - \$10 to pitch your own tent in Mae Boyar Park Overnight (Note: tents are not provided; bring your own tent!)
- DEADLINE: MAY 16th for Early-Bird Pricing. AVOID LONG LINES & Order Ahead!

For complete information and to register, please click [HERE](#).

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Cookies For Courage!

On Friday, the Brookside Student Council delivered homemade cookies and treats to local Police Officers, Firefighters and Paramedics who work so hard to keep our community safe. Brookside students made thank you cards that were delivered as well. Thank you for your support in showing appreciation to our local first responders!





FROM THE BROOKSIDE PTA

## BES Staff Are Sun-Sational! Thank You For All That You Do!

This week, we celebrate Teacher and Staff Appreciation, honoring all of Brookside's "sun-sational" teachers and staff. This year, the staff appreciation committee, in coordination with the Room Parents, will celebrate our "sun-sational" Brookside teachers and staff with many fun activities.



- Monday, May 7th, we will be kicking off our week with a coffee treat delivery from Starbucks and classroom door decoration!
- Wednesday, May 9th, we will honor our "sun-sational" teachers and staff with a luncheon
- And finally on Friday, May 11th, we will treat them to a breakfast in the staff lounge before school.

Thank you for your generosity in making this event possible!



## Congratulations, Jog-A-Thon Winners!

Congratulations to all of our Jog-a-thon participants! Last week, so many of the kids

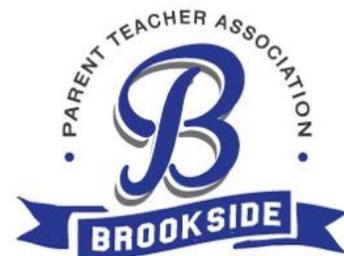
were awarded cinch sacks, playground balls and pool towels for bringing in specific level donations to help our school. Our big winners were:

- Top Pledge Earner (Principal for the Day): Massimo Piolanti
- 2nd Place Top Pledge Earner (Breakfast with a friend and the Principal): Leila Johnson [3-5] and Peter Best [K-2]
- 3rd Place Top Pledge Earner (PE Coach for the day): Natalie Wang [3-5] and Jessalyn Mehta [K-2]
- Most Enthusiastic Class (PJ Day & Frozen Yogurt Party): Mrs. Farlow's Class
- Top Class Pledge Earners (Water games in PE): Mrs. Farlow's Class

Huge thanks and praise for our Jogathon Chair Sue Dermott, all the amazing parent lap markers and the following parent volunteers: Maria Cross, Tina Wang, Judie Berro, Tracy Hanes, Jennifer Burstein, Monica Chizzo, Kerri Scherzay, Moriah Agovino, Michele Abdulaziz, Carlos Velasco, Mojdeh Kazemi, Sunny Wang, Maria Hoffmann, Shanez Jafarian, Bridget Baskin, Michal Salter, Kyle Schmidt, Karen Pemberton and Stephanie Boggs.

## PTA General Association Meeting: Wednesday, May 16th, 8:30am

Please join your fellow Brookside friends at our next PTA General Association Meeting, Wednesday, 5/16 at 8:30 AM.

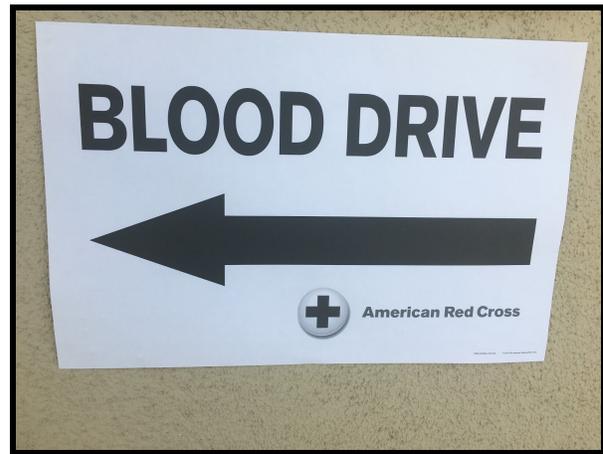


Get your morning boost of caffeine and hear about all the new and exciting happenings here at Brookside. You do not need to be a member to attend. We would love to have you!  
Brookside PTA– Make a difference, share your voice.

## Pint Sized Heros!

Brookside parents and community members came out on Thursday, May 3rd to support their students. The PTA sponsored a Red Cross blood drive that was held in the multipurpose room, and each student who was able to enlist an adult to give blood in their name will receive a "Pint Sized Hero" medal and certificate.

31 units were collected from Brookside volunteers, which can save up 93 lives. This event helps children understand the importance of giving blood and the idea should carry over to adulthood when they can give blood. Thanks to Maria Cross, Michele Abdulaziz, Danielle McFadden, Bridget Baskin, Virginia Rosenthal, Judie Berro, Denise Zweig and who all volunteered at the blood drive and helped to make it a success.



FROM OPUSD

## Caring For Our Oceans: Earth Week Thank You!

"Caring for Our Oceans" was the theme for the EEAC's Celebration of Earth Week this year. Students learned about marine debris and plastics pollution, how it affects our waterways and what they can do to help.

This year our "Social Change" drive supported restoration efforts to help numerous bird species, including the Laysan Albatross, on Midway Atoll, which is part of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary (FriendsOfMidway.org). First, a huge thank you to all students, parents and teachers for supporting this effort. With your support, we raised over \$4,400 from the three elementary schools, and Brookside families contributed over \$1,300.

The Brookside class that raised the most funds was Mrs. Varju's and Mrs. Koch's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and they have decided to name their albatross chick "Sky." Your generous donations will

surely be put to good use to help all of the birds on Midway Atoll. You can check out a live bird cam of similar birds located on Kauai [here](#).

## Summer Reading Program

School will soon be out for the summer, which means there will be plenty of time for reading. Ventura County Library would like to invite our students to participate in Summer Reading 2018, "Reading Takes You Everywhere" from June 1st through August 4th. The benefits to students of summer reading are clear and libraries are part of the solution.

Young people experience learning losses when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer. Those who do not read over the summer can lose up to 2 months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall, referred to as "summer slide."

**BROOKSIDE TIDBITS COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS**  
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Lots of Brookside kids spend their summer days at Camp Keystone zipping, sliding, riding and playing! [www.campkeystone.com](http://www.campkeystone.com)

THURSDAY  
**MAY  
31ST**

11:00 AM-  
4:00 PM

*End of School*

**Frankel**  
PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY  
& ORTHODONTICS

*Open House*  
**CARNIVAL**

- Moon Bounce & Slide
- Lavish Ice Cream Sundae Bar
- Raffles
- Prizes & Give-aways

*Meet Dr. Frankel and the Team*  
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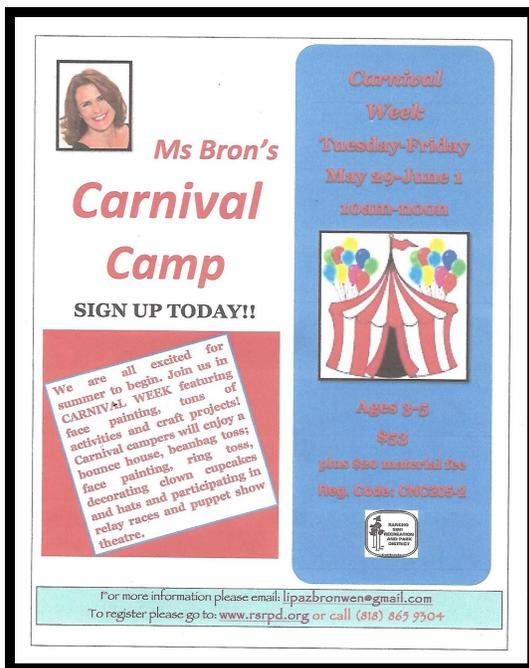
## Advertise your business in Tidbits!

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!



**Ms Bron's  
Carnival  
Camp**

**SIGN UP TODAY!!**

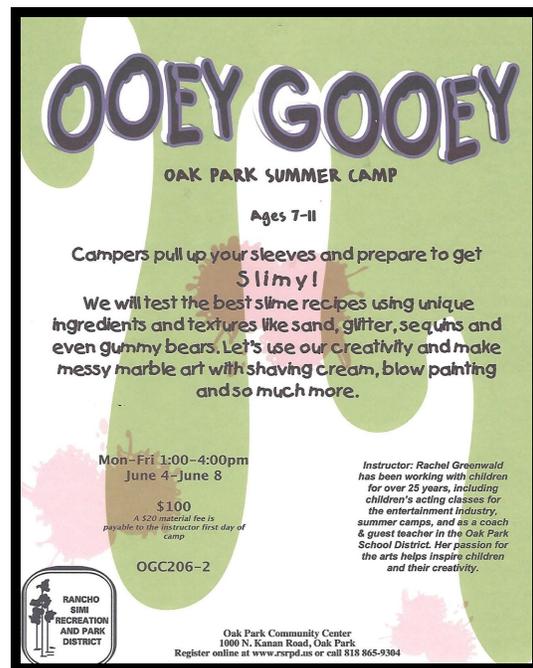
We are all excited for summer to begin. Join us in **CARNIVAL WEEK** featuring face painting, tons of activities and craft projects! Carnival campers will enjoy a carnival house, beanbag toss, face painting, ring toss, decorating clown cupcakes and hats and participating in relay races and puppet show theatre.

**Carnival Week  
Tuesday-Friday  
May 29-June 1  
10am-noon**



**Ages 3-5  
\$55  
plus \$20 material fee  
Reg. Code: OMC206-2**

For more information please email: [lipazbronwen@gmail.com](mailto:lipazbronwen@gmail.com)  
To register please go to: [www.rsrpd.org](http://www.rsrpd.org) or call (818) 865 9304



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**OAK PARK SUMMER CAMP**

**Ages 7-11**

Campers pull up your sleeves and prepare to get **Slimy!**

We will test the best slime recipes using unique ingredients and textures like sand, glitter, sequins and even gummy bears. Let's use our creativity and make messy marble art with shaving cream, blow painting and so much more.

**Mon-Fri 1:00-4:00pm  
June 4-June 8**

**\$100**  
A \$20 material fee is payable to the instructor first day of camp.

**OGC206-2**

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

Oak Park Community Center  
1000 N. Kanan Road, Oak Park  
Register online at [www.rsrpd.org](http://www.rsrpd.org) or call 818 865-9304



## Drive-in Movie

**\$5 per car**

**June 2**

**Oak Park High School  
Parking Lot - Starts at Sunset**



**Movie will be broadcast on FM radio along with Speakers in the parking lot.**

Oak Park Community Center 818 865 9304  
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District [www.rsrpd.org](http://www.rsrpd.org)  
Admission goes towards movie licensing