



Dear Brookside Community:

I am thrilled to announce to you all that Brookside Elementary has been named a California Gold Ribbon School! We recently received the following note from State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson:

*“The award reflects your school’s success in creating a positive learning atmosphere for your students. Such success is a direct result of your dedicated, creative, and talented staff, and your supportive school community.”*

As family members and community supporters, you should feel proud of your participation in sustaining the structure and strategies that make Brookside an outstanding place to learn and grow. It is important to note that a portion of Brookside’s application for this award highlighted the extensive parent involvement that makes our school unique and enhances our overall educational program. I commend all of you for the extraordinary support that you offer your children and our school, and I extend my gratitude for all that you do. Congratulations for the role that you have played in helping Brookside to receive this elite recognition!

Very special congratulations of course go to the many Brookside staff members who work tirelessly each and every day to shape our school’s culture and provide an award-winning educational program to all of our 600+ students. I hope this award serves to remind you that your work is meaningful and worthwhile. I also hope that you, like me, are inspired by this recognition to continue to work to provide the most effective, supportive, and enjoyable learning environment to our very deserving Brookside students.

Today I am once again reminded of how fortunate I am to be surrounded by such a dedicated and passionate group of professionals and families. I adore our team!

You may have seen the message that was released yesterday by the California Department of Education. The news released can be accessed here:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr16/yr16rel27.asp>.

Congratulations to you all!

Sincerely,

*Sara Ahl*

Principal