

Dear Brookside Families,

I am pleased to welcome you back to a new school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining Brookside this year and welcome back all of our returning families as well! I am honored to be your principal. Our goal at Brookside is to work together to provide our students with a rich learning environment. My vision, as the principal, is to always put kids first! My belief is that all students can learn. As educators, we need to discover how each child learns in order to differentiate our instruction to support diverse learning styles. In a collaborative effort, we want children to thrive in all ways possible. My hope is that all children will *LOVE* school and nurture a learning environment that is positive, safe, caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow.

Student success is attributed to the partnership and the relationships we build within our community. It truly does take a village! Education is a joint venture and Team Brookside greatly appreciates the support you provide for your children at home and at school to help them meet their learning goals. Without the support of parent contributions through our extraordinary PTA, we would not have many of the programs that make Brookside so unique and successful. Please consider contributing via the "Just for the Kids" giving program so that we can continue to maintain our reputation for excellence.

Are you new to Brookside? I encourage you to take a look at the "Brookside Tiger Family Checklist & FAQ" under the "Parents" tab on our website.

Please make sure to take advantage of all of the avenues of communication that we offer.

- To start, the Brookside Elementary website is full of great information and we urge you to check the website often for news and updates.
- Make sure to check your email regularly! We send the vast majority of our communications home via email and PARENT SQUARE (including summertime).
- Please read our weekly newsletter, the "Tiger Tidbits." All Brookside families will receive a weekly email to urge you to read the newsletter. This is our primary mode of communicating important announcements and event information to parents, and we appreciate you taking the time to "stay in the loop!"
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS
- School Starts on August 6th, 2019
- Kindergarten & DK parents and students are invited to attend classroom visitations on Monday, August 5th at 10:00 am. Come to meet your teacher! K & DK parents should also attend our Forms Turn-In Day (see below).
- Registration ("Forms Turn-In") is scheduled for Friday, August 2nd, Participation Required

RETURNING FAMILIES

7:30am - 10:00am - Forms Turn-In

Come any time between 7:30 and 10:00 to turn in forms

NEW FAMILIES

Only families new to Brookside this year, not including families with younger siblings of students who have previously attended Brookside

9:00am – Principal Welcome & Parent/Student Tour (Meet in the quad) 10:00 - 12:30pm - Forms Turn-In

****If you are not able to be here on 8/2, Please turn in your forms on the first day of school, in front of the school beginning at 7:45 am and you will receive your class placement at that time.****

Brookside is an outstanding place for learning. It is ranked as one of the top elementary schools in California. The year 2012 was the last time that the state published the Academic Performance Index (API) score for California public schools and Brookside is proud to have earned a score of 954. Out of more than 130 elementary schools in Ventura County, Brookside earned the third highest overall API in the entire county. The school has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education for meeting national standards for school

excellence. We have also been named a California Distinguished School by the California State Department of Education and as a school with a well-articulated curriculum and an outstanding learning environment.

As members of the California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll, we are recognized as a school with exceptional student achievement. Parents and community members are encouraged to participate and become involved at our school. We actively ask for your support, ideas and suggestions. Our incredible PTA organizes and funds some of our most popular programs and activities. I encourage you to get acquainted and get involved. You will find the effort enjoyable and rewarding.

We hope you will find that Brookside Elementary School is truly a place where learning is joyful and children delight in coming to school.

To all of my fellow Tigers, let's make it a great year!

Warmly,
Mrs. Erin Vranesh
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Principal