

The B.E.S.T. NEWS

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Home of the Lions

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Principal's Message

Dear Brookfield Community

I am excited to announce that the Site Based Committee and the Proposal Writing Team have completed their work on the Pre-Planning Proposal. As of May 5th, the proposal will be presented to the Academic Review Board. A big thank you to all staff, family, and community members who worked tirelessly to assure a positive outcome to this task. Your dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated. We may now begin to build the school's Design Team and move forward in developing the final plan for our Brookfield Redesign. In the past few weeks, there has been much discussion regarding the closing or ending of programs on campus; this is not occurring. On the contrary, I am excited to say that we are looking forward to working with the staff, parents, and community next year around the redesign and the strengthening of our instructional programs, with special focus on bilingual and special education programs, as well as a GATE and intervention program. Together we will continue to build programs and support practices which offer quality education to all of our students. Please watch for more information regarding the redesign as we'll be building teams and asking for assistance from the community.

In addition, I have been thrilled to see so many parents following through with OUSD's clearance procedures for volunteering and to have such a robust list of parents willing to dedicate their time and effort to Brookfield. These efforts have supported the school's Reading Train, the drive to improve multiplication skills, and staffing special events such as the bike repair clinic and vision mobile. In efforts to continue this positive momentum, over the next few weeks, we will be reaching out to parents in person and via phone as part of a Brookfield parents' listening campaign. If you're interested in setting up a meeting with the principal to share your ideas and concerns with me in one-to-one conversations, please call the office.

Marie Roberts,
Principal

Nutrition Classes

We've partnered with the University of California's Cal Fresh Nutrition Education Program. We've already had 2 well-attended, fun-filled sessions. These class will be continuing in May. Classes meet weekly on Tuesday from 9-10:30 and 12:30 - 2. Every class has food demonstrations and tastings at every class. If you attend all classes, you'll receive a certificate of completion and giveaways such as cookbooks, thermometers, measuring spoons, and more! If you're interested, please sign up in the front office.



ON SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Springboard

The Springboard reading program is coming to our school this summer! We are excited to announce that we will be partnering with the Springboard Collaborative and EdventureMore to offer a summer reading and enrichment program here at Brookfield. This program will give teachers time with small groups of students to help them become better readers. All families participating in the program will receive a new library of books. Parents of Springboard students are also a key part of the program. They are invited to attend 5 workshops, led by teachers that will provide resources and strategies for reading with your children at home. At the end of the program, your family can earn extra rewards for the progress that your child makes. Springboard is open to students with good attendance in grades k-3. There is a limited number of spots. Spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Every day counts!

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Did you know?

- Missing 10% (or about 18 days) of school can make it harder to learn to read.

What can you do?

- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.

The Attendance Counts Challenge

We're excited to continue the Brookfield's Attendance Counts Challenge! Every month, we will recognize students with perfect and improved attendance. For each day a class has perfect attendance, that class will receive 1 star. When a class reaches 20 stars, that class will receive a pizza party. We look forward to seeing students at school EVERY day!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms. Gomez's class. Her class was the first class to earn 20 stars and the first class to receive a pizza party.

Reading Log Challenge

A very special lion's roar for students that have completed reading logs. On Friday, April 22 those students were invited to an ice cream party! Our reading challenge continues this month, and there's another special prize in store for students that complete reading logs!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 4, 11, 18, & 25 MINIMUM DAYS

MAY 4, 11, 18, & 25 SOCCER PRACTICE AT 3:15PM - 5:00PM

**MAY 4, 11, & 18 HOMEWORK AND ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS 9:00AM - 11:00AM
PORTABLE ROOM 30**

**MAY 25 LATINO ASSEMBLY K-2 GRADE AT 9:00AM 3-5 GRADE
AT 10:50PM**

FAMILY LITERACY/SCIENCE DAY AT 1:00PM-2:30PM

MAY 27 & 30 HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Bike Mobile

Special thanks to Helmet Safety Assembly and Bike mobile for coming to Brookfield on April 15, 2016. The students had a fantastic time making smoothies!



Last Day
of
School

JUNE 9, 2016