

The B.E.S.T. NEWS

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HOME OF THE LIONS

Principal's Message:

It is so exciting to announce that we had 116 students with perfect attendance and zero tardies for the month of September. Please keep up the great work! Families remember, the "Every Day Counts Attendance Challenge" begins Oct. 17. Families who are registered and have students with perfect attendance between Oct. 17 and Nov. 18 are eligible for the \$500 drawing. Sign up in the office. Also, there are several family engagement activities scheduled this month, including Zumba, Homework Workshop, Parent Resource Time, and Homework Diner; please come and participate. See the school calendar. Finally, congratulations to the Lions Roar BVES Cheerleaders for winning 3rd place in the Black Cowboy Parade Competition this weekend!

Marie Roberts, Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER 4, 2016
SSC MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2016
PICTURE DAY

OCTOBER 7, 2016
SHOO THE FLU

OCTOBER 14, 2016
NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER 20, 2016
FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT



Back to School Night

Thanks to everyone who attended Back to School Night. A special thanks to OUSD Board of Education President James Harris, Superintendent Antwan Wilson, Oakland Vice Mayor Larry Reid, and Oakland Natives Give Back for celebrating Brookfield as the winner of the Rob Bonta \$25,000 attendance challenge at back to school night.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate the Poster contest winners. Thank you to Oakland Natives Gives Back for judging the poster contest and choosing our 20 winners.

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| Andrea Gascon | Saul Lamas Trujillo |
| Natalie Garcia | Cesar Ponce Ramos |
| Ambar Monico Ramirez | Brianna Aldana Garcia |
| Joaquin Lamas Trujillo | Genesis Barrera |
| Areli Lopez | Pemita Acevez |
| Nadia Pena | Paola Rivas |
| Yadira Trujillo | Camila Diaz |
| Serenity Dixon | Makayla Thomas |
| Juan Trujillo | Belen Lara Rodriguez |
| Dabria Reed | Brenda Moreno |



NO SCHOOL FRIDAY OCTOBER 14, 2016



Halloween Parade

Our Annual Halloween Parade will be held from 1:30pm to 2:30pm on Monday, October 31, 2016. Please be reminded that costumes must be age appropriate, and may not include any weapons, scary masks or blood. Costumes may only be worn during the parade. Students should bring their costumes in their backpacks. They will have the opportunity to change into their costumes at lunch. If you do not want your child to participate in the Halloween parade, please inform your child's teacher. Please bring your child to school, even if they do not plan to participate in the parade.

Please Practice Safe Driving Along Our School Streets



We are still experiencing dangerous driving practices along Jones Avenue, surrounding Brookfield.

- A U-Turn in the middle of the street is both unsafe AND illegal.
- Stopping and parking on the middle of the street, or where parking is not allowed, to let your child jump out of the car or jump into the car is also unsafe AND illegal.

Please pull all the way into our parking lot or park in a safe parking space to drop your child off. We know this takes a little longer, but it is the safest option for all students.

You must park in a legal parking space any time you are dropping off or picking up in order to keep traffic flowing. Please do your best to show our students responsible behavior, thank you.

Parent Corner:

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Parent Center opening on September 23rd. We would like to invite all parents and guardians to attend one of the many parent workshops and family activities that Brookfield Elementary School will be offering every month. Please see the last page of the newsletter for a brief description of some of the parent workshops and activities that will take place during the 2016-17 school year.



NEW BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PROCEDURE

Due to an overwhelming increase in child celebrations and disruptions of valuable instruction time, we will be limiting birthday celebrations to the last 10 minutes of the school day or during lunch time. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

HOMEWORK DINER

We would like to thank our teachers and staff for putting together the first homework diner on September 27. We would also like to thank all parents and families that attended. Please come and join us at our second Homework Diner on October 24, 2016, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Homework Diner will take place on the last Tuesday of every month. The Homework Diner will be a time for families and Brookfield teachers and staff to get together and get to know one another by sharing a meal together. The purpose of the Homework Diner is to engage parents in their child's academic development, invite communication between home and school, and give parents support for homework help and ideas they can use at home.

