

# The B.E.S.T. NEWS

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## HOME OF THE LIONS

### Principal's Message:

The Oakland School Performance Framework (SPF) is a comprehensive, annual review of school performance, which is presented in the form of a report that includes multiple measures. These measures assess how the school educates the Whole Child, compares performance to the prior year to show the Impact of our schools, and highlights priority student groups in order to strive for Equity, all with the goal of preparing students to be College, Career, and Community Ready.

The SPF was created as a means to give the district, our schools, and the larger community the information they need to make critical decisions that will have the greatest impact on improving student achievement.

To learn more and to see our school's report, go to [OaklandSPF.org](http://OaklandSPF.org)!

**Marie Roberts, Principal**

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**NOVEMBER 11, 2016**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**NOV. 21 TO NOV. 25, 2016**  
**NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING RECESS**

**NOVEMBER 28, 2016**  
**BIG SMILES DENTIST**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2016**  
**PICTURE-MAKE UP**  
**HOMEWORK DINER**

## Family Science Night

Thank you to everyone who attended Family Science Night on October 20, 2016. We would like to thank our staff, family members, and organizations for putting together this event and special thanks to Ms. Sanders for organizing Science Night.



## Perfect Attendance Field Trip

Congratulations to the 115 students that earned a perfect attendance field trip to the Exploratorium on November 10. As you know, September was Attendance Awareness Month. Any student that had perfect attendance and zero tardies during the entire month of September earned a field trip! **Our next attendance challenge runs from November 14 to January 30.** Any student with perfect attendance during this time, will earn themselves a field trip in February.

## Make-up Picture Day, Tuesday November 29<sup>th</sup>

If your child was absent for our first Picture Day last month, then your child will need to be photographed on November 29<sup>th</sup> for their student ID. If you were not satisfied with your child's first picture, the entire picture packet needs to be returned to the photographer as your child re-takes his or her photo. Questions? Go to: [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)



## Attendance Matters

Students are at risk academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days. Once too many absences have occurred, they can affect learning, regardless of whether absences are excused or unexcused. Sporadic, not just consecutive, absences matter. Before you know it — just one or two days a month can add up to nearly 10 percent of the school year. Avoid unnecessary absences. Some absences are unavoidable. Occasionally, children get sick and need to stay home. What is important is getting children to school as often as possible.

**2 absences  
per month = less likely  
to graduate**

## ZUMBA CLASSES



*We would like to thank ALL the parents who have attended our weekly Zumba classes. Your presence has made Zumba classes a very successful, fun, and energizing experience! We will continue to have classes every Wednesday throughout November and December. Childcare is available during every weekly class. If you haven't tried it yet, stop by any Wednesday in the auditorium.*



## Recorded Messages from Brookfield School

Occasionally we send informational phone messages from school. Normally they are sent in the early evening, but sometimes they go out in the middle of the day. These messages include important information regarding upcoming events. Additionally, if there were a true emergency on campus, the informational phone message would go out as soon as the emergency occurred.

Please listen to the entire message before calling the office to ask about the call. If there were a true emergency, important directions and information regarding student pick-ups would be included in it, and a secretary may or may not be available to answer the phone line. It is important for the school to always have your most up to date contact information. If you have recently had changes to your phone number, please call the main office and update your contact information. The office number is (510) 639-3310.

## Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

Mr. Hall, Mr Sunia, and Ms. Gomez's classes went to Joan's Farm and Pumpkin Patch in Livermore on October 25. They had a blast at the petting zoo, picking pumpkins, and learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin.



## Book Trust

Book Trust is a nonprofit organization that works with schools across the country. At the beginning of this school year, Brookfield was chosen as a Book Trust school site. During the entire school year, every kindergarten through third grade child will receive \$7 worth of brand new books. Each month students will choose their books in class and have a celebration when their books arrive. Check out some of our students with their Book Trust books!



## HALLOWEEN PARADE

October 31 was our annual Halloween Parade. Take a look at some of the costumes students and families wore!

