

The B.E.S.T. NEWS

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HOME OF THE LIONS

Principal's Message:

As many of you know, we have been meeting and discussing a variety of improvements to the Brookfield campus for several years. Included in these improvements have been topics of hands on learning, an urban forest, and the campus garden/grove projects. I am excited to announce that with the hard work and undying dedication of the parents, community members, and school partners, and staff, Brookfield is ready to break ground on the beginning phase of "Grow Green."

In the month of December, we will begin removing some of the asphalt on the back playground and planting a vegetative buffer. There will be an estimated 185 trees planted as a vegetative buffer to better protect students, staff and the community from airborne and charged particle emissions from the adjacent freeway and overhead power lines. These trees will provide a key zone for outdoor teaching/living laboratory learning space in addition to providing an applied opportunity to help advance understanding of how to create effective green buffers in near roadway mitigation.

In addition, there will be another part of the planting plan which will incorporate a fruit tree orchard (including pears, apples, pomegranate, etc.), for class/living lab/learning, as well as, seating benches within the main play yard. Partnering with Brookfield in these efforts are USEPA, Higher Ground Neighborhood Development Corp., Urban ReLeaf/CalFIRE, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and Growing Together.

Parents and community members we need you! We are asking the parent and community members who are interested to please sign up in the office to assist us with the planting and the maintenance of the new vegetation. This is only the first phase of many changes that will begin this year and continue through to the following year. Congratulations on all the hard work.

Marie Roberts, Principal



Parent Teacher Conferences

Just a reminder that Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up, Wednesday Dec. 14, 2016 to Friday Dec. 16, 2016 Please be sure to schedule a conference with your student's teacher as soon as possible.

December conferences are an important time for you to meet with your child's teacher and have one-on-one time to listen and discuss your child's progress so far this year. Please be respectful of the timing of conferences: please arrive on time, and do not expect your teachers to meet with you for longer than your assigned session, as conferences are scheduled back to back. Thank you for your mindfulness.

Minimum Day Schedule

December 14, - December 16 are minimum days. School will be dismissed at 1:30pm from Wednesday, December 14 to Friday, December 16.

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER 6, 2016
SSC MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2016
HOMWORK DINER

DECEMBER 14, 2016
TRIMESTER 1 AWARDS ASSEMBLY

DECEMBER 16, 2016
WINTER ASSEMBLY

DEC 14 - DEC 16, 2016
PARENT CONFERENCES

DEC 19 - JAN 2, 2017
WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 3, 2016
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AFTER THE BREAK

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FIELD TRIP

Thanks to all the chaperones that came to help us on our perfect attendance field trip on November 10. We took 100 kids to the Exploratorium in San Francisco. Everyone had a great time! Thank you to our staff Ms. Hukill, Ms. Harris, Mr. Haskell, Ms. Mayorga, and Ms. Nathalie who supervised the field trip. This is a reminder that we are currently running our second attendance challenge that is running from November 14 to January 30. Any students with perfect attendance during this time will earn themselves a field trip in February. Take a look at pictures of our students enjoying the field trip!



More on Parent –Teacher Conferences:

Here are some topics/questions you may want to discuss.

Progress

Ask if your child is performing at grade level. What is his/her reading level? What is the expected reading level for a student in his/her grade?

1. Ask what your child does well. Where does he or she struggle? Tell the teacher what you think are your child's strengths. Explain what he or she needs more help with.

Assignments and Assessments

2. Ask to see examples of your child's classwork. Ask how the teacher gives grades.
3. Ask what your child is expected to learn, know, and do at this grade level. How will it be assessed?
4. Does your child turn in homework on time?

Social- Emotional Learning

- Does my child participate in class?
- What would make my child a more effective learner?

Support Learning at Home

1. Ask what you can do at home to help your child learn. Talk with the teacher to develop a plan for what you will do.

Deep East Oakland Town Hall

At East Oakland Boxing Association: 816 98th Avenue Oakland, CA on
Tuesday, December 6- 2016 from 4:30 - 5:40 Open House 5:30 - 7:30 Presentations & Resource Sharing
RSVP here: <http://bit.ly/EOBARsvp> or (510)430-8056