Bear Necessities: September 13th

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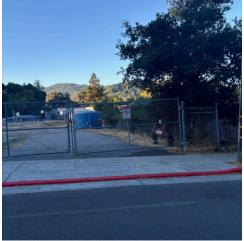
PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Brookside Community,

Spotlight: We kicked off some of our lunchtime clubs this week! So far, we've launched the following clubs: Spirit Squad (3rd-5th), Assembly Crew (4th-5th), Drawing Club (1st-2nd), and School Newspaper Club (4th-5th). Take a look at the photos below for a glimpse of the clubs in action. More clubs will be starting soon, including Legos (1st-2nd), BIPOC (3rd-5th), and Children for Change (3rd-5th). If you're interested in volunteering to host a lunchtime club and supporting our sense of belonging work for all, please email me at awagner@rossvalleyschools.org.

Community Reminder: Please do not park or stop in the red zone along the Alameda entrance. This area is a fire lane and must remain clear at all times. We ask that you use the designated car drop-off circles at the Butterfield or Brookmead lots. Your cooperation is essential to maintaining our community's safety, and we sincerely appreciate your help with this.







In community, Amanda

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK

MAKE YOUR PARENT CLUB CLASSROOM CONTRIBUTION

We are only at 50% participation for Parent Club Classroom Contribution donations—help us get to 100%! Please remember to contribute to our classroom fund! A suggested donation of \$175 per student helps us cover field trips, teacher appreciation, classroom parties, and school supplies for your student's classroom. Please make your contribution(or request a scholarship) here. <u>Deadline is next Friday, September 20th</u>.

REPRESENT BROOKSIDE THIS WEEKEND AT THE SAN ANSELMO PARADE

Brookside at the San Anselmo Parade on **September 14th**! Ross Valley School District has registered to be in the parade. We are hoping to have all 5 mascots, 2 banner carriers, and others join us holding YES signs. Lineup starts at 3:00, and parade begins at 4:15. We'd love to have families from all our schools join in the parade. **Signup here to play a role** or just plan to come and wear your Bearwear or Brookside colors!!

SPIRIT WEEK IS NEXT WEEK - SEPTEMBER 16-20!

As we get geared up for the upcoming Bear Bash on Saturday the 21st, let's show our school spirit next week with a series of (easy to do) dress up days!

We know 5th graders will be at Walker Creek Ranch Sept. 16-19 and will miss most of the Spirit Week. We still want to build excitement for the Bear Bash so we are keeping the spirit up! We will miss our 5th grade friends but we know there will be many more opportunities for spirit days throughout the school year!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B ear Wear	<u>E</u> arly Bird	Athletic Wear	R ainbow Day	<u>S</u> illy Sock Day
Wear Blue & Yellow	PJ Day	Wear any sports clothes, athletic wear or your favorite team's shirt	TK/K: Red 1st: Orange 2nd: Yellow 3rd: Green 4th: Blue 5th: Purple	Put on your craziest, silliest or unmatched socks

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER 26, DECEMBER 7, MARCH 1, MAY 3	GARDEN/CAMPUS WORK DAYS
SEPTEMBER 16-20	SPIRIT WEEK

SEPTEMBER 21	BEAR BASH/BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY	
OCTOBER 5	YES FALLAPALOOZA	
NOVEMBER 8	BUILDING BRIDGES KICK OFF ASSEMBLY	
NOVEMBER 22	VARIETY SHOW	
WEEK OF DECEMBER 9	BOOK FAIR & GIFT BAZAAR	
WEEK OF DECEMBER 16	ADPOT-A-FAMILY HOLIDAY GIFT DONATION	
JANUARY 30	FAMILY GAME NIGHT	
MARCH 21	MOVE-A-THON	
MAY 3	FAMILY DANCE	
JUNE 11	FIELD DAY	

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

POPSICLES FOR EVERYONE!

Brookside rose to the week one challenge of 50 new families contributing to the Yes Foundation, so all students celebrated with popsicles today. This is amazing momentum for the year and, together with existing contributors, brings Brookside to 40% parent participation. Haven't gotten your contribution established - there's still time, and everything helps. Get your contribution established today: https://www.yestokids.org/donate

PLEASE SIGN UP TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE STAFF BREAK ROOM SNACK CART

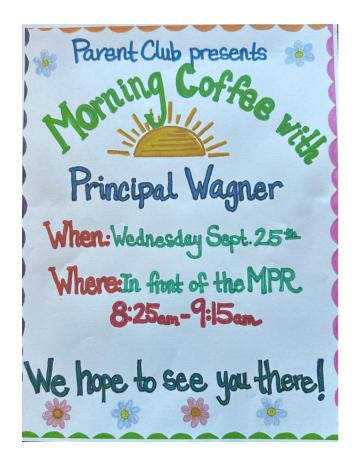
<u>Sign up here</u> to adopt a week this year to fill the staff breakroom with treats. This involves buying snack treats for the snack cart as well as beverages for the staff refrigerator. This is an easy way to donate a little of your time and money to make our teachers' and staff's days a little brighter!



GET TO KNOW YOUR BROOKSIDE COMMUNITY!

The Parent Club presents Morning Coffee with Principal Wagner on Wednesday, September 25th. Come join us after drop off in front of the MPR from 8:25-9:15 and get to know or hang out with other Brookside parents and Principal Wagner.

All TK, Kindergarten and new Brookside families from any grade are invited to a "Welcome to Brookside" popsicle social at Memorial Park on Wednesday, September 25th. Join us from 5:00-6:30pm for popsicles and fun. Bring a picnic and get to know other Brookside families.



HELP MAKE THE BROOKSIDE YEARBOOK EXTRA SPECIAL

Capture your memories in Brookside's yearbook! Keep an eye out for the back to school QR codes posted around campus as well as QR codes at each classroom. We need your photos!



BROOKSIDE IS PARTNERING WITH RAISING THE BAR

Data from the 2022 California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) indicated that youth alcohol and substance use rates are concerningly high. Raising the Bar is working to decrease these dangerously high rates of underage substance use by changing the social norms and trends that parents follow at public events throughout our county.

As partners, whenever we hold events where youth are present, Brookside is a substance free environment. This is an opportunity for you as parents to continue being positive role models by showing them that we can all have a good time without drinking or using substances when participating in events as a family. Together with other community organizations, we can ensure that all youth events are focused on celebrating our youth.

Please join us in supporting this important initiative by bringing only non-alcoholic events to our upcoming Bear Bash and other Brookside events!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

FALLAPALOOZA IS 3 WEEKS AWAY!

Now that the school year is off and rolling Fallapalooza ticket sales are heating up! Call the sitter, gather your friends and be sure to get your **tickets today** to help Yes Foundation accurately estimate food and drink needs!

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN - 8 DAYS UNTIL THE BEAR BASH!

NEXT SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21st, 5:30-7:30pm at BROOKSIDE FIELD.

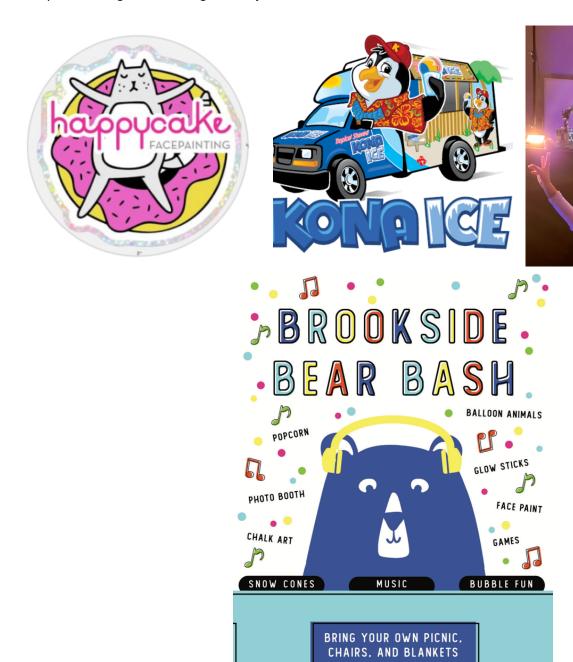
WE NEED YOUR HELP PARENTS!! Please sign up here to help us during the party next weekend: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44A9A62DA3FCC16-51183612-2024

Your Brookside Parent Club is so excited to bring our beloved Brookside Community another fun filled fall kickoff picnic. The BearBash is our favorite way start the year off with snacks, games, bubbles, popcorn, photo fun, crafts, tattoos, and MORE!

For the 3rd year in a row let's hear it for our resident cool dad DJ Neon Stian who's back at it again bringing the jams!! Also back again this year are the amazing KONA ICE TRUCK as well as HAPPYCAKE FACEPAINTING to make all our snow cone face painting wishes come true!!

So pack a picnic dinner, your favorite non-alcoholic beverages, and a blanket (maybe a flashlight too) and meet us at the upper field where Old and New Brookside families will get the chance to meet each other, play games, and dance the night away.

Looking forward to seeing you all there and to an amazing 2024-25 Brookside School Year!! THANK YOU to Lilia Carney for spearheading this event again this year!





BROOKSIDE PROUD MOMENTS



















