

Bear Necessities: August 14th Back to School Newsletter

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Brookside's Weekly Newsletter

The Brookside Parent Club is excited to welcome new and returning families to the 2024-25 school year at Brookside! It's going to be a great year! School starts next week, but wanted to share some announcements and upcoming events now to help us kick off the year and continue to build the amazing Brookside community that we are!

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Join us for First Day of School Parent/Family Coffee on Tuesday August 20th!

Come celebrate the start of the new school year with other Brookside parents and guardians on Tuesday, August 20th from 8:30am - 9am behind the MPR. A great way to celebrate a new school year and meet new families!

Join us for Campus and Garden Cleanup on Saturday August 24th!

Please join us on Saturday, August 24th from 8am - 1pm for the first campus workday of the year (see calendar below for future dates). There are lots of opportunities for families (adults and kids) to chip in and make our campus and garden look awesome for the school year. Use this [sign up genius](#) to volunteer for a specific task and join us for coffee and treats. It's a great way to meet other Brookside families and give back to the place that gives our families so much!

Sign up for the Parent Club!

The Brookside Parent Club puts on a huge amount of the activities that make our Brookside community awesome. We understand everyone is managing work/life balance. There are a lot of ways to get involved at Brookside by joining the Parent Club at any level, whether you have several hours per week or just a few hours per month. We have four fun committee teams: Teacher/Staff Appreciation, Family and Student Engagement,



Events, and Campus Beautification/Garden. And we are still looking to fill two specific roles: Safe Routes to School Coordinator and BearWear Coordinator. It's a great way to meet others in our Brookside Community! Please [sign up here](#) to join us or reach out to Libbie Landles-Cobb (libbie_landles@yahoo.com) for more information.

Sign up to be a Room Parent!

Teachers can't be their best without Room Parents! Each Brookside classroom has two room parents. It's a wonderful way to be connected to your child's class and teacher and to support your classroom's community.

The primary responsibilities are to support your teacher for in-class celebrations and activities and to engage and communicate with your classroom's families about Parent Club and classroom announcements. You also are given a budget to shower your teacher with appreciation throughout the year! Fill out [this google form](#) if you're interested in volunteering or reach out to Patti Wagner (mcclapa@gmail.com) for more information.

Once we gather interest from everyone who wants to get involved, the Parent Club will select Room Parents for each classroom.

Buy your Bearwear!

The [Brookside Bearwear site](#) is having a back to school sale! Stock up on all your Brookside clothing and gear. A portion of the proceeds supports the Parent Club!

Support Brookside at Sports Basement!

Sports Basement is having a back-to school sale this week, through August 18th. Everything is 11-20% off and a portion of the proceeds supports the Parent Club. See a [link to the flyer here](#).

Make your Fall financial contributions!

Brookside families who are able are asked to make two contributions to enrich their children's school experience this fall:

1. [The YES Foundation](#) is a nonprofit foundation that supports the weekly art and music classes and theater programs for all kids of Ross Valley School District. Recommended family contribution is \$75/month per child. Please consider establishing your family's recurring monthly contribution to Yes today:

www.yestokids.org/donate

2. [The Brookside Parent](#) club asks all families who are able to make a \$175 per student back-to-school Classroom Contribution. These funds go directly to supporting your child's classroom to provide classroom supplies, field trips, and teacher appreciation gifts. Please make a contribution today:

<https://www.brooksidesschool.org/contributions>

Mark your calendars for YES Fallapalooza on October 5th!

The Yes Foundation's biggest fundraiser (replacing Battle of the Bands) is coming up soon, on October 5th from 4-10pm at the San Rafael Elks Lodge. 2 Bands, 3 DJs, food, drinks, games, friends and more! Fallapalooza promises to be the most fun parents night out of the year!! **Buy your tickets today**, all in support of Yes Foundation, bringing art, music and theater to the kids of Ross Valley School District.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FUTURE EVENTS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

AUGUST 24, OCTOBER 26, DECEMBER 7, MARCH 1, MAY 3	GARDEN/CAMPUS WORK DAYS
SEPTEMBER 5	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 21	BEAR BASH/BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY
OCTOBER 5	YES! FALLAPALOOZA
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