

# Bear Necessities: August 23rd

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### Brookside's Weekly Newsletter

#### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Brookside Community,

Wow—what an incredible first week of school! Our campus is buzzing with joy and excitement for the year ahead! A huge thank you to our fantastic Parent Club for hosting our back-to-school coffee and celebration. Special thanks to Tera Baker, Brie Foehr, Erin Hughes, Caty McKenna, Libbie Landles-Cobb, Rebecca Phillips, Patti Wagner, and Meagan Wood for making it happen. We're looking forward to many more opportunities for coffee and conversations at drop-off throughout the school year.

A very special appreciation goes out to our fantastic teachers and staff for the incredible and warm welcome for our Bears. The thoughtful community building happening throughout our classrooms is sure to help our Brookside Bears feel a sense of belonging right from the start.

Mark your calendars! More information to come.

- **Back to School Night:** Thursday, September 5th, 6:00-7:30 PM at Brookside
- **Tech Support Event with Spanish translation:** Thursday, September 5th, 5:00-6:00 PM at Brookside

In community,  
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#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK

##### **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 and morning coffee. 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 or just show up to help out where needed. It's a great way to meet other Brookside families and give back to the place that gives our families so much!

Hope to see you there!



### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](http://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 CALENDAR

<b>AUGUST 24, OCTOBER 26, DECEMBER 7, MARCH 1, MAY 3</b>	GARDEN/CAMPUS WORK DAYS
<b>SEPTEMBER 5</b>	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

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Annual Bear Bash

Mark your calendars! The annual Bear Bash will be on **Saturday, September 21st from 5:30pm - 7:30pm** on the Upper Field. It'll be fun for the whole family with games, snacks and music.

If you are interested in helping make this happen, please reach out to Lilia Carney ([liliacdcarney@gmail.com](mailto:liliacdcarney@gmail.com)) for more information.

(activities subject to change)



### Fall registration is now **OPEN** for after school enrichment

Make sure that your child gets the additional care for your schedule with our After School Enrichment programs. The registration deadline is **Thursday, September 5th**. Featuring programs, such as Spanish, Coding, and Chess, make sure your child is in as spots are limited!

Register by clicking [this link](#)!

For any questions, please contact our recreation department at [recreation@townofsananselmo.org](mailto:recreation@townofsananselmo.org)

# After School Enrichment

**FALL REGISTRATION OPEN NOW**

**FEES: \$273-\$483**  
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

Register at [www.sananselmomorecreation.org](http://www.sananselmomorecreation.org)

To Register scan here:



For Scholarship info scan here:



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## Please send pictures for the Yearbook!

Do you remember how exciting it was to get your yearbook as a kid? Now you can bring this magic to life for our Brookside Bears! 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.

The sooner you share your photos, the better chance they will be included.

**CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEARBOOK!**

**10% OFF**  
purchase by September 30

**Customize Your 2 Free Pages**  
Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.  
Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$1.99.

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- Enter your school's passcode: **101384453735792**

Regular price **\$15.74**

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### Teacher Appreciation!

This week, thanks to the efforts of Lily Chesnut and our Campus Enrichment Team, we unveiled our brand new outdoor teacher's lounge. The project was funded through the Parent Club, so THANK YOU for your contribution! The staff now has a sunny spot to hang out and take a breath when they're outside of class.



### 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!

## 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](mailto:libbie_landles@yahoo.com)) for more information.

## 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.



## BROOKSIDE PROUD MOMENTS





