



BROOKVALE PTA NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

October 5

Turn in your parent volunteer sheet for the Bronco Gallop

October 9

PTA meeting, 7pm in the library

October 19

Bronco Gallop

October 22

“Eat-out Fun-raiser” Brookvale gets 20% of what you spend at Sweet Tomatoes (on Paseo Padre Parkway and Walnut Avenue) from 5–8pm.

October 30

Halloween Carnival, 5–7pm

October 31

Halloween Parade, 9:45am
Bronco Gallop pledge money is due

November 2

Reflections entries due

IT'S BRONCO GALLOP TIME!

We're so excited for our big annual fundraiser walk-a-thon, and looking forward to an exciting day! A few reminders:

- The big day is Friday, October 19th.
- All the money raised goes directly to our school (classrooms, teachers, PTA sponsored programs, field trips, etc.).
- You don't have to raise money to participate in the walk-a-thon, but the money helps our kids' education.
- Permission slips *must* be turned in for your kid to participate. No permission slip, can't walk! (But there will be other ways they can help.)
- If your child has any food allergies, please note it on the permission slip. Snacks will be provided after the event, and we want to make sure everyone is safe.

We are hoping every kid can participate. Please encourage them to get their pledges! Every kid who raises \$65 or more will get a free t-shirt and an entry in the prize raffle. We also welcome parent volunteers on the big day!

REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM

Has your child had a magic moment? Does your child like to draw or dance or write? We have just the opportunity for you! The theme for the annual Art competition Reflections is THE MAGIC OF A MOMENT. Any child enrolled in FUSD is eligible to enter. Art categories are Visual Arts, Dance Choreography, Film Production, Photography, Literature and Music Composition. All artwork MUST follow the guidelines outlined by the Reflections program. Entry forms and specific guidelines can be found on www.brookvalepta.com under “Reflections.” The deadline to enter is Friday, November 2, 2012. All artwork can be turned in to your classroom teacher. If you have any further questions, please contact Robyn Taylor at 894-3774 or tayhigh5@comcast.net.

BECOME A ROOM PARENT

We have noticed that many parents are willing to help but do not know about opportunities that come up. This year, we are creating a new position for Room Parents. A Room Parent's job is to help organize parents to contribute to various activities in the classroom and/or for the PTA, and representing parent's input at PTA meetings. Examples include getting sign ups for supplies for a class event or getting parents to sign up to help with Bronco Gallop, etc. Room Parents will compile an email list of your class which you can use to communicate. If you would like to become a Room Parent for your class, please email Rebecca Christman at rlchristman@comcast.net with your name and phone number and she will contact you for a Room Parent meeting to follow.

Please join us at our monthly PTA meetings to find out more ways that you can get involved. You can make a difference! We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the school library.

We are online! Visit

www.brookvalepta.com

to connect with us on

Yahoo! Groups

and **Facebook**

BE PART OF THE WINNING EQUATION—JOIN THE PTA!

In the first three weeks of the school year over 240 people joined the Brookvale PTA! This year every classroom that reaches 80% or more PTA membership will receive an Amazon.com gift card to be used towards classroom supplies. For example, in a class with 30 students, it just takes 24 memberships to reach the 80% goal. There's no limit on how many classes can win gift cards. Congratulations to the classes of Mrs. Corona and Mrs. Freeman that have already passed the 80% goal. Great job!

Special benefits for Brookvale PTA members include:

- Membership card
- School Calendar Magnet—a super way to keep track of important school dates
- School Directory—an invaluable resource for play dates, homework questions and connecting with other parents. October 26 is the deadline to be included in the directory.

SCHOOL CALENDAR MAGNETS

Calendar magnets for your fridge—with important school dates—are now available. We are asking for a \$2 donation or free with a PTA membership (if you have already joined the PTA, you will automatically be receiving a magnet, one per family). It's not too late to join!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Don't forget to collect Box Tops for Education to help raise money for Brookvale. The PTA will be sponsoring classroom contests, information will be coming home soon.

- Discounts—being a PTA member entitles you to discounts at Jamba Juice, California Academy of Sciences, T-Mobile, and others.

It's never too late to join! Membership forms and envelopes are available in the school office. You are always welcome to attend the monthly PTA meetings and get involved, however joining does not obligate you to attend meetings or volunteer if your schedule doesn't permit it. And don't forget, joining the PTA means more money for our school and students. A big "thanks" to all of you who have already joined the Brookvale PTA. Your support is part of the winning equation!

If you have any questions about PTA membership, please contact Kristin Goldthorpe at keog413@yahoo.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to everybody who returned the Volunteer sign-up sheet! If your schedule *does* permit it, we can always use some help:

- The National PTA Reflections Art Program needs volunteers to help with checking and reviewing entries, organizing the goody bags, and helping at the district awards ceremony. Please contact Robyn Taylor at tayhigh5@comcast.net.
- We can always use extra hands to help copying flyers and newsletters. Contact Priya Raman at pri_mall@yahoo.com

