



BROOKVALE PTA NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

December 7

Peaches Grill Fundraiser

December 11

Reflections Art Show, 6:30pm in the school library

December 11

PTA meeting, 7pm in the school library

December 21

1:11pm early dismissal

December 24-January 4

Winter Break - school closed

January 7

School resumes

January 8

PTA meeting, 7pm in the school library

BRONCO GALLOP

We want to thank all of our Brookvale families who participated in our Bronco Gallop fundraiser. We raised over \$18,000 for our school! We are so thankful to have such generous families. This money goes to help pay for classroom supplies, field trips, art programs, class activities, and much more. Thank you to everyone who helped make this fund raiser such a success.

PEACHES GRILL FUNDRAISER, DEC 7TH

Peaches Grill is donating 25% of what Brookvale patrons spend for lunch or dinner on Dec 7th to the PTA. Be sure to give the enclosed flyer and or mention that you are part of the Brookvale fundraiser (download additional flyers from our website, www.brookvalepta.com). In addition, they are offering 15% of the proceeds for the entire school year, when patrons mention Brookvale. Peaches Grill is an Mexican-American Restaurant located at 5720 Mowry School Road, in the Balantine Plaza (opposite the Newark Hilton) in Newark, CA.

WISHING TREES

Want to get something for your teacher or classroom for the holidays but don't know what to give? Check out your classroom Wishing Tree! This year our room parents have hung decorations on the classroom doors with the teachers' wish lists for both their classroom and themselves. Please feel free to take a wish off of the tree and surprise your child's teacher with a gift. Get them what they REALLY want for the holidays and check out your teacher's Wishing Tree.

Don't get to see it? That's OK! Visit Brookvale's PTA website, where all of the teachers wishlists are located, at www.brookvalepta.com/events-and-programs/wishing-trees.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH BOX TOPS

Holiday shopping and earning money for Brookvale go hand-in-hand! Did you know that Toys 'R Us, Best Buy, iTunes, Lego, The Disney Store, and Target are all participating retailers on the eBoxTops marketplace? Those are just a few of the HUNDREDS of online retailers that support the Boxtops for Education program! If you plan on shopping online this holiday season, don't forget to register at www.boxtops4education.com and start EVERY shopping trip there. Every dollar you spend earns money for Brookvale Elementary. Tell your family and friends to register, too.

Not sure where to clip those Box Tops? Check out www.boxtops4education.com to get a complete list of products that offer Box Tops. Also, don't forget to ask friends, family and neighbors to clip those Box Tops too!

The next PTA meeting is
Tuesday, December 11th

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**

COMPANY MATCH

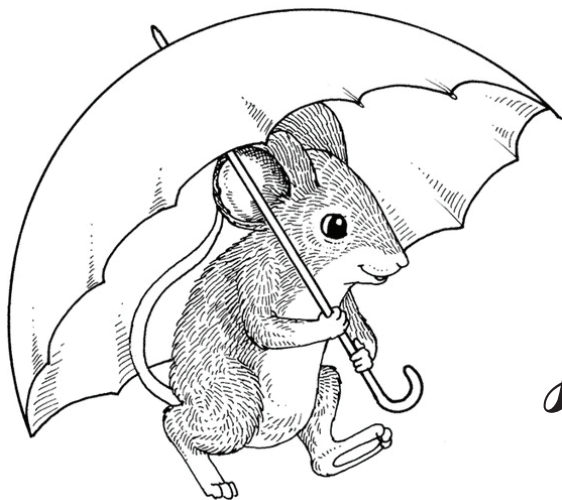
Thanks to amazing parents, the Bronco Gallop was able to raise \$18,000 funds to help the teachers with classroom supplies and field trips. We would like to remind parents to try and get "Employee Match" funds if your company participates in that program (the full list of companies is available on our website). Let us know if you need any information. Remember the PTA is a non-profit and every penny we raise goes towards various programs at school. Thank you!

TECHNOLOGY HELP

As the teachers and kids get deeper into the second trimester, we need lots of technology help in classrooms. This includes donations of usable desktops, laptops, printers, cartridges, headphones, mouse etc. Ways you can help:

- Talk to your company's IT department and see if they can donate usable laptops, desktops, printers to the school.
- Teachers need help with setup and maintenance of technology in the classrooms.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the copying of instruction material. This is an ongoing need and teachers really need help. Please contact us if you can help or if you have any questions. Thank you!



ROOM PARENTS

Thank you to everybody who has signed up to be a Room Parent! Room Parents work in collaboration with your teacher, the school, and the PTA to organize parents to help the teachers when needed. This help can come in the form of donations, time (in class, at PTA activities, from home, and more) and assistance (in class or from home).

The primary way your Room Parent will be communicating is by email. Something came home in the Thursday folders recently asking for your email address so that the Room Parent can stay in touch with you. We encourage you to make sure that your Room Parent has your email as it will help YOU stay connected to the happenings in your classroom and schoolwide. Room Parent contact info can be found at www.brookvalepta.com/get-involved/room-parents.

We encourage you to connect with your Room Parent. He or she will be an important link between you and everything that happens in class and at Brookvale!

276 ARE PART OF THE WINNING EQUATION...

As of this month, 276 individuals have joined the Brookvale School PTA! Be sure to activate your membership card so you can receive a \$10 coupon towards purchase at Office Max.

Congratulations to following classes who reached and/or exceeded 80% membership: Ms. Chug, Mr. Creed, Mrs. Freeman, Ms. Schilling, and Ms. Schumacher. Each of these classes will receive an Amazon gift card. And since there is no deadline, all other classes are still eligible to win a gift card. Just pick up a membership envelope in the school office and submit your memberships to your teacher. For more information, visit the Brookvale PTA website, www.brookvalepta.com.

Happy Holidays!