



BROOKVALE PTA NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

January 17, 5pm

Sweet Tomatoes Fun-Raiser

January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day -
no school

January 29

Family Math Night, 6pm in the
Multipurpose Room

February 12

PTA meeting, 7pm in the
school library

FRIDA KAHLO IN THE CLASSROOM

Our last Fine Arts Mini Experience (F.A.M.E.) session was a huge success! We selected Frida Kahlo and had all the kids draw self-portraits in her unique style of painting.

We would love to conduct these sessions once a month, but we need parents to step up and volunteer just ONE hour a month. This is how a typical FAME session is conducted:

- Pick up supplies and artist write-up from Library
- One volunteer reads prepared write-up about artist/art form while the other volunteer distributes the supplies (5-7 minutes)
- Kids draw/paint/create for 35 minutes
- Collect drawing materials and kids clean up (5-7 minutes)
- Return supplies and artist write-up to library

In less than an hour you've helped expose the kids to a new artist and allowed them to create their own masterpieces, and have a lot of fun! We just need two volunteers to select a day and time of their convenience (approved by the teacher) and be a F.A.M.E.-ous hero in their kid's class! Please contact Sonali (sonaliaulakh@yahoo.com) if you'd like to volunteer

The next PTA meeting is
Tuesday, February 12th

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**

G.A.T.E. WORKSHOPS

The Brookvale Gifted and Talented Education (G.A.T.E.) program is looking for parents with varying expertise (if you are a wiz at math, art, marketing, computers, geography, or anything else) to come into the school and present "mini workshops" on specific areas to our G.A.T.E. students. It is our hope with the wealth of education and parent expertise that we can hold a variety of "mini workshops" for G.A.T.E. students during the instructional day. By providing students with enrichment opportunities it will enhance their educational experience at Brookvale. If you have an area of expertise that you would like to share, please contact Principal Hicks-Rodriguez at chicks-rodriquez@fremont.k12.ca.us. Thank you!

WIRELESS INTERNET AT BROOKVALE

We are happy to announce that Brookvale Elementary will be getting wireless services to all the classes by the end of January 2013. The PTA worked with Mrs Hicks and helped to get the bulk of the funding for this project (to the tune of \$2000).

BOX TOPS FEBRUARY CONTEST

Start collecting those boxtops again! Hand in your saved boxtops to your teachers in the month of February and the class with the highest number of boxtops collected will win a pizza party for lunch! One class from the primary grades (TK-3) and one class from the upper grades (4-6) will win. So keep clipping and saving till February! Don't forget to ask your friends and family to clip too. More info to come.



COMPUTERS IN THE CLASSROOMS

Earlier in the school year some of the teachers requested parents to help raise funds to procure netbooks or laptops for their classrooms. We are thankful to all those parents who donated generously for this cause! Some of these classes will be able to use these netbooks in the classroom for additional instructions. Thank you to all the parents who also generously donated laptops, desktops etc to the classrooms!

There are still many classrooms without any computers or computers that are very old. If your child is in one such class, please help your teacher. Donate whatever amount you can so we can get computers to all the classrooms in Brookvale. A point to note, we are one of the few schools in Fremont School District without computers in all classrooms.

As always, please talk to your company's IT department if they could donate some laptops to our school. Computers in classrooms help the teachers conduct research projects, AR reading tests and math tests without having to share the one computer lab that is in the school.

PEACHES GRILL FUNDRAISER

Peaches Grill will donate 15% of what you spend for lunch or dinner throughout the entire school year to Brookvale PTA, when you mention our school. Peaches Grill is an Mexican-American Restaurant located at 5720 Mowry School Road, in the Balantine Plaza (opposite the Newark Hilton) in Newark, CA.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are starting to plan for Teacher Appreciation Week, in early May. If you would like to help with planning, tasks during the week, or provide a donation for the raffle, please email Rebecca Christman at rlchristman@comcast.net. We need all the help we can get for a successful week!

FOUNDERS DAY

Founders Day is the perfect time to renew our dedication to the purpose that was established by the CA PTA's founders more than a century ago. Each year, Brookvale PTA honors the three original founders as well as past and present PTA leaders. This year, Founders Day is on March 12th, from 6pm to 7pm. There will be awards given to honor and appreciate those in our school and community who have been dedicated advocates for children.

The nomination form will be distributed soon to all the teachers and parents. We need volunteers to form a committee to:

1. Choose a theme for the day. In the past we have had family art activity night and also a donations night.
 2. Choose the Honorees (and the awards) from the nominations received. We need this ASAP as it takes 4-6 weeks to get the certificates ready.
 3. A chair and co-chair to run the committee.
- Please contact Priya Raman (pri_mall@yahoo.com) if you are interested in serving on the committee. Thank you!

STUDENTS' REFLECTIONS ART GOES TO STATE LEVEL

We would like to congratulate 6th graders **Jordan Fezler** and **Ids Propstra** whose entries to the National PTA's Reflections 2012-2013 competition were selected to compete at the State Level. Ids Propstra's entry was in photography and Jordan Fezler was for dance. Keep up the good work! And good luck for the next level and beyond. We also thank Robyn Taylor, Brookvale's Reflections chairperson for all her hard work.



Congratulations to Ids (left) and Jordan (right).