



BROOKVALE PTA NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

April 19

Movie Night: Wreck-It Ralph,
6pm in the Multipurpose Room

April 23

early dismissal, 1:15pm

April 23

Food Truck Mafia, 4:30pm

April 23

Brookvale Open House, 6pm

April 26

Spring Talent Show, 6pm

May 6–10

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 9–25

STAR Testing

May 14

PTA meeting, 7pm in the
school library

The next PTA meeting is
Tuesday, May 14th

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 7pm at the
school library.

We are online! Visit

www.brookvalepta.com

to connect with us on

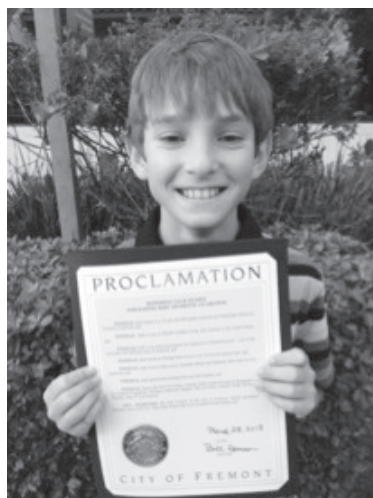
Yahoo! Groups
and **Facebook**

HELLO BROOKVALE FAMILIES

We are happy to announce that one of our 5th grade students, Zackary Soares, has been chosen to be the honoree at the upcoming Arthritis Walk on May 4th. As a school we are doing a fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation and to help support Team Zack Attack! Attached is a flyer that talks about Zack, his journey, and the upcoming walk. How the fundraiser works:

- Loose change can be brought to school and donated in the collection can in your child's class.
- Stars will be available for any family that donates \$20 or more. The stars will be hung in the office for display. Stars will be sold only in the office.
- The class that raises the most money will earn a pizza party at the end of the fundraiser.
- Would you like to join the team for the walk? Attached flyer has info on how to join.
- IT'S THAT EASY!

On April 2nd, Zackary was given a proclamation by the Mayor of Fremont declaring May 4th as Team Zack Attack Day. Way to go Zack!



from THE FREMONT ARGUS:

Ten year old Zack Soares was honored by the Fremont Mayor Bill Harrison and the City Council on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Zack was recognized for his service as the 2013 Tri-Valley Arthritis Walk Youth Honoree who has been serving as the face of children living with arthritis and raised awareness in the local community that kids get arthritis too. The Mayor Awarded Zack with a Proclamation and has officially made May 4th Zack Attack

Day. Though often considered an older person's disease, arthritis affects men, women, and children of all ages. In fact, there are currently 300,000 children in the U.S. living with arthritis... Read the whole article at www.brookvalepta.com

MOVIE NIGHT: WRECK-IT RALPH

Join us on Friday, April 19th for a showing of Wreck-It Ralph. Doors open at 6pm, movie starts at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. Look for more details on the flyer coming home soon, or visit www.brookvalepta.com.

2013 TALENT SHOW

Thanks for everybody who signed up to participate in the Talent Show this year! We're looking forward to a great lineup, so mark your calendars for April 26th, 6pm in the Multipurpose Room. Performers, don't forget to come early, at 5:30pm.

ART IN THE CLASSROOM

F.A.M.E. volunteers conducted a "marbelous" session on marbling techniques for some classes last week. The kids heard all about ancient Turkish marbling history and techniques, and got to try out the traditional method over water. We also improvised and used a technique involving shaving foam, which was obviously a wild hit with the kids! We can conduct these sessions only in classrooms where we have 2-3 parent volunteers. Please contact Sonali (sonaliaulakh@yahoo.com) if you're interested in volunteering just one hour of your time to expose kids to artists and art techniques from all over the world!

KEEP THOSE BOX TOPS COMING!

Everyone did a fantastic job collecting those Box Tops, thank you! But don't stop now, Box Top collection is year round. Keep clipping and saving! You can download collection sheets at www.boxtops4education.com or pickup extras in the office by the collection box. Remember every boxtop is \$\$ for Brookvale Elementary!

WELCOME PTA BOARD FOR 2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR:

President – Sheryl Ashford
VP Programs – Priya Raman
Secretary – Elizabeth Long
Treasurer – Sonali Aulakh
Parliamentarian – Michelle Soares
Newsletter – Rebecca LeGates
Teacher Representative – TBD next fall
VP Membership – TBD
Historian – TBD

We are looking for additional help! If you are interested in being involved, please email Sheryl at sheryla@mac.com. Thanks!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 6-10!

We have wonderful things planned for the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and we need YOUR help to show them how much we care! DONATE raffle items to the office (gift cards, school supplies, etc), or help us out with food or time! Here are our plans:

- Monday: Farmer's Market Day at first recess (fresh fruit, veggies, baked goods, fresh juices at an outdoor "market" in the staff room).
- Tuesday: Coffee Bar Day (we use Keurig machines to serve coffee, tea and hot chocolate).
- Wednesday: Waffle Bar Day before school and at first recess (make fresh waffles with various toppings).
- Thursday: Potluck Luncheon and Raffle (bring potluck items to make a wonderful luncheon!)
- Friday: Dessert Fountain Day (chocolate fountains and various fruits, cookies, and cakes to dip).

We are looking for help in both donations (food, supplies, raffle items) and time. This is a big week of events and we could use all the help we can get! If you can help please email Rebecca Christman at rlchristman@comcast.net and let us know how you can help (time, donate items, etc). Also look for a sign up sheet for specifics next month. Thank you!

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS

Because Brookvale PTA is run by volunteer parents, we're looking for ways to keep the paperwork to a minimum and free up our time for more important work. To further this goal, we will be working in the remaining months of this year to get our membership records online, using the website www.justbetweenfriends.com. This site is endorsed by the National PTA, and is secure and private. We will not be asking you to do anything, but at some point PTA members may receive an email asking you to log in and verify that your information is correct (which you may do if you like, but is not required). We thank you in advance for your patience as we convert to this new system, which we hope will save us a lot of time and energy for the next school year!