



BROOKVALE PTA NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR



Thursday, Sept. 10th

6pm in the MPR

Please join us for a

PIZZA AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Parents and students (and teachers) are all invited!

This event is generously sponsored by Tulip Kids, we encourage you to visit them online at www.tulipkidsinc.com

Tuesday, Sept 15th

Back to School Night - 6pm

Thursday, Sept 24th

School Pictures

Please join us at our monthly PTA meetings to find out more ways that you can get involved.

We meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the school library.

We are online! Visit

www.brookvalepta.com

to connect with us on

Twitter, and **Facebook**

Please send an email to

[BrookvaleParents-subscribe@](mailto:BrookvaleParents-subscribe@yahoo.com)

yahoogroups.com to join the **Yahoo! Group** for

Brookvale parents

Welcome message from the PTA President

Dear Parents,

It is with great pleasure, I welcome you to the new school year which promises to be yet another exciting, fun-filled and rewarding experience.

Families, teachers, and staff are the backbone of our strong and supportive public schools community. Family involvement is a long tradition of public school system and one of its greatest strengths. As parents, more we engage with the school community, more rewarding the experience will be.

As many of you already know, PTA (Parent Teacher Association) is one such platform—a partnership between families and educators to enrich our children's education.

I am proud to say, our Brookvale elementary is blessed to have a wonderful and well organized PTA thanks to many dedicated volunteer parents and teachers. Having said that, I do believe that we are at the cusp of an opportunity to make a larger impact. An opportunity to step up and raise the bar, to take up the role of leadership and responsibility, a role that asks us to work together for a common cause. Each one of us have unique talents, strengths, and skills to share. When we link our individual strengths together, we can achieve amazing results.

I also believe these are exciting times for PTA. Technology and social networking offers new means of communicating with more people than ever before. Given the exploding diversity of our community, there is an opportunity to learn from new cultures, share new experiences, and expand the circle of parents who advocate for children.

It's an opportunity to get involved, to get to know the teachers and other parents. When parents get involved, children do better in school and in life. When parents get involved, school quality improves. Parent involvement is the number one factor affecting student success—regardless of socio-economic status, ethnic/ racial background, or the parents' education level.

We encourage you to look for opportunities to volunteer, share your thoughts, ideas, experience and talents. Doesn't matter if it's a small or big time commitment—there is always a place for you!

Thank you.

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2015 PTA Reflections Art Program

Theme: "Let Your Imagination Fly"

Student artwork due by Friday, November 6th, 2015

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program for students. Participation in the Reflections Program is a great way for students to express themselves through various art forms. Creating art is a valuable learning process that challenges students to use their critical thinking skills as well as their creative talents to create art that supports a specific theme.

Students may submit entries in any of the six arts areas listed below. Only original works of art are accepted. Students may enter one piece in as many arts areas as they wish to participate in.

The six arts areas are as follows:

- Literature
- Photography
- Dance Choreography
- Musical Composition
- Visual arts
- Film Production

A flyer will be going home the week of Sept 7. Please contact **Robyn Taylor** at tayhigh5@comcast.net if you have any questions! We look forward to Brookvale's amazing talent!

eScrip

Brookvale PTA is now participating in the eScrip program. Use your grocery shopping to help raise money for Brookvale at stores such as Safeway, Big O Tires, Sierra Trading Post, Fresh and Easy, Pak 'n Save, and others.

- Log onto www.eScrip.com. Enter the School or Group I.D. (500046570)
- You can also register your debit and credit cards.
- Shop at eScrip merchants!
- A percentage of purchases will be automatically contributed by the merchant.

That's it! For more information, visit www.escrip.com.

A Call for Volunteers

Brookvale PTA has many open positions for the 2015-16 school year, and we are looking for individuals with enthusiasm to get involved. Please contact a board member if you are interested in learning more about:

- Bronco Gallop
- Fine Arts Mini Experience
- Reflections
- Movie Nights
- Dine-out Fundraisers
- Founders Day
- Spring Talent Show
- Teachers Appreciation Week
- Meet the Experts Nights

There are many other opportunities to get involved. No experience needed, just enthusiasm! Email **Nicole Rush** at nicolerush@gmail.com or **Rebecca Christman** at rlchristman@comcast.net. Thank you!

Bronco Gallop

It is never too early to start planning for our annual fundraiser, the Bronco Gallop. Brookvale PTA holds only one major fundraiser each year, and this is our school's big chance to help fund all the wonderful programs we enjoy, and to supplement the classroom budgets for materials, field trips, etc. It's also a fun day for the students. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 16th, 2015!

Box Tops for Education

Time to start bringing in your Box Tops! We will be having monthly contests, and the class to bring in the most each month can win extra playground equipment.

Lucky SHARES and Target REDCard

Brookvale participates in these passive fundraising programs and we encourage families to keep them in mind when doing your grocery shopping. If you shop at Lucky, please ask for a SHARES card in the school office to use every time you shop. If you have a Target visa or debit card, you can link it to Brookvale school. Thank you!

