

Brookside Parent Club Meeting Minutes 9/10/2014

-Friday 9/12 is our Welcome Back picnic and Movie Night. The picnic is BYO, and will be held on the black top picnic tables which will be decorated. The Movie "Despicable Me 2" will be shown on the blacktop, starting at 8pm. Free popcorn and snow cones will be provided.

-October 6th -10th is the Book Fair and it is sponsored by Book Passage. This year it will be held in the multi-purpose room to avoid interruptions to the school library. On September 23 we will have a guest author; Jennifer Alvarez, come and speak to the students about her recent book which is being launched the same day. Volunteers are needed for running the Book Fair. Contact Amy Charles amyfcharles@gmail.com and Liz Chambers chambersgang@gmail.com for information.

-The Read-a-thon starts immediately after the Book Fair, and is our school's only fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to get each student to raise \$125 to net \$46,500. We plan on using an online fundraising platform with social media, as well as the traditional method. Ideas are needed for prizes that will actively motivate students to achieve their goal, and that also are appropriate to a Read-a-thon. Contact Christina Fitzgibbons christinabryan@hotmail.com with any ideas ASAP.

-Bearwear will be available to order online very soon through T & B sports of San Rafael. The link to order will be in the school weekly newsletter shortly. A limited selection will be for sale at a table that will be set up for the Wednesday afternoon meetings and Spirit Day.

-The new Garden is starting to come together, and there will be a Garden Work Party on Saturday, September 27th from 9-12. Come join and bring the whole family. There is a job for everyone; moving tanbark, weeding, working on planter boxes etc. If you own tools such as weed wackers, please bring those as well. We are also looking for a volunteer that can move our old Oktoberfest storage shed into the garden area, which would involve some heavy equipment. Contact Stephanie Goldsborough goosita2@gmail.com if you can help

-Farmigo starts deliveries by 2pm on September 10th, and be going on every Wednesday throughout the school year. This is a wonderful online organic grocery service that gives back 10% to our school! Check the school newsletter for updates and information. There are also flyers in the school office. Farmigo will be setting up a event to offer free tastings, and an initial discount for those that sign up. Once a year there will be a week that we will get 20% back on our orders, so sign up ASAP. Please recycle your brown bags and your coolers that you receive from Farmigo. The brown bags will be collected in the office for our "No Waste" lunch program, and the silver coolers go back to Farmigo for reuse.

-YES theatre will be performing the musical "Mary Poppins" this year and it is a great opportunity for all 3rd-5th graders to learn about the performance arts. Sign up will begin October 17th. Please look for more information to come in the school newsletter.

--This year Brookside will host it's first "Daughter Dance". Stay tuned for details as well as possibilities for a "Son" activity as well.

-Safe Routes to School- Every Wednesday will be a "scan day" for green trips to school and in addition there will be some surprise scans planned throughout the year.

-VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Copy Room Helpers: 5 parents for a 30 min a day job assisting teachers with making copies.

Variety Show Coordinator: we need one more

Safe Routes Coordinator: train this year with the current leader and take the position next year.

Ross Valley School Board meeting Representative: attend one meeting a month and bring back pertinent information to Parent Club.