

Brookside Elementary Principal's Message

9/10/19



Greetings Brookside Families,

A Great Start to 2019-2020!

I am pleased to welcome our new & returning families to Brookside for the 2019-2020 school year. We are very excited to have the kids back! Thank you to all of our fabulous PTA members working at our 6th annual Back-to-School BBQ event; we had a HUGE turnout this year! It was great to greet so many families all together that afternoon.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Brookside and all other Shoreline schools have been developing PBIS at their sites over the past few years. Our work on school climate has evolved in that time. This year, we are repackaging our previous 4 Big Rules into a creed. You will hear a lot about it this year. It is the *Blue Jay Way*!

Brookside Blue Jays SOAR!

Safe & Successful

Open-Minded & Kind

Act Responsibly

Respect Others

We will continue using *Chirps* (large blue tickets) to highlight and honor student successes with being great examples of SOAR. Feel free to ask your child about SOAR and how it applies to working in the classroom, transitioning in the hallway, using the restroom, or other places and activities around our campus.

Family Needs

If your family has any food or other material needs, or is working through a period of housing insecurity, please contact our school and speak with Mrs. Moore, our family advocate (206/393-1177). She works with many families to help them connect with various supports. If your family has any clothing needs, be sure to check out **The Works!** <http://www.shorelinepta.org/family-services.html>

Brookside's Twitter Account:

You will find us at [@Brookside_LFP](https://twitter.com/Brookside_LFP). I post pictures and messages there about many of the great things happening at our school over the year. Right now, you will find pictures of our opening of school. Later this week you will find images from our big assembly today. There are several schools with *Brookside* in the title, be sure to find the right one! Look for the Blue Jay ☺

Early Release Wednesdays!

Just like last year, Shoreline Public Schools is implementing an Early Release schedule on Wednesdays. Students will be released at 1:50 p.m. each Wednesday on weeks that we have five full days of school. The first one is tomorrow, September 11th. This time will allow staff to attend trainings and other professional development. More information and the specific dates can be found here: <https://www.shorelineschools.org/domain/1456>

Family Engineering Night 10/16 @ 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Brookside will hold our third annual Family Engineering Night (FEN) this October. This quickly became one of my favorite school events. It is a time for families to come together in the evening and conduct various investigations on different scientific principles. Since the core idea is to have families working together, we will accept NO volunteers from our PTA community for this event. I look forward to seeing you there! ☺

State Testing Update

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is currently finishing a new accountability report card for schools; I will share it with you once it is released. In the meantime, here is how our students last year performed on the State test (the Smarter Balanced Assessment or SBA) relative to our own district averages. In past years, I've also compared these to state averages, but those data have not been released yet.

Spring 2018 Smarter Balanced Assessment Results

	% Proficient	ELA	Math
Grade 3	Brookside	79	74
	Shoreline	73	72
Grade 4	Brookside	80	83
	Shoreline	74	72
Grade 5	Brookside	79	73
	Shoreline	72	60
Grade 6	Brookside	76	76
	Shoreline	74	69
	% Proficient	Science	
Grade 5	Brookside	79	
	Shoreline	69	

This chart shows the percentage of students who scored at or above *Proficient* in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science (5th only). As you can see, a great many of our students performed well on this rigorous series of assessments. A big *thank you* goes out to all of our hard-working teachers and support staff that helped students grasp the depth and nuance of the Common Core State Standards...and to you for supporting your child's work throughout the year.

Rolling Pick-Up and Drop-Off Areas (see and read the maps on the next page)

Thank you to all drivers for helping make these areas flow well during the start of our school year. We appreciate your patience as we match kids and cars at the front and back parking lots. Please refer to the following maps and share them with any alternate drivers you may have for your children.

Thank you for your ongoing support to our school and students,
Principal John Simard

Brookside Elementary School Rolling Pick-up and Drop-Off Areas



