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BROOKSIDE BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Calendar February

2-27 Early Release @ 1:50

March

3-1 Multicultural Night time 6-8pm
3-4 Early Dismissal 11:45 conferences
3-5 Early Dismissal 11:45 conferences
3-6 Early Release 1:50
3-7 Early Dismissal 11:45 conferences
3-8 Early Dismissal 11:45 conferences
3-9 Math Olympiad at SL Community College
3-13 Early Release 1:50
3-15 Parent's Night Out 6-9:30
3-20 Early Release 1:50
3-22 Movie Night 6-9:30
3-27 Early Release 1:50

Musical Registration Deadline

This was a hard month getting the word out about this year's 3rd - 6th Grade musical because of the inclement weather and snow days. The PTA has decided to extend the registration deadline to the end of the school day this Friday, March 1st. The Musical Parent Information Meeting is still on for **tonight** at 7:00 pm in the Music Room. If you'd like to register in person, you may do so between 6:30 - 6:55 pm. We will also be accepting cash, check and credit cards. Please make all checks out to Brookside PTA.

Multicultural Festival

The popular Multicultural Festival is THIS Friday from 6-8pm in the gym, but the planning team is in need of parent volunteers to help make this event happen! Do you have time to help set up chairs and tables before the event? Do you like taking photos and could help put photos into passports? How about passing out food for families to enjoy? We would really appreciate anytime you could give! Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4cafaa2fa4f94-multicultural>

Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020

Come into the office to pick up your registration packet for the kindergarten class of 2032. Registration began on Monday February 4 and will continue until this Thursday, Feb. 28. Students need to be five years old by August 31, 2019.



Birds + Bees

Please mark your calendars and join us for a presentation co-hosted by Brookside PTA and the LFP Elementary PTA. Amy Lang, MA will be presenting 'The Birds + Bees for Elementary Parents' on Monday March 18th from 6:30-8:00pm at LFP Elementary.

The birds and the bees can be tough to talk about, but with a little information and some careful thought/planning, it's possible to have comfortable and effective conversations that help your kids make good decisions.

You will discover...

- why you need to start the conversations way earlier than you think
- who has the most influence over your kids' decision making
- the #1 way to keep your kids healthy and safe
- the best way to start conversations
- tips for making the talks easy, fun & actually happen!

Boost Learning by promoting your child's thinking skills

Your child is feeling overwhelmed by a big history project. Or he's gotten stuck while trying to write a research paper. What do you do?

Helping your child understand how he thinks and approaches problems is one of the best ways to support him. Strong thinking skills bolster your child's learning - and give him the ability to solve real-world problems.

Help your child:

- **Become aware of how he thinks.** Educators call this *metacognition*, or the ability to think about the thinking process. Effective thinkers have a plan before they take action. They know if they need more information in order to make a decision. And if they get new information later, they adapt their plan. If your child is struggling, say things like, "Let's think this through." Also help your child see his strengths as a problem solver. "Remember that when you make a plan, things seem to fall into place."
- **Draw on past knowledge** to address current problems. Your child may not have had an assignment just like this project, but he has worked on other big projects. What did he learn about how he works best?
- **Focus on effort.** "It's not that I'm so smart," Albert Einstein once said, "it's that I stick with a problem longer." So when your child gets discouraged, help him see the progress he has already made, and let him know he can reach his goal.

Source: A.L. Costa, *Developing Minds: A Resource Book for Teaching Thinking*, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.



Kelarnival - Open House

The Kellogg Staff & PTA invite 6th grade students and parents to their Open House this THURSDAY, Feb. 28 from 6:30-8pm. You can visit classrooms, see examples of student work, talk with teachers, and become familiar with programs offered at Kellogg.

The 6th Grade PARENT Information Night will be on Thursday March 7th, from 6-8pm. It includes a welcome, 3 breakout sessions, and an additional question answering time.



Spelling Bee Results

After a rousing showdown, **Abby Shambaugh** came out the winner! Boon Dumrong and Alexander Hodges were close behind in 2nd & 3rd places. Way to go spellers! Thank you to Mrs. Gallotte for coming over to the LFPCC at the last minute to do the announcing!



**BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY
REQUEST FOR PLANNED ABSENCE TO BE EXCUSED**

Use this form when your child will have a planned absence that does **NOT** fall into the situations shown at the end of this form. You can find the complete Shoreline School District Attendance Policy (3122) on the district website.

PRIOR APPROVAL IS REQUIRED

Please send this form to our registrar at least 14 school days prior to your planned absence. You can drop it off in our main office or email it to us at: bks.attendance@shorelineschools.org

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Date(s) of Absence: _____ Reason for Absence: _____

Best Phone/Email Contact: _____

Describe your plans to maintain the student's academic skills: _____

Make-up assignments may not be provided in advance. The teacher may require some work to be completed upon the student's return.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Relationship to Student

You do **NOT** need to use this form for these situations:

1. Participation in a district or school approved activity or instructional program.
2. Illness, health condition or medical appointment (including, but not limited to, medical, counseling, dental or optometry).
3. Family emergency, including, but not limited to, a death or illness in the family.
4. Religious or cultural purpose including observance of a religious or cultural holiday or participation in religious or cultural instruction.
5. Court, judicial proceeding or serving on a jury.
6. Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview.
7. State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with RCW 28A.225.055.
8. Absence directly related to the student's homeless status.
9. Absence resulting from a disciplinary/corrective action. (e.g., short-term or long-term suspension, emergency expulsion).

For Office Use Only

Teacher feedback:

Student is achieving at or above grade level? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Teacher Signature

Date

Other Considerations (if any): _____

Administrative Decision: ☐ Excused ☐ Unexcused

Principal/Designee Signature

Date



SHORECREST PRESENTS

ASTRONOMY ***NIGHT*** **FREE!**

April 2nd 2019 Family Friendly!

6:30 - 8:30 Rain or Shine!

Shorecrest Highschool
15343 25th Ave NE
Shoreline WA
Crafts, Activities,
Displays, Robots,
and more!



BRINGING THE GALAXY TO YOUR DOORSTEP!



Kindness IS CONTAGIOUS

Brookside is promoting kindness during the month of February. Here are the activities for each week. Ask your kids how they showed kindness to others.

Kindness Jar: each classroom will have a jar with slips of paper that suggest kindness actions. When a student completes the action, he/she can put it on our Kindness is Contagious bulletin board.

Kindness Shout-outs: we will distribute cards that say "Thank you," "Caught Being Kind," or "I appreciate You" so that students can acknowledge others for their kind actions. When a student fills out the card, he/she can put it in on our Kindness is Contagious bulletin board.

Kindness Station: we'll have a card making station outside at recess so that students can make a kindness note to give to someone.