

Brookside Elementary Principal's Message

11/6/18



Greetings Brookside Families,

Voting Deadline is Today!

If you follow us on Twitter (@Brookside_LFP) you would have seen my reminder that this is the final day to cast your ballot. I also encourage you to engage your children about the act and meaning of voting since they will be people who carry forward our democratic process into the future.

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Chirps!!!

Your children will also see democracy in action in a different way at school. The Brookside PBIS team has decided to use our “Chirps” in a slightly different way this year. We have three ballot boxes that will be placed outside of the lunchroom. Each box will be labeled with a specific all-school reward. Students will start using their “Chirps” to vote for their preferred reward. This means you will not see “Chirps” coming home since our students will be putting them to use in this democratic process.

Welcome Chris Mayer, Brookside's New Dean of Students!

Our school has a new position of Elementary Dean and we are very pleased to welcome Chris Mayer to our team. Mr. Mayer joins us after serving several years as a middle school dean in Kent. Prior to that he spent twenty-three years as a classroom instructor, mainly focused on math and science. Along with working with kids in schools, he also has three at home: Lucy (16), Maggie (13), and Abby (10). In order to have a smooth transition out of his current assignment, he will not be with us at Brookside for a couple weeks. Mr. Mayer told me that he is very glad to join our school and looks forward to getting to know and supporting our students and school community. So what does a dean do? The role can take many forms and includes supporting positive school climate, attendance, school safety, working with students to problem-solve conflicts, and attending to behavior and discipline issues. We are excited to add Mr. Mayer to the team of Brookside Blue Jays supporting your children. ☺

Family Engineering Night – SUCCESS!

Thank you to our staff who spent their evening hosting different investigations across our school on FEN including Sarita Benson (4), Michele Borugian (K), Cally Birgfeld (K), Rae Button (1st), Erin Collins (4th), Brooke Heathers (3rd), Patty Hansen (3/4), Cathy Lian (K-6 Special Education), Carrie Misener (3rd), Gabe Munoz (6th), Mara Phipps (1st), Mary Telstad (5th), Jeb Thomas (2nd), and Kristin Vincini (2nd). And a very special thank you to Mrs. Telstad for working with district staff to coordinate our second time doing this fabulous event!

Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. – King County Seeks Submissions

As part of the annual celebration of the life and work of this great leader, King County seeks art and/or writing submissions on the theme: “I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality.” See this link for full details: <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/600057/schools/40432>

Thank you for supporting to our students, staff, & school,
Principal John Simard