



BROOKSIDE BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Calendar

November

- 11-21 Early Dismissal @ 11:45
- 11-22/23 No School Thanksgiving
- 11-28 Early Release @ 1:50

December

- 12-5 Early Release @ 1:50
- 12-12 Early Release @ 1:50
- 12-12 Gr. 1 & 2 Winter Concert 6:30 p.m.
- 12-14 Parent's Night Out 6-9:30 (rescheduled)
- 12-19 Early Release @ 1:50
- 12-22/1-6 No School Winter Break

Unlabeled Clothes Being Donated

Our 75+ coats , jackets and sweaters left by Brookside students on the playground without names on them will be donated to The Works THIS Wednesday after school. Many thanks to parent Kelly Stoecker who goes through the clothes every morning and takes LABELED ones to the appropriate classrooms.



Five strategies to give your child's vocabulary a boost!

Reading at home is one of the best ways to boost your child's vocabulary. That's because reading exposes your child to new ideas, concepts and words.

Here are five effective strategies that will help you increase your child's vocabulary:

- **Read different kinds** of books to your child. If you usually read fiction, go to the library and get a book that explains how something works instead. Check out a book about a sport or activity your child enjoys. Or, read a biography about a person she admires.
- **Look for words** your child might not know as you read. "It says here that George Washington went to school to become a *surveyor*. What do you think that word means?"
- **Listen for new words** as you're watching TV. News programs often include words your child may not know "Have you ever heard the word *tsunami* before? Let's look it up to see what it means.
- **Pull out the thesaurus.** Find synonyms for words your child uses often when writing or speaking.
- **Help your child create** her own dictionary. All you need is a notebook with a page for each letter. When your child discovers a new word that she wants to remember, have her write it and its definition in the notebook. Review those words from time to time.

Source: The Parent Institute, Nov. 2018

Boxtops for Education

Be sure to keep an eye on the expiration dates on the boxtops. Send in your Boxtops for Education to the office.



PTA Food Drive

The PTA food drive runs from Dec. 3 - Dec. 14. This year Brookside's item is Shelf Stable Milk. Thank you in advance for helping out the 500+ Shoreline families in need.



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



Holiday Baskets

Holiday Baskets provides holiday food and gift support to Shoreline School District families in circumstances that make it challenging to provide either for their children.

Holiday Baskets Food & Gifts Distribution to Families
Saturday, December 15th, 2018
11:30am - 4:00pm
Kellogg Middle School

**For Families needing assistance with
Winter break food & Holiday gifts,
registration begins October 1st.**

There are two ways to register!

- Register online at:
www.shorelinepta.org/holiday-baskets.html
- Fill out a registration form and give it to your school Family Advocate. Forms are available in their offices.

Deadline for Registration is November 21st.

For more information go to: www.shorelinepta.org and click on Holiday Baskets.

Members of the Holiday Baskets partnership: The Shoreline PTA Council, the Shoreline Fire Department, Hopelink, Rotary Club of Lake Forest Park, the City of Shoreline, & Dale Turner Family YMCA.

