

Brookside Elementary Principal's Message

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Greetings Brookside Families,

Warmer Weather and Student Clothing

At school, it is important that students wear clothing that is safe and appropriate all year long. As the weather gets warmer, we shed our layers to get more comfortable and enjoy the sun and warmth. This is great, but we don't want our elementary-aged students to take this too far. ☺ Be sure that your child continues to wear appropriate and safe footwear at school, and especially for PE where students should wear tennis shoes (or shoes that have equivalent coverage, cushion, and support). The main shoe-type where we've had problems is with flip-flops or other more flimsy shoes that can come off easily when running. Clothing above the feet should provide age-appropriate coverage and be comfortable. Some marketers in our society target children with more *mature* outfits as they try to sell clothes that make a kid feel more grown-up. Clothing that is overly revealing, or has inappropriate messages can be a distraction for students at school; this is the case for clothing that is marketed to both boys and girls. If you have any questions about this, please ask your child's teacher or feel free to let me know directly: 206/393-4142.

Smarter Balanced Assessment (the State Test) is Coming Soon!

Spring break is rapidly approaching and we will then be in the season for State Testing afterward. Be sure to see our school's testing calendar and notify the office if your child will be out on a testing day for their classroom. You can find it linked on our main page or see the direct link here:

<https://www.shorelineschools.org/cms/lib/WA02217114/Centricity/ModuleInstance/906/2018-2019%20SBA%20Schedule%20for%20Brookside.pdf>

Crayon Drive for Seattle Children's Hospital – Starts Monday!

Brookside students who are part of the *Pink Polka Dots Junior Guild* do a variety of fundraising activities to benefit pediatric cancer research and children in treatment. Our students built a lovely box outside the office for crayon donations to Seattle Children's Hospital. I applaud these blue jays for their ongoing contribution to this important cause. Thank you in advanced for supporting this important cause. If you want to learn more about this organization, see this website: <https://www.pinkpolkadotsguild.org/>

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