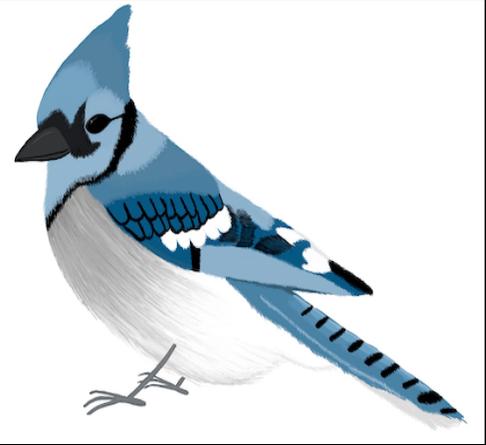


Brookside Elementary Principal's Message

4/30/19



Greetings Brookside Families,

I hope that you've had opportunities over the break to share some great experiences with your children. We are glad to have them return as we continue our work with them gearing up for the next grade!

CEE Survey Results Meeting Is **TONIGHT!**

Center for Education Excellence staff will host this evening meeting to review and discuss our school's first use of the CEE perception surveys. These were administered to parents/guardians and intermediate students earlier this year. Join us in the Music Room at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing you there.

Smarter Balanced Assessment (the State Test) Begins Next Week

We will begin this annual testing in the coming week. The tests are administered to students in 3rd grade and above for mathematics and English language arts.

So what can you do to support your child during this period? Here are a few tips:

- **Calm:** tell your child to try their best but not carry too much stress about the test. Sometimes children get ideas in their head that performance on state tests will determine if they progress to the next grade – that is not true. Under the guidance of their teacher and you at home, our kids have been working hard all year and have learned quite a bit! 😊 Stress and anxiety can interfere with a student's ability to process information. The best attitude for taking tests like this is to be at peace so you can *show what you know*.
- **Sleep:** we all do better when we are well rested. Make sure that your child gets a full night sleep.
- **Breakfast:** having a full belly is as important as being well rested. Remember, we do serve breakfast in our cafeteria before school. I hear good reviews from the kids. 😊
- **Health:** if your child is unwell, don't feel pressure to have your child come to school simply because of testing. Keep your child home if you would do that on a day that did not involve state testing. We have make up times build into our schedule.

Please check 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

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 involvement and thanks to the Brookside community for your ongoing contribution to 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