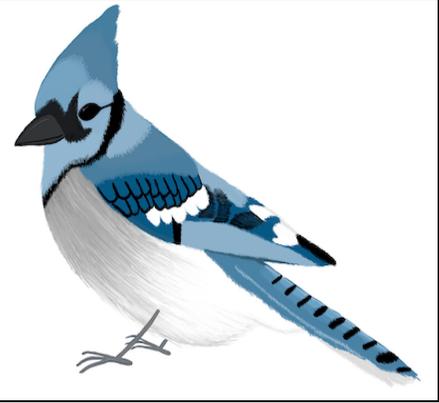


Brookside Elementary Principal's Message

6/11/2019



Greetings Brookside Families,

Almost Summer!

We will soon be moving into our make-up days for *Snowmageddon 2019*. Thank you for your support of our school over the course of this year. The last day of school is Thursday 6/20 and dismissal at 11:45 am. Look for my final Principal's Message in the coming week.

Elsie Mills

This week, our own Elsie Mills announced her plans to retire at the end of this school year. She has served Shoreline students as a nurse since 1999 and has been a Blue Jay since 2007. In that time she has touched the lives of so many children and families. Mrs. Mills has been an integral member of the team here ensuring that our school is a healthy and safe environment for your children. She is looking forward to spending time with her two-year-old granddaughter and a new grandbaby due in August.☺ We hope to see her at Brookside from time to time as a substitute nurse. Thank you Elsie Mills for your service to our school and community.

Keiko Espiau

Four years ago, I was excited to announce Mrs. Espiau's entry to our community. She has done great work here during that time and expanded our music program in so many ways (including bringing ukuleles into our school). As a general music teacher she sees every child here twice each week; her presence and instruction has provided such a positive impact on our school! She is jumping on a great opportunity to teach music in Vietnam and will be moving with her family this summer. Although this is sad news for Brookside, we support our Blue Jays stretching their wings and embracing new challenges! Thank you Keiko Espiau for your service to our school and community.

New Hires

We have these two fabulous staff starting new adventures plus three new classroom positions opening up for the fall due to class-sized reduction. Although this may be news to you today, I have been working very hard over May & June and spending A LOT of time in human resources. Hiring high-quality staff to work with your children is one of my most important roles as Brookside's principal....and I am very pleased to say that I've been finding some great professionals to join our team. Some of these hires just finalized this week; I will provide you an introduction to our new certificated staff in my final Principal's Message next Tuesday.

Pack the Park Success!

Thank you to all who worked or participated in this excellent community event. Even though LFP won the Spirit Cup this year (by about 20 registrations), the real winners are the families served by the Friday Food Packs program and our community as a whole for coming together to share this experience, have fun, and benefit those in need. This year's event raised well over \$7,000 for the program!!!

The Patsy Collins Award for Teachers

Is there a Brookside teacher who has made a strong positive impact on your child and family? I can venture a guess that there have been several. :-) Islandwood presents the Patsy Collins Award to three teachers annually. This includes a \$10,000 cash prize in recognition of their commitment to creating learning experiences that make a difference for kids, their communities, and the planet. Teachers can be nominated or apply for the award and are selected by a committee of Islandwood educators. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2019.

Find more information here: <https://islandwood.org/patsy-collins-award/>

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