

# BROOKVALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

7:30 – 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays & Early Dismissal Days

*Be sure to check out our school website at: <https://brookvale-fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/>*



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## PARENT NEWSLETTER

### December 8, 2022 Welcome Newsletter

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#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:**

Greetings Brookvale Families,

As the calendar year winds to a close, I always pause to reflect on the events of this year. I encourage each of us to stop for a moment and reflect on the happy moments that 2022 brought to each of our families. Our children grow and change at a rapid pace and it is important to celebrate the small things and embrace their continued development.

Thank you to the entire community for its support of our students and staff and to those who participated in the parent-teacher conferences. I trust you had a chance to learn about your child's progress and understand the amazing activities they have been provided thus far by their teachers.

Thank you for donating to our 25th annual Bronco Gallop. We successfully raised \$20,134 for our teachers/classrooms. Brookvale staff sincerely appreciate your support of their classroom programs.

Congratulations to our Brookvale spelling bee winners: Jahaan J. and Ritisha D. and Ishaan G. (3rd Place). They will be participating in the FUSD Spelling Bee on January 17th at 6:30 p.m. located at Weibel Elementary School.

Brookvale is participating in the American Attendance Elementary basketball league. Our first game will be on Wednesday, January 11th at Patterson Elementary. Our girls' game begins at 3:00 followed by our boys' game at 4:15. We are still looking for 4th - 6th grade girls for our team. The deadline to turn in the permission slip and participation physical is Wednesday, December 14th. Unfortunately, if we do

not have the minimum number of girls for the team we will not be able to participate.

Brookvale continues to need Noon Supervisors to provide lunch supervision. As we move into the rainy season, it will be critical to have as much supervision as possible to maintain a safe lunch environment. Please contact Mrs. Elliott for more information regarding employment with FUSD for this position, or go directly to <https://www.edjoinadmin.org/> to complete the Noon Duty Supervisor application. If you would like to volunteer on an as needed basis to help with lunch supervision, please let me know or contact our school office to learn more.

Lastly, if you have lost a jacket, hat, water bottle, or lunch bag please check out the lost & found area before and after school. Small items (glasses, keys, jewelry, etc.) are kept in the office. Please check with the office staff if you have lost a small item.

As a reminder, our students will have Winter Break on December 23, 2022 through January 6, 2023. Students will resume classes on Monday, January 9, 2023.

To all of our Brookvale families, warmest holiday wishes and here is to a prosperous new year for all! --

*Malinda Elliott*

December 22<sup>nd</sup> is an early dismissal day for students in grades 1 – 6: 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



**NO SCHOOL 12/23 – 1/6/2023**





**2022-2023 IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES:** Visit

our website to view our complete calendar and Bell Schedule

<https://brookvale-fusd-ca.schoolloop.com/>

**EVERY WED IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**View our calendar on our website home page for daily school events and activities!**

**December**

**22 Early Dismissal Thursday Grades 1 - 6**

**23 New TK & Kinder Fall 2023-2024 Enrollment**

Opens today. Click here to learn more:

[FALL2024ENROLLMENT](#)

**23 – Jan 6 NO SCHOOL—Winter Break**

**January**

**9 SCHOOL RESUMES**

**16 NO SCHOOL—Observance of M L King Jr Holiday**

**17 District Spelling Bee @ Weibel Elementary from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.** Brookvale’s top 2 spellers will be invited to participate



**SPIRIT WEEK 12/19 – 12/22**

Show your Bronco Spirit with the following daily theme:

12/19—Festive Holiday Dress

12/20—Twin Day

12/21—Ugly Sweater Day

12/22—Winter Cozy Clothes Day



**ORDER YOUR STUDENT’S BROOKVALE YEARBOOK ONLINE TODAY!**

Our yearbook committee is working hard to produce a special yearbook for our students and their families. Yearbooks are a wonderful way to capture your child's school year memories. Yearbooks will be sold online only, through April 5, 2023.

To order your student’s Brookvale 2022-2023 school yearbook by Dorian, please go

to: <https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com/>

Enter School Code: 711103



**GATE SCHOOL YEAR 2022/2023 UPDATE**

Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) provides support for gifted and talented (GATE) students through differentiated instruction. We believe that differentiated instruction not only serves the needs of our exceptional students, but also enhances the entire educational program for all students.

In February of 2020, funding for the CogAT testing was cut as part of the budget savings. While the CogAT testing has been the primary means of qualifying students for GATE identification, we are now in the process of identifying an alternative way of identifying students. There will not be a test for GATE eligibility given this year. We are currently revising the GATE identification process and handbook FUSD will have an update by Spring 2023.

During the 2022/2023 school year we will continue to identify 5th and 6th grade students who were not identified in an earlier grade. These students may be considered for GATE identification through the professional judgement process. Teachers and/or parents may nominate a student. A completed nomination form must be submitted by the teacher or parent to the school Principal by **December 15, 2022**. Principals will set up meetings with the teacher, student, and parent to discuss the student’s eligibility for GATE identification. In June 2023, parents, teachers, and students who applied for professional judgement will be informed of their child’s GATE eligibility.



### **2022-2023 Brookvale Office Policy:**

When possible, all questions, concerns, or inquiries should be conducted via email or phone.

- Please email Lena Anderson ([lenaanderson@fusdk12.net](mailto:lenaanderson@fusdk12.net)) for general school business
- Please email Jennifer Mehta ([jmehta@fusdk12.net](mailto:jmehta@fusdk12.net)) for attendance-related business
- Brookvale School Office: (510) 797-5940

**Reporting Your Student Absence:** Please call the school office to report your child absent by following the prompts and leaving a message. Please speak *clearly* and leave your child's FIRST and LAST NAME, TEACHER'S NAME, GRADE and REASON FOR THE ABSENCE: Ill, out of town, etc. Please identify yourself as the parent/guardian and state your name. You may also email your child's absence information directly to Jennifer Mehta as noted above.

**Signing Students Out Early:** If you need to sign your child out of school for a doctor appointment early, **please be prepared to show valid ID to confirm your identity** as either the parent/guardian or approved emergency contact, arriving early and noting recess/lunch time schedules. Emailing the teacher as a courtesy is helpful.



### **2023—2024 NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT begins DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

***Do you have a child at home that will be ready to start school next year for Kindergarten or TK?***

If you do, then please go to the FUSD website for information regarding 2023-2024 Enrollment for the school year that will begin on August 16, 2023:

<https://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/enroll2023>

- You will find an Chart of Grades for School Year 2023 – 2024 letting you know if your child will be eligible for TK or Kindergarten
- You will find instructions and videos on how to enroll your new student online
- If your child is too young to qualify for TK or Kindergarten, you will learn about FUSD's Preschool Program
- You will be able to learn about Special Programs such as Spanish or Mandarin Immersion and the Science Magnet Program



### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTA**

#### **PRESIDENT**

Please visit our Brookvale PTA website to learn more about our organization and fun events planned for this school year. Join PTA as partners with Brookvale School supporting our students and school this year.

<https://www.brookvalepta.com/>

Ricky Davis  
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#### **2022-2023 Brookvale Volunteer Policy: All School Volunteers are Required to Register on CiviCore**

It is a simple process. All volunteers will be required to upload their Driver's License. Parents volunteering to drive for a field trip are also required to upload their Automobile Insurance Declaration Page (which clearly lists liability amounts, names of covered drivers, vehicle make/model and vehicle license plate).

- The minimum liability coverage required is noted on the DECLARATION OF PARENT/VOLUNTEER DRIVER OF FUSD STUDENT form, which you will need to access via the front page as part of the application process. In blue letters you will see "[click here](#)"
- By clicking on the button, you will be able to find forms needed which are specific to your volunteer category.

Click on the button found directly on our website to start the application:



- Teachers will communicate directly with their class parents regarding volunteering options and requirements
- If a parent/caregiver requests to physically visit a Brookvale classroom teacher, prior arrangements must be made. We encourage parents to utilize electronic communications with your child's teacher