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To the Brookside Elementary School Staff and Parents,

October 28, 2009

I hope that the school year has started well for all of you. It has been a very exciting and invigorating time to be part of the Brookside family! Being a new president and board, we have stumbled a little out of the gate, but we are now off and running! There are so many PTA members dedicating themselves to the enrichment of our children's education, volunteering and sacrificing their time and energy to ensure that Brookside remains the premier elementary school in our area. Many people work hard to make the school year special and deserve our gratitude, I am going to break protocol and commend a well deserving specific few.

- ❖ **FUNDRAISING:** Julie Benson, Justine Amarosa and the entire fundraising committee have filled a huge void and in a very short time span. They have built the fundraising infrastructure to a level that will allow us to continue to provide our extracurricular programs. They organized and executed the First Inaugural Ball which, according to my daughter, "was totally awesome", and very, very successful by all accounts. Keep your eye out for other great events and programs that the PTA fund raising committee hosts.
- ❖ **ASA (AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES)** Michele Merlini, participating teachers and volunteers, organized and enacted, the entire ASA program in less than two weeks. This has been in compliance with the new district guidelines and many new rules that need to be followed. The PTA is hoping to expand the **After School Activities** as well. Look for registration concerning **Legomania** and **Hip Hop** in January, another **Italian** session in February, and many other gym events including Basketball and Volleyball. If you have a skill or hobby that you would like to share with the children through **After School Activities**, please contact Michele Merlini at wizards5@optonline.net.
- ❖ The **FALL BOOK FAIR** will be running from Wednesday, November 18 through Friday, November 20. Students and their families will have the opportunity to purchase their favorite books, and some that might become their favorite, and support the PTA as well.

We, as parents owe them, and all the volunteers that make the many PTA events possible, our thanks and gratitude. We are very blessed to have these very dedicated volunteers as part of our children's school experience. The PTA is still in need for the following specific positions:

- **5th Grade Building Team Rep**
- **5th Grade Meet and Greet - Co-Chair** organizes the meet and greet at Midred E Strang Middle School – June 2010
- **Wellness Committee Chairperson**- provides information to improve the health and well being of school community
- **After School Activities Committee - Members** help run ASA during the year and plan for next year

If you are interested in any of these positions, or assisting the PTA in any way please contact Sandra Speyer at sanspy@optonline.net or myself at w.silsdorf@yahoo.com.

Please make sure to join us, and the French Hill PTA for the next meeting at Brookside Elementary School on:

Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 7:30 PM

Thank You
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Please Turn over for Information regarding the **BoxTops** Program ▶▶▶



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another great year at Brookside Elementary School! Once again, our school will participate in the Box Tops for Education program. This year our goal is to surpass last year's earnings of approximately \$700.00!! This money is used to support our author visits and assemblies that the children enjoy. Last year we sponsored a contest with great success, so we are going to try it again. *The Brookside class that brings in the most box tops between now and February 28, 2010 will win a classroom party!* Please submit your trimmed box tops in an envelope or baggie with your child's teacher's name written on the outside. A graph will be posted in the lobby so the children can see their classes' progress throughout the contest. We are off and running, so start clipping!

In addition, another way you can help is to join the *Box Tops for Education Booster Club* at boxtops4education.com. Signing up takes only a few minutes, it costs nothing and membership is so rewarding. Exclusive benefits for Box Tops Booster Club members:

- See our school's Box Tops earnings
- Get chances to win Bonus Box Tops
- Print money-saving online coupons
- Shop online and earn cash for our school
- Stay up to date with Box Tops newsletters

Box Tops offers three easy ways to earn cash for our school through everyday activities like buying groceries, shopping online, and making purchases with a credit card—all at no additional cost to you.

CLIP - Clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating products. Box Tops are worth 10 cents each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

SHOP - Shop your favorite online stores at Box Tops marketplace. Up to 8% of each qualifying purchase is donated to our school.

CHARGE - Earn a full 1% on every purchase for our school with the Box Tops VISA card. Enjoy a low introductory APR and no annual fee. Apply today at boxtops4education.com or call 1-800-650-0235.

If everyone participates, we can earn more cash for our school than ever before. Thank you for making a difference for our school. Please contact Traci Belliveau at 243-9479 if you have any questions.

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