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BROOKSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Meeting Summary: Thursday, November 16, 7pm

Principal's Report

- N/A – not able to attend

Board Report

- Update on 2023 Excess Funds Vote (e.g. Playground Equipment & Storage Shed)
    - The cost of removal is quite excessive & puts over budget, so working with Keith Rosado to see what can be achieved; Delivery & install also must be done by licensed, district-approved professionals
    - Looking at smaller pieces: gaga pit, shade, updating musical garden, kindergarten swing set, etc.

- End of Year Events & Volunteer Opportunities
    - Bagel Sale, Wed. 11/22

    - NJ Devils Fundraiser, Tuesday, April 2 @ 7:30pm
        - Weekday to keep costs down; $75 per ticket (parking not included, food voucher options), with $8-10 going to PTO;
        - First 35 who purchase tickets will be guaranteed to sit together; 36+ will be with your party, but may not be with the Brookside section; Will be first-come-first PAY (not just Google Form)
        - Everyone in group will be invited for an on-ice after game picture

    - Holiday Shop, 11/29 - 12/1
        - Theme is Gingerbread Candy Land
        - Pre-packaged items labeled for gift receivers (e.g. For Grandma, For Dad), priced between $1 – 10, with most in $3-8 range
        - A lot of volunteer opportunities (1-hour slots), with similar sign-ups to Book Fair so you can sign-up for your child's shopping time
        - Class dates will be shared asap

    - Game Night
        - Winter Carnival theme, with more interactive games vs. board games, popcorn & light refreshments, etc.

    - Lego Night – will be Springtime event, date TBD
        - Donations / Lending welcome

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- Science Fair – Feb. 28th, TBC

- Theme Day – March 22nd, TBC
    - Co-chair still needed!

- Shopping Incentive Program
    - Flynn's and Domani both fell under this – thank you for supporting!

- Holiday Spirit Wear Shop – will come asap with a quick turn to get items by holidays

- Bash Update
    - Mid-Jan Class Baskets Due
        - K - Camping/Fire pit
        - 1 - Beach
        - 2 - Theater/Broadway
        - 3 - Wheel of Fortune
        - 4 - Best of Westwood
        - 5 - Hershey Park

    - Any solicitation / donations (new & unused) welcome + baskets, frames, etc.! Questions & Donation Forms reach out to Christina Tucker @ XX

    - Pushed out date end of year to get pre-sale price of $90 + ticket packages

- Brookside Bazaar Recap
    - $2600+ profit, and purchased brand new speaker for PTO use
    - Mini Bazaar a big hit and this year's standout – spread the word for next year and to give kids a chance to brainstorm & prep

- Fall Fest
    - Not as big of a fundraiser as year's past due to weather, but great teacher participation this year

VP Report

- Class Parent Updates
    - Class Holiday Parties & Teacher Gift Giving direction provided
- Garden - Planted 150 bulbs for early, mid, late spring bloom

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Next PTO Meeting

- No meeting in December, next meeting will be January

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