

# *The Tiny Eagle Press*

Brookfield School's primary grades newspaper

Note from the editors:

During our 2011 - 2012 summer staff meeting, prefirst lead teacher, Amy Mertel, suggested we start a newspaper for our first and second graders. With Mrs. Mertel's vision, we put together a program that taught our little reporters the basics of print media, including reporting and editorial writing, while also attempting to instill a love for and understanding of the importance of keeping up with current events and writing in general.

For educational purposes, you will see the same event reported on by more than one student. It was an exciting first year, and much was learned by all. We're very proud of our little journalists, and hope you enjoy our first ever issue—a look back on the 2011 - 2012 academic year.



Mr. Davis teaching the basics of print journalism to our first ever Brookfield "Junior Journalists."

## **BPA Sponsored Book Fair a Hit by Alison Oliveira, reporter**

Dear BPA,  
Thank you for the book swap. You are very kind to us. Thank you for helping us pick out books. Thank you for recycling the books. You are so caring to take your time from work to come to Brookfield School to help us with the book swap. You guys are very kind. I love that you are here to show us how you love Brookfield School. My favorite book was Junie B. Jones.

Love,  
Alison Oliveira



Reporter Elsa Fishman interviews a parent at the annual Brookfield book fair

## **Brookfield Halloween Bash!**

**By Lillian Doan, reporter**

There were many scary costumes at Brookfield School on Friday, October 28, 2011. There were families, teachers, scary ghosts, beautiful fairies, Captain Americas, blood sucking vampires, phantoms, nice princesses, evil witches, and pirates! It was held in the multi-purpose room at Brookfield. They did this to celebrate Halloween. They had a lot of fun also! There were games, foods like pizza, chocolate that you could get by winning games, and more. It was a pre-Halloween party for our school, and it was very, very fun!

## **A Library at Brookfield?**

**an editorial by Alison Oliveira, reporter**

Brookfield students deserve a library! Think about it: If we don't have books, we can't learn about cool stuff like dinosaurs, dolphins, and ponies. Besides, isn't it true that public schools always have libraries? Perhaps it is because we don't have enough money or a room to support our books. Even so, we need to fix this problem NOW!

But how? To solve this problem, we need to find a new room here at our school and turn it into a library. One way is to have a bunch of bake sales and different fundraisers. We need to find many animal books and other kids' books. A couple of computers would help us to learn on line in the library, too. Big fluffy couches is only way to truly enjoy a good book so we need furniture, too.

I would be honored to start a planning team for this adventure. We are looking to your support in helping our dream become true.



Little goblins enjoying the fun

## **Bracing for Another Leprechaun Invasion** **By Alex Pham, reporter**

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This year, you pesky fellows better look out for traps. Leprechauns, we will confuse you, and stick you on the classroom ceiling! Plus, we already know what you look like. We are going to catch you in a trap that has electric lines, nets, glue, tape, and rocks. We're going to throw toothpicks at you.

## **Get Ready for First Grade** **By Alex Pham, reporter**

Get ready prefirsters! You're going to be in first grade soon. There are no toys—only books. Mr. Davis is going to be funny. You're not going to have as long of a recess. Mr.

Davis is going to be serious like Mrs. Mertel. You're going to also have a lot more projects. You will also go on more field trips. Finally, you better get ready!

**Brookfield School—an editorial**  
**By Shirin Jamali**

Brookfield School provides students with a great place to learn and grow. For example, we have funny teachers like Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis stands on the table when he sees a good story. Our school is good because we have lots of plays, and because there are no bullies. In addition to that, when we are in first grade, we learn second grade stuff. But most of all, there is a lot of friendship. Brookfield is awesome!

**No More Uniforms, Please!**  
**an editorial by Elsa Fishman, reporter**

When everyone has on the same uniform, you can't ever find your friend on the playground. We like to wear different clothes every day. Besides, red and blue are not my best colors. Everyone knows the best pants are a pair of rainbow lightning jeans.

**Interview Questions for Santa**  
**By Siella Brunello**

1. How are the reindeer?
2. Where did you get Rudolph?
3. How old are you?
4. Which cookie is your favorite?
5. When did you become Santa?
6. When did you get the job?
7. Which Christmas song is your favorite?
8. Can you Skype or email?
9. Can you email us at Brookfield?
10. How long have you been magical?
11. What do the reindeer eat?

**Brookfield School (an editorial)**  
**By Kayla Rabey**

Brookfield School is a great place for your kids to learn. This school has very good teachers, and they have lots of activities your child might like. There is a French class too that teaches your child to speak French. If your child wants to use computers, they can come to Brookfield. They have computer classes for first grade and up.

This school has many fun celebrations. They also have very fun shows and plays on the very tall stage. The children that already go here are having a lot of fun, and your child might have fun here too.

**The Lion King—a movie review**  
**By Kayla Rabey**

I recently saw the movie named, "The Lion King." It is a film about a lion king, and his father died. A mean lion named, Scar, told the little lion named, Simba, to run away and never return. He grew up with two friends. Then he finally returned.

The main characters were Simba, Mophasa, Scar, and Nola. My favorite characters were Simba and Nola because they're great friends, and they help each other.

I recommend this film because it is a great movie and has a lot of action. \*\*\*\*



**Pesky Leprechauns leave evidence of another visit to Brookfield**

**Bullying—reflections after reading an issue of "TIME for Kids" magazine**  
By Ema Dang

I learned that bullying is not nice. Another thing I learned is teasing is not fun. I think there should be laws that stop bullying of other people.

**Bullying Facts and Opinions**  
By Lillian Doan, reporter

Bullying is now against the law in many states. Bullying includes teasing and name calling, but can also be physical. I like the new anti-bullying laws because sometimes I used to be bullied at another school, and I did not like it.

**A Note to Soon to be First Graders**  
By Mikey Garland, reporter

First grade is a lot of fun. One thing you can do is when you're done with writing your final draft, is to do an art project. Mr. Davis hangs them up. Then visitors come and look at it. We learn new skills for math. We do blending too, where you say a part of a word, and then the other part, and then you make the word.

**First Graders, Get Ready!**  
By Danny Garland, reporter

When you are in second grade you learn to multiply, divide, and write in cursive. You also use "Garland Bucks" to buy things at an auction or a store. I think you should have fun in second grade.

**Leprechauns Strike Again at Brookfield School**  
By Elsa Fishman, reporter

The leprechauns struck again. You know that last year they threw all of the blocks on the first grade classroom floor, and WE had to clean them up! They put the number 17 everywhere—even on the classroom clock! They left mischievous, green footprints everywhere.

This year, they did so more! They put green tape on our Junior Journalism note books, and green streamers on the wall. Those leprechauns put the number 17 on every day of the calendar! They put our chairs on the floor, and wrote silly things on our desks! We also got Oreo cookies that had green sugar in the middle, and we got to eat them! Those leprechauns are so sneaky. I can't wait until next year!

**To President Obama**  
By Lillian Doan, reporter

Dear President Obama,

If you ever win to be president again, please lower the prices of the private schools so everyone can go to a good school. Also, please close down every cigarette factory, and never sell any cigarettes again. Cigarettes can be bad for your heart, and you can even die. The final thing I would like you to do for me is to make more libraries. People love to read

about mysteries, adventures, fantasy, and even more topics! Libraries are great. And so are you if you do this.

From,  
Lillian Doan, second grader  
Brookfield School, Sacramento, California

**Letter to Mitt Romney**  
**From Alex Pham, reporter**

Dear Mr. Romney,

My name is Alex Pham and I'm a first grader at Brookfield School in Sacramento, California. If you become president of our country, I hope you can make our state better by changing the laws and fixing the problems in the U.S.A. For example, no more wars because we pay a lot of money for the ships and all the Army supplies. Please cut taxes. I will vote for you.

Sincerely,  
Alex Pham

**Hugo, a Movie Review**  
**By Shirin Jamali, reporter**

Yesterday, I saw the most amazing movie in 3D! Hugo is about a little boy and his father who went to a museum. In it, was a big machine that could write. But the machine was broken, and had a secret inside to fix it. One day, the boy's father was trying to fix the machine in the museum, and he heard something. He opened a door, and there was a fire! The father died, so the boy had to live in a clock in France.

**At Brookfield School, by Elsa Fishman**

At Brookfield School, you have so much fun! In prefirst, you can have so many parties, but you're still learning. I still remember when we

had smoothies! They were so, so, so good! I loved prefirst!

First grade is one step ahead. You don't have as many parties, but you still have fun. I remember when the math flashcard was blank. Everybody burst out laughing! I know that everybody loves the first grade teacher. He is funny. He makes learning fun! I loved first grade!

In second grade, you get "Garland Bucks" when you're good. Then, you can buy things with them. I once got a calligraphy set! I loved it! I love the teacher. She is nice and caring. Her name is Mrs. Garland. I love second grade! You will love Brookfield School so much!

Next year you should watch out for all the teachers. I'm telling you, they are awesome! The art projects are awesome! I still remember in first grade we wrote a Jelly Belly jelly bean story, and made a picture out of Jelly Bellies! Math is hardest. I love Brookfield School!

**Valentine's Day**  
**an editorial by Andrew Pham, reporter**

Valentine's Day is special for many reasons. I like it because you can eat lots of treats, such as candy and cookies. Another thing I like about Valentine's Day is friendship and love. Finally, I like Valentine's Day because you can give books to homeless people. That is what I would really do.

**Library Please (editorial)**  
**By Siella Brunello**

Brookfield students deserve a library! One reason is if we don't have books, we can't learn. Public schools have a library, so why not Brookfield?

## Love

By Kayla Rabey

Valentine's Day is special for many reasons. For me, Valentine's Day is all about love and kindness. My family thinks we should make things, and give them to other people. I like to make cards, papers with many stickers on them, and picture frames. If I could give any love to anyone, I would make a party where any good people could eat, play, go swimming, and be happy. That's why I love Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day should be every day. I like when people are happy and kind.



Jaina Benton and Mikey Garland on Valentines' Day in first grade

## My Spring Break

By Kayla Rabey

I had an awesome spring break! For example, I went to Disneyland (that was my favorite part) and had loads of fun. I went to Splash Mountain, Pirates of the Caribbean, Snow White, Winnie the Pooh, and lots more. My favorite was Splash Mountain because it had all these nice and wonderful characters that were singing this kind song. But there was one character I didn't like. It was Bear Fox. He was bad to all animals—including bears!

## Mrs. Garland Interview

By Shirin Jamali -first grade reporter

**Shirin:** How long have you been a teacher?

**Mrs. Garland:** 16 years

**Shirin:** What do you love most about teaching?

**Mrs. Garland:** I love the children, and seeing their bright, smiling faces.

**Shirin:** What is your favorite subject to teach, and why?

**Mrs. Garland:** Math and science, because I like experiments and hands on learning.

**Shirin:** If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

**Mrs. Garland:** If I weren't a teacher, I'd be a party planner because I like seeing people have fun.

**Shirin:** What is your hobby?

**Mrs. Garland:** Scrapbooking, because I get to see my pictures and it is crafty.



First graders Wolfgang Bow and Mikey Garland having fun celebrating Lunar New Year.

### **Mrs. Renaud interview**

by Alston Oliveira, reporter

**Alison:** How long have you been a teacher?

**Mrs. Renaud:** 13 years

**Alison:** What do you like best about teaching?

**Mrs. R:** Learning new, interesting things all the time.

**Alison:** If you weren't a teacher, what would you be?

**Mrs. Renaud:** I would be a nurse because my sister was a nurse?

**Alison:** What is your favorite subject to teach, and why?

**Mrs. Renaud:** Math because you can do rhymes, dance, hand movement, foot stomping and write with colored chalk.

**Alison:** Why is it important to study hard in school?

**Mrs. Renaud:** Studying hard helps you follow your dreams.

## **Lunar New Year, special to the Tiny Eagle Press**

By Gabriella O'Brien

Lunar New Year at Brookfield School was so much fun! For example, we had activities. We made paper lanterns; did dragon paintings; made hats; and made puppets and zodiac stickers. We also made picture frames and did calligraphy. We also had chopstick races. They were all fun activities.

We had food centers too. There were wontons and rice balls. The food was good. Some people even wore Asian clothing! We had a big lunch. We ate noodles, sushi, and egg rolls. We drank lemonade tea. Lunar New Year was fun!

### **Lunar New Year**

by Alex Pham, reporter

Lunar New Year was so fun! All Brookfield first, first, and second graders were involved. First, we made paper lanterns. Second, we made wontons. The wontons tasted so good! After that, we did rice balls, dragon painting, hats, puppets, zodiac stickers, picture frames, calligraphy, and had a chopstick race.

In the wontons, there was cream cheese. The food tasted really good. There was loads of food. There were noodles, wontons, and more. Thanks to those people who helped and set up Lunar New Year!

## Editorial by Anna McNatt, reporter

Valentine's Day is special for many reasons. For me, it spreads love everywhere so friendships can grow—and kind words too. Letters in the mailbox spread love too. Lollipops, suckers, and Jawbreakers celebrate it. I love making presents for my sisters, and putting things in the mailbox for my cousins, parents, and my cat.



Prefirst, first, and second graders enjoying an activity during Brookfield's Lunar New Year celebration

## Letter to President Obama

by Anna McNatt, reporter

Dear President Obama,

If you make a good example of stopping smoking, maybe people would follow you and stop smoking too. If they stop smoking, they will be healthy, and if people are healthy, we won't have people dying so fast.

Sincerely,  
Anna McNatt  
First grader, Brookfield School,  
Sacramento, CA

## Earth Day

by Andrew Pham, reporter

Earth Day is amazing because you can help clean the environment. For example, you can walk to the store or ride on a bike instead of taking a car. You can also clean up trash. You could also stop smoking because it is really bad for you.

## Bracing for another Leprechaun Invasion

by Alex Pham, reporter

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## Editorial, by Alex Pham, reporter

Brookfield School provides students with a great place to learn and grow. For example, they almost always get A's. They also have French class, so that when you go to Paris, you can speak French. In addition, we also have very funny teachers. But most of all, we work at a grade level higher. For example, first graders do second grade work. Brookfield is the best school in Sacramento because it has hard working children.

## **Little House Day**

by Mikey Garland, reporter

The clock was turned back on Friday as Brookfield first and second graders celebrated "Little House Day." We got to go to a lot of tables. A lot of people helped with the tables. At the first table, we got to make paper owls. Another table was hammering into a star shape. In addition to that, we made butter by shaking the container. The next table was writing a letter to your friend using a feather and black ink.

## **Dear Editor,**

by Danny Garland, reporter

In 2012, I would like to be better at karate. I would have strong arms to make my parents proud. I would also like to work on knowing answers.

## **Letter to Mitt Romney**

by Danny Garland, reporter

Dear Mr. Romney,  
We think you are going to win because a lot of people think so. We hope you make good laws like no wars; no smoking; and that kids can go to school for free.

From,  
Danny Garland, second grader  
Brookfield School, Sacramento, California

## **A Note to Prefirsters!**

by Wolfgang Bow

Prefirsters, get ready for awesome first grade! You can read and get smart! You will also do "Problem of the Day" in math, which is

awesome! But there are no more bathroom passes to the bathroom by the office.

## **A Letter to President Obama**

by Wolfgang Bow

Dear President Obama,

I am Wolfgang. I am in first grade. I am awesome! Let there be more toys because they are fun! Also, no more criminals so we don't get robbed. Don't let people kill animals because that's killing nature!

Sincerely,  
Mr. Wolfgang, first grader  
Brookfield School, Sacramento, California

## **More Interviews**

**Kayla Rabey interview by Ema Dang**

Noodles are Kayla's favorite food, while Mr. Davis is Kayla's favorite teacher because he is smart, funny, and nice. Kayla's favorite, funniest friend? LeAnn Wan.

## **Ema Dang interviewed by Kayla Rabey**

Ema would play with her sister and ride her bike for free time. Ema loves Brookfield School because she likes learning a lot. Ema's favorite grade is second.

When Allen Tovmaysan was asked by Wolfgang Bow what his 2012 New Year's resolution is, Allen responded: "I want to be better in math because it is my favorite subject."

**Mrs. Renaud (4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) was interviewed by Siela Brunello**

Siela: What is your favorite state?

Mrs. Renaud: Missouri, because I was born there.

Siela: Who is your favorite author?

Mrs. Renaud: Terry Pratchett—all 25 books.

Siela: Who was your favorite teacher?

Mrs. Renaud: Mrs. Noell, my 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher

Siela: What makes you happiest in life?

Mrs. Renaud: My two daughters because they are fun.

Siela: What college did you go to?

Mrs. Renaud: National University

Siela: What is your favorite song?

Mrs. Renaud: "Imagine" by the Beatles.

**Junior Journalist Alex Pham asked several staff members what their 2012 resolutions are. Here's what he learned:**

Mr. Bogart is going to lose weight.

Dr. Tracy is going to spend more time with family.

Mrs. Essa is going to cut out the sugar.

Ms. Hernandez wants to travel more.

Mrs. Schumacher wants to play more golf.

Ms. Bradley is going to go the gym every week to work out and stay healthy.

**Junior Journalist Alex Pham's Favorite president interview results**

Alex: Who is your favorite president, and why?

Mrs. Schumacher: Mr. Lincoln because he did so many great things. He freed the slaves.

Mrs. Renaud: Mr. Lincoln because he did so many great things.

**Junior Journalist Andrew Pham asked several staff members what their goals for 2012 are, and here is what he learned:**

Mrs. Renaud would like to take a trip on a train to Seattle, Washington just for fun, and would like to travel more.

Madame Stiehr plans on exercising more and to stay healthy.

**Second Grade**

by Andrew Pham, reporter

I had fun during the year because Mrs. Garland is a great teacher. One of the subjects I like is science. Science is a great thing because it is testing new things out. I do not like math because you need to remember facts. Get prepared for Mrs. Garland, first graders! She is great!

## **Little House Day at Brookfield**

by Alex Pham, reporter

The clock was turned back on Friday as Brookfield first and second graders celebrated "Little House Day." It was about old fashioned days. Students made butter. It tasted so good. They also played with wooden toys, and wrote with wooden pens. Students also made paper owls. The day ended with a lunch of chicken tenders, beef jerky, apples, juice, and "Little House Candy."

## **A letter to President Obama**

by Shirin Jamali, reporter

Dear President Obama,

I would love it if you could stop the wars because if you don't, people will fight and kill each other. In addition to that, I would like if you would give money to poor families so nobody will feel sad and helpless. Finally, I'm hoping you will give poor families a doctor so they don't die if they get sick. I hope you do all these wonderful things.

From,  
Shirin Jamali, first grader  
Brookfield School, Sacramento, California

## **Swim team**

by Shirin Jamali, reporter

For spring break, I did swim team every day! I heard the loud splashing from the water. I also smelled the delicious food in the other room. In addition to that, I felt the soft, warm water. I also saw kids doing all kinds of strokes, like freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, and breast stroke. Swim team was amazing!

## **French Day at Brookfield (an editorial)**

by Elsa Fishman, reporter

French Day is so fun! We get to sing a lot of songs in French. I always love the Mardi Gras song because we get to dress up as a character! We have so much fun doing it. We learn songs with our excellent French teacher, Madame Betancourt. I really love French. I wish we could do French Day every day. Everyone can watch us perform—even the fourth graders. I wish we could learn more advanced songs. You may not know what we're saying, but that's the fun part. I love French Day!

## **Brookfield School Celebrates "Little House Day"**

by Elsa Fishman, reporter

Little House Day is so much fun. There are so many things to do. You can make homemade butter. That is my favorite thing! You can also make sun catchers. That's really hard, but after it's done, you can enjoy it. You play school, and get to see what it was like in the past. You also get a lunch like they ate in the past. The kids have so much fun! They all get to wear costumes. You can wear a Little House girl dress or a tucked in shirt. You feel so much like you are a real Little House person. I love Little House Day!

## **Little House Day**

by Siella Brunello

The clock was turned back on Friday as Brookfield first and second graders celebrated "Little House Day." There were many games, like making the owls. After that, we made stars by hammering down a nail into the metal trying to hit the wood. Then, we made butter by churning and shaking. In the

old days they used glass, but we were afraid it would break, so we used plastic. After that, we played with wooden trains. Last of all, we wrote a letter to our parents, and ate lunch. It was chicken, a muffin, and an apple.

### **A Letter to the President** by Ema Dang

Dear President Obama,

My name is Ema, and I am in second grade. I hope you get elected president again. If you do, I want you to stop wars because it kills people. I also want you to stop smoking. It is bad for your health. If you stop, other people would too. You would be a good example. I also want people to stop littering. Littering is bad for the earth. This is what I want you to do.

From,  
Ema Dang, second grader  
Brookfield School, Sacramento, California

### **Spring Break** by Ema Dang, reporter

On spring break, I went to Japan Town in San Francisco. We saw people perform there. When we went shopping there, my mom got my sister and me Japanese dresses. I heard people saying, "Hooray!" a couple of times. On Wednesday, my mom and I spent two hours at Starbucks. Then we went to pick up my sister, Jolie. That was my spring break.

### **Second Grade (a reflection)** by Ema Dang, reporter

Second grade is great! You can go to Mrs. Garland's class. She will give you "Garland Bucks." If you are good, she will give you an

auction. That's when you get things. In second grade there are fun field trips like to the San Francisco Museum of Science, and Apple Hill. You can write wonderful stories and draw things too. You will learn new things too. That's why you should go to Mrs. Garland's class. She is great!

### **Earth Day** by Lillian Doan, reporter

Earth Day is a wonderful day to not litter, to plant trees or flowers, and to recycle. Littering is a bad thing to do. Animals need a clean habitat, and so do we. Plant lots of trees! It helps the animals have a habitat, such as tigers, koalas, birds, and more animals. Recycle! It's a good thing to do. You can always reuse things, and never, ever waste. Earth Day is a great day.

### **Classroom Pets (an editorial)** by Lillian Doan, reporter

I think we should have pets in every classroom so we can take care of the pets. Also, we may not be able to have pets at home. We can also learn how to take care of the pets. We can also have good company when we are with them.

### **Save the Earth!** by Danny Garland, reporter

Today is Earth Day, and we should do some things to save the earth. For example, put trash in the trash can. Don't litter! Also, you can't smoke because it's bad for your body and the environment. You can run or walk seven miles for the people who have cancer.

## Little House Day at Brookfield

by Wolfgang Bow, reporter

The first and second graders stepped back in time to go to the prairie days. We used quills, churned butter, made paper owls, hammered in nails, and played. We wore prairie clothes.

## My Spring Break

by Wolfgang Bow, reporter

On spring break, I stayed home most of the time. I played video games like Mario Kart, Disney Universe, and Lego Star Wars. I heard nothing. I saw the TV. Finally, I went on a bike ride.



Photo Junior Journalist Alison Oliveira captures the feeling of "Shakespeare Day" before Brookfield upper school students perform "Macbeth."

