

# B R O O K F I E L D

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## Circle These Dates

- Jan. 30 Last day to buy year books (\$23; **check to BPA**)
- Feb. 6 100th day of school
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 17 Presidents Day — School Holiday
- Feb. 20 Open House 6:30-8 p.m.
- Feb. 21 End of 4th term
- Feb. 27 Family Science Night in Social Hall 6:30-8 p.m.
- Feb. 28 3rd grade learns about fishing from Fish & Game

## Explorit: A Family Science Night

By Sonja Darwish

Imagine the Social Hall filled with children, their families, and energetic volunteers, all engrossed in the fun of doing science. For the first time ever, the Explorit Center, a museum in Davis, is coming to Brookfield.

The program is called Science in Your World. Students and their families will be able to go to different tables, learning about specimens and other information, and doing guided hands-on and minds-on experiments. The experiments

are about almost all types of science ranging from earth science, light, the human body, the microscopic world, simple and complex machines, and much more.

In one experiment, students will be able to examine the characteristics in preserved specimens and live animals. In another, students will be using lenses, prisms, and kaleidoscopes to learn how light travels, bends, and bounces. The experiments are for grades pre-1st and up.

Mrs. Ashizawa and 6<sup>th</sup>

grade parent Jeri Michelson, who are working together with BPA President Jennifer Tipton and the rest of the Brookfield Parents Association, both said that it is a great family learning event that sounds like lots of fun. Explorit provides the exhibits and support staff. Mrs. Ashizawa, Mrs. Tipton, and Mrs. Michelson are in charge.

Family Science Night will be on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Social Hall. There is no *Continued on Page 5*

## Yosemite Trip for 6th and 7th Graders

By Britta Swanson

While most Brookfield students are enjoying the last few days of school in familiar classrooms, the school's 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are going to be far away in Yosemite National Park, learning about wildlife and geographical features at the famous park.

For the first time, the school is sponsoring a field trip for middle school students, an innovation that Mrs. Ashizawa hopes to continue each year in the future if the first trip goes well.

The Brookfield Parent Association is also supporting the field trip by providing funding

for the bus that will take students back and forth. Parents are paying the cost of the program.

The six-day field trip is offered by the same institute that runs the Marin Headlands field trip that 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders participated in last year.

At Yosemite, students will learn about the wildlife and take hikes to such sights as Mirror Lake, the Sequoias, El Capitan Meadow, and many more features at the park.

On the first day, they will see a slide show about Yosemite and learn what they need to take in their packs as they go on hikes and explore the park.

Students will leave on Sunday, May 25 and return the following Friday, two days after Brookfield ends its normal school year. All of the students have indicated that they are excited to be going.

Mrs. Ashizawa said the idea came from 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent Jeri Michelson. Mrs. Ashizawa looked into the program and called the institute and decided that it was a fantastic idea. She believes that the students will love the trip and learn a great deal.

Madame Stiehr, Mr. Wong, and Mr. Branscombe will be accompanying the students on the trip.

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