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BPA Blends Old and New Programs

By Kate Johnson

With all new board members this year, the Brookfield Parents Association (BPA) is planning to hold the usual, traditional events but also introduce new ones. For example, Odyssey of the Mind is one of the new programs, according to Jennifer Tipton, BPA president. In contrast, the skating party and book fair are events that the BPA plans every year.

Ms. Tipton says the skating party will take place on Friday, December 20th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Laguna Skate, where the event has been staged for the past two years. Flyers about the skating party will be passed out in December.

Ms. Tipton, who has sons

in pre-1st and 4th grade, accepted the position of president because she wanted to be more involved in the school and her child's education. She says a major focus of BPA right now is getting more families to join. There are only 60 members; last year there were nearly 100. She says she does not know why there was such a drop in membership, but the board plans to have a meeting to discuss the issue.

BPA treasurer Jeri Michelson, who has a daughter in 6th grade, took her position because Dennis Kellog, the president last year, asked her to. She says the money in the treasury will go towards art, sweatshirts, fleece sales, assemblies, and other expenses.

One such assembly that is

planned is a family science night, called Explorit. Mrs. Michelson is organizing the assembly. She said that Explorit is located in Davis. Schools can go there on field trips to see science experiments, or Explorit can bring its program to a school. The company will bring its experiments to the Social Hall for Brookfield families to enjoy in either February or March.

Another activity that is sponsored by the BPA throughout the school year is the Brookfield Buzz. While Kathleen Beasley, mother of 6th and 7th graders, donates her time to oversee the Newspaper Club, the BPA pays for the paper, film development and reproduction of the monthly newsletter.



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Student Council Works on Free Dress Days

By Lauren Michelson

The new student council is thinking about all sorts of projects for the school to do — but one strong focus of the council's efforts is earning free dress days.

The council, which will serve for the first half of the school year, was elected in September. The 7th grade president is Sonja Darwish and the class's vice president is

Arima Claypool. The 6th grade president is Kevin Crawford and their vice president is Lauren Mackey.

Girl Scout troop #706, with members in Brookfield's 5th and 6th grades, came up with the idea to collect towels for the SPCA as a service project and to earn a patch. The idea was soon adopted by the student council as well. The student council set a goal of 130 towels

and obtained Mrs. Ashizawa's permission for a free dress day when the goal was reached. The project was successful: The goal was surpassed, with 275 towels collected. The free dress day will be Tuesday, November 26, the day before Thanksgiving break.

Student council members said they are trying to get as many free dress days as possible. *Continued on page 5*