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Circle These Dates

May 1: Last day to bring in books for Book Swap
May 2: 7th graders' Angel Island field trip
May 7 & 8: Book Swap in Social Hall after school
May 7: 4th graders trip to Jamestown
May 9: Talent Show, 11:30
May 15: Band and String Concert, 7 p.m., Social Hall
May 18: Picnic
May 21: Spring Performance, 7 p.m. Social Hall
May 22: Used textbook sale
May 25-30: Middle School field trip to Yosemite
May 26: School holiday
May 27: Out at noon (usual after-school care)
May 28: Out at noon (no after-school care)

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School Picnic Set for Sunday in May

By Lauren Mackey

The Brookfield Picnic is a time when Brookfield students and their families can have fun, enjoy quality time with each other, and goof off with their friends.

This year the Brookfield Picnic is being held on Sunday, May 18 at Land Park, right across from the school. It is being sponsored, as it has been for the past few years, by the Brookfield Parents Association (BPA). BPA President Jennifer Benton says that she enjoys the picnics every year and is looking forward to

sponsoring it again.

This year, like last year, there will be a jump house and a variety of other activities that the BPA is still deciding on. "We're trying to get some new activities that are not only different from last year but that are also geared towards older kids," says Mrs. Benton. "But we'll still have the jump house since everyone seems to love that," she adds.

Snacks like popcorn, drinks, and cotton candy will also be on sale at the picnic. Families are still expected to bring a lunch for their entire

family.

But when and where will the tickets used for playing games be sold? "We're hoping that the tickets will be on sale towards the end of April," says Mrs. Benton. They can be purchased through a flier that will be sent out at school. Tickets will also be sold at the actual picnic for people who were not able to purchase them sooner.

Anyone who is interested in helping with games or selling tickets or food is asked to call Mrs. Benton at 441-2729.

SAT 9s: A Sure But Dreaded Sign of Spring

By Kate Johnson

For most students, the month of April means two things. One is spring vacation and the other is the seemingly dreaded SAT 9s (Standard Achievement Test, Ninth Edition).

For those who don't know, the SAT 9 is a test that is distributed to students all over America. In California, the test is used as part of the statewide program called Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR). California's public school students also take the California Standards Tests (CSTs) that match the state's subject matter content standards. Brookfield students,

however, only take the SAT 9s.

SAT 9s consist of sections on reading, math, spelling, and language arts for grades 2 through 8. Science and history/social science are added onto those sections for grades 9 through 11.

The standardized, nationally normed SAT 9 test allows schools to compare their students' scores to those at other schools across the nation, according to the Department of Education's web site.

At Brookfield, before taking the test students are given a practice booklet, which they work on in their classrooms. Then, when testing time comes, (this year April 8 to April 16),

the students already have an idea of what the test will be like. It is recommended to students that they get plenty of rest, stay in a calm environment, and eat a nutritious breakfast so that they will be ready when they take the test.

California public schools are beginning to take a completely new test by a different company, but Brookfield is still using the SAT 9s this year. The new test is called the California Achievement Tests, 6th Edition (CAT-6).

Not all students are fond of the SAT 9s. The reason why they say they hate this test is pretty much the same
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