



January 2020

Brokaw Early Learning Center Newsletter

Brokaw Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a restful winter break and enjoyed time with family and friends. The Brokaw staff has many wonderful things planned for our students and their families in 2020!

We will kick off the new year with a *Learning in the Community Event* in January. Please come to play, read and learn with us at Oswego Public Library in the morning on January 17th!

Learning in the Community Events take place on school improvement days when early childhood students do not attend school. (Elementary students have a half-day.) On those days, we hold community events for parents to attend with their preschoolers. We hope that you will bring your preschooler to participate in our exciting parent/child learning opportunities!

The *Learning in the Community Event* will be at Oswego Public Library (Montgomery Campus) on January 17th from 9:30-11:30 AM. This will be a great opportunity for you to learn more about our local library and all it has to offer our community. We hope all of our families are able to attend!

5Essentials Survey

Brokaw is participating in the administration of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey for staff and parents. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. Brokaw needs a minimum of 20% of our school community to take the parent survey to get the supplemental parent report results. Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. The Parent Survey Supplement will be conducted now through February 14, 2020. To participate as a parent, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

Brokaw Hero of the Week and Crystal Apple Award Winner

In December, one of our teacher assistants, **Theresa Larrea**, was nominated as **Brokaw Hero of the Week!** Keep up the great work Theresa! **Alicia Hansen** was the **Crystal Apple Award Winner** for December Way to go Alicia! Thank you both for all you do for our students!

Brokaw's Heroes

Please [click here](#) to recognize any member (or team) of our staff and their name(s) will be placed in our monthly staff drawings for prizes!

Substitute Teaching Assistants Needed:

Brokaw is in need of Substitute Teaching Assistants. If you have a state issued PEL or Para Professional License and are interested, please contact Assistant Principal, Jacque Mecklenburg. 630-551-9600

Important Dates

January 6, 2020 - School Resumes

January 17, 2020- NO SCHOOL FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENTS

January 17, 2020- Oswego Library Learning In The Community Event 9:30-11:30 AM

January 20, 2020 – Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL – DISTRICT CLOSED

January 28, 2020 – HSA Meeting 6:00-7:00 PM