



The Blast

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Mark Your Calendars!

[Save the date](#) for upcoming fun BA community events and programs!

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Principal's Message

Back to School Night

Thank you to all who attended Brittan Acres Back to School Night. We had a tremendous turn out, and are very proud of the excellent educational program that Brittan Acres staff provides for our families.

A special thank you to the PTA and SCEF for your support of this fabulous community event. It was also a great opportunity for our new and returning BA families to learn about the rich social, emotional and academic program we offer.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of additional lunchtime supervisors. If you are available between the hours of 11:45 and 12:50, and are looking for a volunteer opportunity we would love to have you join our team! In addition to lunchtime supervisors, we are also in need of additional crossing guards to maintain the safety of our students and families as they walk, scoot, and bike to and from school.

Lost & Found

**School Picture Day - Friday,
September 7th**

Volunteer!

[Volunteer at BA](#) to build community and support our students. There are lots of in class and at home roles to choose from.

Fundraising Rewards

Participate in our [Amazon](#) and [eScrip](#) rewards programs and a percentage of your purchases will automatically be donated to the Brittan Acres PTA - at no cost to you!



Follow BA on Social Media

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for up-to-date info on events and issues!

For convenience purposes we have relocated the lost & found from the upper playground to the main office. If you are looking for your child's lost or missing items. Please come to the main office; the lost and found is now next to the library and across from the office. Thank you for helping us with our student's missing items.

Curriculum & Instruction Letters for Families

San Carlos School District's Strategic Plan focuses on aligning Curriculum and Instruction to a 21st Century Model of Learning. In doing so, we have adopted the Lucy Calkin's Reader's and Writer's workshop model to support our students in literacy.

Additionally, we continue to place greater emphasis on Project-Based Learning to focus on problem solving, collaboration, critical-thinking, and time management skills, thus allowing greater student engagement and "ownership" of their own learning. Singapore Math, Math in Focus helps students make sense of math. Through hands-on learning, visualization, and pictorial representations, we expect their understanding, confidence, and love of math to grow. Below are various letters which explain in greater detail our literacy, math and homework here at BA.

[Homework letter](#)

[Reader's Writer's Workshop Letter](#)

[Math in Focus Letter](#)

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PTA News

JOIN THE BRUIN VILLAGE (NEW fundraising program)

Thank you to those who have joined the Bruin Village!!! Our school relies on fundraising to support the many incredible programs throughout the year and we couldn't do it without you! This new program is off to a great start, but we still have a long way to go to meet our goal. If you have not had a chance to make your donation, please consider doing so today. Go to <https://bapta.myschoolcentral.com/> to become a member of the Bruin Village.

Your one-time PTA donation of \$250 per student will give your family many benefits including

- One-time PTA donation for the school year allowing more efficient spending



- No need for your child or family to collect pledges for Walk-a-Jog
- An immediate impact during this school year
- Family PTA membership
- Family recognition on our Bruin Village Roster that will be proudly displayed at all school community events

For more information about the Bruin Village fundraising program, [click here](#).

A big **THANK YOU** to Rhea Norton for donating the design and printing cost of our beautiful Bruin Village flyers!!

Your PTA Dollars at Work!

All PTA contributions will directly benefit Brittan Acres. This year if we exceed our goal, we are planning a Library “refresh” designed to modernize our library and to encourage your children to find the joy in reading. A big THANK YOU to Hamilton Aitken Architects for donating their time for the masterfully designed Library “refresh” renderings.

Your PTA has been busy over the summer working to make our school beautiful!! Make sure to check out the newly painted patios and the PTA Giving Tree on the MU wall (THANK YOU, Lisa Miller, former Art teacher)!!! And don't miss the BUGS garden...it's got NEW planter boxes (THANK YOU, Kate Pfaff and team)! And, finally, head into the library to see our new computer tables (THANK YOU, Marta Eisenberg & Teresa McDermitt and Ms. Hubbart). All these upgrades were able to be completed because we exceeded our fundraising goal last year. Thank you to all who helped make this happen...it takes a Village!!

Please read more about ALL [the incredible programs your PTA dollars support](#).

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Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed!

Parent volunteers are needed to help serve hot lunch! The parent volunteers are incredibly helpful in determining what the kids ordered and helping them find it. The timing is roughly 11:30am-12:30pm. Please consider signing up to help 2-3 times per month. You can work with our Hot Lunch Coordinator on the specific schedule. Please sign up below or contact Erica Hayes at ekhayes@hotmail.com.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2215113/false#/invitation>

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BUGS Volunteer Sign-ups

BUGS: Better Understanding Garden Science

If you volunteered to be on your classroom's BUGS team, please go to <http://signup.com/go/TQYU7N> to choose your specific dates for signing up. The whole team shares and rotates through as you are available.

New this year is a pilot seasonal schedule. Kindergarten and First Grade students will meet every week during the Fall growing season, with half the class remaining with their classroom teacher to support personalized instruction in small groups. TK, 2nd and 3rd grade students will garden in late winter and spring on a biweekly schedule. We've also added a nature journal component for independent explorations in the upper grades.

New schedule, new elevated garden beds, new volunteers - the same commitment to science education and environmental stewardship in BUGS at BA!

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Art In Action Volunteers

We would like to invite all volunteers, new and returning, to our Art in Action introduction meeting on Wednesday, September 5th at 7pm in Room 22. We will hold a second option on Thursday, September 6th at 8:45am. We hope to see you there!

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BA Merchandise Sale

BA Merchandise Sale - Orders due by Monday, September 10th!

Show your Bruin pride and stock up on BA tees, hats and jackets! All purchased items will be delivered to your child's classroom by mid-October. Orders can be submitted via paper forms or [online](#) from the PTA website. On the website use the Product Categories menu to find BA Spirit Wear. Happy shopping!

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Walk-A-Jog

SAVE THE DATE!

Walk-A-Jog, BA's largest community event of the year, will be Sunday, October 21st from 10am - 1pm at the Brittan Acres upper playground. Carnival games, inflatables and yummy food are all part of this fun day. Look for more details about WAJ in the weekly BA Blasts.

Calling all BA Parent Owned Businesses! Walk-A-Jog 2018 is Looking for Sponsors!

Do you have a local business or service you would like the BA community to know about? Here's your chance to spread the word! Be a sponsor of Walk-A-Jog. There are many different ways to advertise your business at BA's largest fundraiser of the year and gain exposure as a valued supporter of our school. Please contact Andy McCandlish, at bawalkajog@gmail.com for more information.

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SCHOOLA FUNDRAISING

As mentioned in the principal's message, the lost and found has now been relocated to the main office corridor next to the library. Please check it regularly. We will be sending out lost and found items that were not retrieved periodically to Schoola throughout the school year. (You will always be informed with time to check for your child's belongings before we send it out to Schoola.) Anything labeled (sharpies work great) will be returned to the student's classroom, so please label water bottles, accessories and outerwear.

Schoola is a Unique Fundraising Solution that turns quality clothing into money for our school. A donation bin marked Schoola is available in the main office corridor, next to the lost and found. Please feel free to donate new and gently used clothing and accessories that originally retailed for over \$30. Shoes, handbags, coats, jackets and dresses are most desired!

Contact Stella (the lost and found volunteer), if you are looking for something specific and can not find it in the lost and found or have any questions/concerns.

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SCEF News

Are parties your thing, or do you prefer family friendly activities? Our redesigned website now features all events under one tab. Go to www.scefkids.org/events and check them out. You will be sure to find what you like.

Our upcoming events are:

Industrial Arts Horsepower Car show

What can be more fun than an old fashion Car Show? On Saturday, September 8, 8 am to 3 pm, the San Carlos Chamber will host the inaugural Industrial Arts Horsepower Car Show and Street Fair. The event will be held on Washington Street between Old County and Industrial Road, and include a wide variety of activities on Bayport and Varian.

There will be street vendors spread throughout the awesome cars on display. This is family friendly event complete with Kid Zone Fun! With a blend of cars, street fair and featuring local craft breweries and wineries in the Industrial Arts neighborhood of San Carlos, there is something for everyone!

SCEF is very fortunate to be the beneficiary of the proceeds from this year's show. Come on down for the show. If you are interested in volunteering at the show itself, they would welcome the help. Send an email to kathy@scefkids.org to learn more.

An Evening Dancing Under the Stars

On Saturday, September 15, Rock out to dance band, "Gotcha Covered", nosh on savory appetizers and enjoy an evening to remember in the company of your fabulous San Carlos friends as we transform Burton Park into a late summer wonderland!

6:00PM - 9:30 PM at the Burton Park Bandstand. Adults only.

An Evening at Town

An Evening at TOWN is SOLD OUT! But you can still participate in this year's Evening at TOWN Raffle. The grand prize is a pair of diamond hoop earrings. Only 150 tickets will be sold. To see the

earrings and learn how to purchase raffle tickets, please go to: <https://www.scefkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/TOWN2018-Raffle.pdf>

Your SCEF dollars at work

This year, SCEF is granting over \$2.4 million to benefit school programs and fund educator positions. Thank you to all our donors and business sponsors. Your generosity supports quality education in our San Carlos public schools.

Find out more about what we do at: www.scefkids.org

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