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Brittan Acres School | Weekly Messenger

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- January 25: Spirit Day (Pajama Day)

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Principal's Message

February 21-25 is The Week of the Family

The fast pace of our daily lives can make it easy to forget that simply just spending time with our family is really important. Our time is one of the greatest things we can give one another. We know that young children learn best through play, it is critical to their development and supports their learning journey too. As we usher in the San Carlos Week of the Family, I'd like to encourage you to explore ways that you can nurture play based activities with your family. Our young students develop their language skills, emotions, creativity and social skills through play. Additionally, play helps to nurture imagination and give our children a sense of adventure.

Here's what the research says about the benefits of spending quality time as a family:

- *It builds children's self-esteem*

Children who spend time with their parents participating in play based activities together build a positive sense of self-esteem. When children feel that they are valued by their parents, they feel more positive

- January 25: Movie Night
- February 4-8: Kindness Week
- February 11-15: Celebrate Reading Book Fair
- February 13: Celebrate Reading Family Fun Night
- February 18-22: No School/ Presidents' Week

PTA Corner

PTA January [Meeting Minutes](#)

Volunteer

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

Community Update

[here.](#)

Production: Mary Poppins JR.
 Showtimes: January 24-27 7 pm
 Thurs-Sat / 1 pm Sat & Sun.
 Venue: Mustang Hall, 828 Chestnut St., San Carlos
 Ticket [link](#):

[Amazon](#) and [eScrip](#) rewards programs and a percentage of your purchases will automatically be

about themselves. Family activities don't have to be expensive trips out to be meaningful, the important part is just being together.

- *It strengthens family bonds*

Families who share everyday activities together form strong, emotional ties. Studies have found that families who enjoy group activities together share a stronger emotional bond as well as an ability to adapt well to situations as a family. Share your favorite hobbies, sports, books, movies or other favorite activities.

- *It develops positive behaviors*

Children who spend more time with their parents are less likely to get involved in risky behavior. Children who frequently eat with their families also have improved dietary intake compared to those who don't eat as often with family members.

- *It encourages communication skills*

When you spend time with your children you are cultivating an environment for open communication. Good communication is important for your children to feel comfortable talking about anything. Simply asking your child about their day can make a big difference.

- *It can help your children learn to socialize*

Children learn by example. If you are setting a good example for them by spending quality time together, they are more likely to adopt those behaviors in other relationships in their lives. Simple things like playing games together will help them understand more about interacting with others as well as teach them things like sharing and kindness.

Most importantly, family time means you can just have fun playing and enjoying each others company!

Kindness Week is Coming Soon

February 4-8

Kindness Week is coming soon and we need volunteers for various activities. Kindness Week is the first week in February, February 4th through 8th. If you think you might enjoy helping, please click on the link below and join us!

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!



ONE WEEK, ONE CHECKLIST, INFINITE KINDNESS!

A Kindness Station will be taking place during lunch recess on the playground on Tuesday and Friday. We are also planning a Rock Painting activity going in Room 20 for 3rd graders. We will need help with each of these activities.

Here is the link for volunteering: [Kindness Week Volunteering](#)

[Here is our Kindness Week Flyer](#)- check out all the activities we are offering. Thank you for any help you can provide!

A special thank you to Kim Arasato and Estella Yacobian for offering to help coordinate this important week of activities.

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PTA News

It's a new year...and there's still opportunity to volunteer!

With the second half of the school year ahead of us, there are still opportunities to get involved. Please consider one of these key roles:

- **BA Spring Party (April 27)** - Looking for 2 co-chairs plus support volunteers. These 2 co-chairs will work together to plan this wonderful event for BA families. Jobs include: event planning and preparation with a committee of volunteers as well as help on the day of the event with making/donating refreshments, decorating, setup, cleanup, checkin, serving, etc. Estimated hours: ~5-10 hours
- **3rd Grade Celebration (June 10)** - Looking for 1 or 2 people to coordinate Plan an end of the year celebration for the 3rd graders at BA: upper playground activities. Estimated hours: ~5 hours

To sign up for either of these roles and to see a list of ALL available roles, please visit the [signup.com](#) link [here](#) or contact ptapresident@brittanacres.org

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Volunteers Needed to Help with the Library Refresh

You know what they say: New year, new library! OK, no one says that, but lucky for us it is true. Because of the generosity of our community, our planned library refresh is going forward. In the coming weeks we are removing the stationary book cases in the middle of the library, installing new carpet, and taking delivery of the new mobile bookcases and flexible seating units. But before we can do any of that, we need some help to ready the library for its facelift.

Here are the specifics:

- When: Saturday, January 26, 9:00 am
- What: Box and move books; move furniture
- Who: 10 - 12 people

We have a pretty solid plan in place to ensure the books are packed in such a way that moving back into the library will be quick and easy. There will be coffee and snacks. We estimate this is a 2 - 3 hour job max with a good team of people.

Can you spare some time and/or recruit a friend or two to help? Follow [this link](#) to sign up.

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BA MOVIE NIGHT - Small Foot - Friday, January 25th!

Come for fun and join us for Movie Night this Friday! We will be offering popcorn and enjoying the screening of Small Foot at 6:30pm. Bring your blankets, pillows and cozy clothes as children will be sitting on the floor. Remember this is not a drop off event so children should have supervision. We can't wait to see you there. If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to Erika Nelson at erikamnelson@yahoo.com.

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PTA Fundraiser at Maverick Jack's - Wednesday, January 30

Mark your calendar for a BA PTA Fundraiser at Maverick Jack's next Wednesday, January 30th! Dine in or take out anytime between 11am - 9pm on January 30th. Mention Brittan Acres and the school receives 20% of sales! (3rd party delivery services, like DoorDash, do not apply.) Maverick Jack's is located at 622 Laurel Street, San Carlos. Wednesday is a minimum day - a great time to meet friends for lunch. Take time off from cooking and support our school!

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Author Visit 2nd and 3rd Grades -Mac Barnett, February 1st

We are very excited to announce that Mac Barnett, author of "Triangle, Square, Sam and Dave Dig a Hole" and countless others, will be visiting BA on February 1st to read and debut his newest: "Mac B Kid Spy: The Impossible Crime". He is an amazing author and an even greater speaker. You can order "Mac B Kid Spy: Undercover" and/or "Mac B Kid Spy: The Impossible Crime" via the Reading Bug Web site until January 25 at: <https://www.thereadingbug.com/visit/mbarnett21>

While this assembly is only for Grades 2/3, he has written some great picture books, so be sure to look him up at the library and the Reading Bug.

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Save the Date: Our Dino-Mite Book Fair is coming soon!

Our annual PTA sponsored Book Fair is nearly here. For the week of February 11th-15th, our library will transform into a large Scholastic Book Store. During each classroom's regular weekly library time, students will visit our Dino-Mite Book Fair to purchase books or to write down their favorite finds to share with you later. The Fair will also be open before school every day this year at 8:05 am, as well as for 45 minutes after school.

Wednesday, February 13th is BA Family Night. We invite families to join us from 5-7 pm for a community pizza dinner in the MU, sing along activities and of course, time to shop the Fair together. More details will be coming home about this soon.

Volunteers needed: We are looking for many Book Fair helpers. Please [sign up](#) here.

Check out the [interactive book flyer](#) online here starting now. Up to 50% of the proceeds from our Book Fair and Online Fair will go directly back to our PTA and library.

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New Daisy Girl Scout Troop for BA Kindergarteners

Is your Kindergarten daughter interested in joining a new Daisy (Girl Scout) troop? There's a newly formed Daisy troop for BA Kindergarten girls that is open to new members. The troop will be led cooperatively by all of the parents, which means each parent will attend at least one meeting as an assistant and each parent will plan and lead at least one meeting. If you'd like more information, please contact Elyce Smith at elycesmith@gmail.com.

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District News

<http://evite.me/nT5MU7SbuK>

Facilitators: Teresa Wace and Audrey Fairchild, Marriage & Family Therapy Associates from One Life Counseling

Beginning Thursday, January 10, these weekly meetings will be facilitated to allow parents to build community and resources for tackling parenting challenges.

Location: Heather Elementary School Library

Read more about the group here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8lll7e5>

RSVP [HERE](#)

- **7:00-8:30 pm Workshop "How to Support Your Student in Math"**

Arroyo/Central Middle School Library

Presented by Shelia Sevilla, 4th grade teacher & Hillary Wiessinger, middle school math teacher

Open to Healthy Cities Tutors, Parents and Para-Educators

Click [here](#) to RSVP.

Additional workshop on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

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SCEF News

SCEF Starlight Gala

Enjoy an adult night out. Dance, have some fun, support your schools and make some memories!

Join parents and friends across the district at the annual SCEF Starlight Gala.

It is a fabulous night of dinner, dancing and auctions.

March 9, 2019 at Sharon Heights Country Club

Don't miss out, get your tickets now at:

www.scefkids.org/events

SCEF Exclusive Real Estate Sponsor—Bob Bredel

For the 12th year running, Bob Bredel, Realtor, is the SCEF Exclusive 2018-2019 Real Estate Sponsor! On top of that, Bob is donating his popular SELL YOUR HOUSE FOR \$1 auction item. Thinking of selling your house or buying a new one? Check out Bob's offer at www.scefkids.org/bobbredel

Teacher Auctions Starting February, 4th

Get excited to see all the fun and creative ways our teachers have cooked up to support SCEF with your kids! Details to follow.

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