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Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Principal's Message

Dear BA Families,

As we usher in the Fall Season here at Brittan Acres, we take time to also reflect on all that we are thankful for. I'm thankful for our students who come to school every day ready to learn – they give us all a daily reminder of what is important and why we are here. I'm also thankful for our teachers, assistants, secretary, nurse, bus drivers, lunchroom aides, and support staff who truly care about student achievement and have the best interests of our students at heart. I am also thankful for the support of our families in creating an outstanding partnership for our students, and for our volunteers who enthusiastically contribute so much to our school.

During this season of thanks, I love visiting our Brittan Acres classrooms. They are so alive with teaching and learning. Our students have also been reflecting on what they are thankful for. I recently taught a Thanksgiving lesson in second grade where our discussion concluded with the writing prompt, "What are you thankful for?" After reading, The Best Thanksgiving Ever, students brainstormed and here is just a small sampling of their responses: "my family, my uncle, my aunt, trees, the earth, my classroom paper, Puff (our pet lizard), my teacher, sports etc." It's so much fun to listen to their group

- BA Holiday Boutique: 11/30
- BA Holiday Boutique: 12/01

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

San Carlos Little League Registration - NOW OPEN!

Click [Here](#) for more details!

Easy Money Fundraising

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!



discussions and to realize how excited they are to share all that they are grateful for. I look forward to visiting many more BA classrooms throughout this holiday season.

Click on this [link](#) to check out photos of our students holiday art.

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PTA News

PTA Meeting, Wednesday November 14, 7pm

Please join us this week for our November PTA Meeting, Wednesday 11/14 at 7:00pm in the Brittan Acres Library. Click [here](#) for the Agenda.

Earn for BA while Holiday Shopping!

You can make a difference every time you shop this holiday season, whether you are grocery shopping for Thanksgiving, getting a jump-start on gifts, or ordering holiday cards! Simply by using Brittan Acres' designated links, a percentage of your purchases will automatically be donated to the BA PTA — at no cost to you! Help support the many wonderful PTA programs such as Art-in-Action, BUGS, teacher appreciation events, family fun and more.

Amazon - Amazon will donate up to 6% of sales when you use the [unique BA url](#) every time you shop.

eScrip - Shop local grocers who give back to BA (Bianchini's, Lucky's, Lunardi's, Draeger's, Mollie Stone's and more). Sign-up or sign-in at www.escrip.com and select Brittan Acres as the beneficiary. You can choose up to 3 beneficiaries. Input credit, debit, and grocery cards and remember to key in your phone number at check-out.

Shutterfly - Shutterfly and Tiny Prints will donate up to 13% of sales when you shop the BA storefront: www.brittanacres.shutterflystorefront.com.

Reading Bug - Reading Bug donates 5% of sales to the BA library when you mention BA at checkout.

Questions? Contact fundraising@brittanacres.org.

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



Holiday Boutique - Volunteers Needed!

BA Holiday Boutique- Volunteers Needed on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1

To welcome in the holiday season, BA family and friends convert the Multi-Use room into our very own Holiday Boutique! This annual tradition allows our students to experience the joy of shopping independently (or with a big kid helper) and choosing gifts for their loved ones. All gift items are hand crafted or assembled by our BA community and priced between \$1-\$5. On Saturday morning, the Boutique is for students only--parents are welcome to check out our Book Sale or have a cup of coffee and treat at the Bruin Cafe while their children shop. Our team of Big Kid Helpers (including BA alumni) is on hand to assist younger children with gift selections and budgets. This is a joyful Brittan Acres tradition, but we need your help to make this event a great success! Check out the [boutique flier](#) for more info and some product pictures.

Here's how you and your family can participate:

- Volunteer in the Boutique (set-up, cashier, gift wrapper, shopper helper, etc.)
- 4th grade and older? Volunteer to be a Big Kid Helper at the Saturday sale.
- Like to bake? Contribute something yummy for the Bruin Café.
- Like to craft? We welcome all handmade gift donations to sell at the Boutique (cards, sewn items, ornaments, etc.).
- Musician? We'd love for you to play some holiday songs while our students shop.

All sign-up sheets can be found here: <http://signup.com/go/KVBPPsB>

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Sticks & Stumps Needed for the Nature Park!

We are looking for extra branches, sticks and stumps of all sizes. The Nature Park is opening soon and we could use more supplies for the students to build forts, fairy houses, and more. If you have any, drop them off in the Nature Park or email John Moretti [-jmoretti@gmail.com-](mailto:jmoretti@gmail.com) to help with delivery.

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Lost and Found

This week the lost and found will be pulled up to the main entrance for your convenience. Please stop by and re-claim your child's lost items. On Friday November 16th all lost and found items remaining will be donated or sent out to Schoola.

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District News

Registration is now open for all new incoming students for 2019-2020 school year!

Registration has opened for all new incoming students for the 2019-2020 school year! To register, visit the District Office. If you have questions regarding registration, please plan to attend the New Student Registration Parent Information Night for 2019-2020 on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 from 6:30-8:00PM in Central Middle School's Gym (757 Cedar Street) The Parent Information Night is designed to provide parents/guardians with information about the San Carlos School District, the programs and to address any questions that they might have regarding the registration process. Should you have any questions about this event or the registration process please contact the District Office at 650-593-1452.

Kindergarten Information Night

This event will be from 6:30-8pm next Tuesday, November 13th at the Central Middle School gym. We are thinking of keeping the presentation to no more than an hour, and then leave the last half hour or so for questions. We will have tables in the gym for the Q & A session: Preschool, TK, Kindergarten from each school, SCEF, PTA, SMARTE After School, and Belmont After School Program.

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SCEF News

Thank You!

Thank you for your support on SCEF day. Your donations will make a difference in the lives of every student, every day in every school.

Sports Basement Shopping Day to Benefit SCEF

On Thursday, November 29th, Sports Basement is inviting everyone in the San Carlos School District to a very special shopping day. Come see the new store in Redwood City, at 202 Walnut (in the old Toys R

Us location), mention SCEF as your beneficiary when you sign up for Basementeers and receive 20% off your entire purchase all day long! SCEF is a beneficiary of their Basementeer program & will receive 10% of all sales.

Join us as the 6pm reception, get all of your winter gear, and raise money for all of our schools!

SCEF Raffle for Spring Vacation, March 30-April 6, 2019

Win a Vacation Rental for Spring 2019 in Orlando, and make your family's Florida vacation dream come true!

Win a 7-day, 6-night stay in a two-bedroom villa at Sheraton Vistana Resort Villas at Lake Buena Vista in Orlando. Sleeps 8.

Drawing on November 30, 2018 at 7pm during Night of Holiday Lights on Laurel Street in San Carlos. To purchase raffle tickets, send an email to raffle@scefkids.org indicating how many tickets you would like to purchase. 1 ticket for \$25, 3 for \$60, 5 for \$100.

Season of Thanks

The SCEF board of directors is grateful for our local business community and its support. Visit the SCEF shopping page to see a list of our local business donors. Please be sure to thank them for their support of our schools when you shop. www.scefkids.org/take-action/families/shop-local/

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