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Monday February 4, 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Brittan Acres Families,

I hope the new year is progressing well for all of you. Our Brittan Acres students are hard at work on their second trimester, learning all they can in mathematics, language arts, and science. It's incredible how much they have all grown in their academic as well as social emotional learning.

As many of you are aware, our district will be working over the next several months on some budget challenges and is preparing to make budget decisions in early spring. To that end, Superintendent Harmeier will be hosting community meetings for parents, staff and community to learn more about the budget and the proposed Budget Stabilization Plan.

The two community meetings are planned for:

February 11th, 7-8PM at Central Middle School
February 12th, 7-8PM at Heather Elementary School

- February 6 - San Car-less Day
- February 6 - PTA Meeting
- February 11-15: Celebrate Reading Book Fair
- February 11 - Community Meeting (Central)
- February 12 - Community Meeting (Heather)
- February 13: Celebrate Reading Family Fun Night
- Library Ribbon Cutting
- February 15 - Read-a-Thon
- February 18-22: No School/ Presidents' Week

PTA Corner

Next PTA meeting, Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 7pm

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.

[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!

We hope you can attend one of these meetings to find out more information about the Budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ms. Waslif
Brittan Acres, Principal

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PTA News

PTA MEETING - Wednesday, February 6 - 7pm

Please join us THIS Wednesday, February 6 at 7pm in the BA Library! With so much going on, it's a great time to attend. Please click on the Agenda [here](#).

JOIN US AT THE SCSD Budget Community Meeting on Monday February 11

We encourage all parents, staff and the community to visit the [Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee](#) website and to attend the upcoming meetings to learn more, have your questions answered, and to have your voice heard about the things that are important to you concerning your child's education in the San Carlos School District.

Please attend, if at all possible! Brittan Acres parents are encouraged to attend the Monday meeting at Central Middle School, as the focus that night will be on Brittan Acres, White Oaks, Arroyo and Central Middle School. We endeavor to wear BA Bruin blue and yellow colors and to sit together to show support and solidarity for our school.

Community Meetings - Budget Update:

- **February 11, Central Middle School, Mustang Hall. 7:00-8:00 pm**

- **February 12, Heather Elementary School, 7:00-8:00 pm**

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San Car-LESS Day Is Coming February 6th!



Follow BA on Social Media

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



Walking, scootering, and biking to school is a great way to improve our community, our environment, and our bodies. In an effort to keep fewer cars on our roads and to encourage healthy habits, we celebrate San Car-LESS Days on the first Wednesday of every month. Please consider leaving enough time in your morning routine to walk, scooter, bike to school with your child this week, or carpool if driving is required. Every child who participates earns a little "foot" token to wear on their backpack. Kids often express pride as their collection grows over the course of the year. Volunteers will be handing out the tokens to those kids who walk, scoot, bike, or carpool to school. Please contact tawnya.elrod@gmail.com if you have a student group that wants to participate. Thanks to everyone for helping to improve our school community, our natural environment, and our bodies!

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Dino-Mite Book Fair NEXT WEEK: February 11th-15th

Stomp, Chomp, READ and come check out our newly updated LIBRARY! For the week of February 11th-15th, our refreshed library will transform into a large DINO-mite Book Fair. 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 8:05am, as well as for 45 minutes after school.

Family Night: February 13th, 5:00-7:00pm

We invite families to join us from 5-7pm for a BA community night. Dinner of pizza, chips, drink and dessert can be purchased for \$5/person in the MU before or after you shop the Fair. After dinner join in a campfire sing-along or some dino activities also in the MU. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Our online Fair is now live [here](#). Orders are shipped for free to school and will be brought to your child's classroom upon arrival. Up to 50% of the proceeds from our Book Fair and Online Fair will go directly back to our PTA.

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Join Us for the BA Library Ribbon Cutting – February 13th

Don't miss the "grand (re)opening" of your refreshed BA library. The new carpet is down, the paint has been touched up, and our fantastic mobile bookshelves are stocked and ready for readers. We'll celebrate this milestone with a brief ribbon cutting at the start of Book Fair Family Night on Wednesday, February 13th – around 5 pm. Be among the first to see your PTA donation put to work in this newly

flexible space designed to better accommodate school events – like Book Fair. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Get Ready for the Read-A-Thon!

Every year the Brittan Acres PTA sponsors a Read-A-Thon to encourage our students to make reading part of their daily routine. During the Read-A-Thon each student records the number of minutes they read each day in order to meet a school-wide challenge and to win a special recess for their class. The PTA sponsors the Read-A-Thon as a way to encourage students to keep up their good reading habits when they are not at school. The greatest fun comes at the end of the Read-A-Thon when a special assembly is held to celebrate the kids' success if they reach our 65,000 minute goal. Furthermore, every student who participates and turns in a reading log on time will be entered into a drawing to win some great prizes!

The Read-A-Thon starts on Friday, February 15 and runs through the President's Week holiday to Sunday, February 24. Details and a reading log will be sent home soon.

Please turn the completed reading logs in to your teacher or to the box in the front office by Tuesday, February 26th so that minutes can be tallied.

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Capture Your Memories In This Year's Brittan Acres Yearbook!

It's time to purchase and personalize your child's BA yearbook! Your purchase includes 70 pages of printed copy of the yearbook and 2 free pages that you can customize with personal photos. Your 2 custom pages can be completed online anytime, prior to the due date April 25, 2019. If you don't wish to personalize the two custom pages, you can still order a memorable BA standard yearbook. Final yearbook will be delivered to your child's classroom during the last week of school.

When you Buy a Book, You Help Plant a Tree! TreeRing.com plants a tree in our school's name whenever someone from our school purchases a yearbook.

- Price: \$20.00
- Order Deadline: April 25, 2019

- For New Students, create an account and purchase by visiting: <https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=1013474677094825>
- For Continuing Students who have purchased a yearbook before, purchase by visiting: <https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1013474677094825>

If you have any questions, please contact Ruzanna25@outlook.com or JennyAGoines@gmail.com

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District News

February 11th, 7-8PM at Central Middle School

February 12th, 7-8PM at Heather Elementary School (note location change)

Please plan to attend one of these meetings to find out more information about the Budget for 2019-2020 school year.

<http://evite.me/bvACWkpFqr>

<http://acmssafety.com/employment/> .

www.cityofsancarlos.org/bikepedmasterplan, and attend the open house on February 21, 2019 from 6-8pm at the San Carlos Library to provide your input. Share this information with neighbors and friends who may also be interested.

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/y8III7e5>

RSVP:<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-support-group-san-carlos-school-district-tickets-53717537601>

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 Online Teacher Outing and Summer Camp Auction starts February 4th at 9am!

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tag, bowling, Principal for the Day, Summer Camps and more! Get excited to see all the fun and creative ways our teachers have cooked up to support SCEF with your kids.

Register at: www.scefkids.org/teacherauction

Start bidding on February 4th at 9am . Bidding ends February 12th and 10pm.

Bid high and bid often!

Lucky on Live tickets are on sale now!

This is your chance to win a fabulous live auction item! Purchase a Lucky on Live raffle ticket. The lucky winner will choose from a selection of Starlight Gala live auction items. This year's offerings include: Your own parking space downtown, Trip to NYC and the Tony Awards, Mexico Vacation, Dinner for 20 in the TOWN boardroom and more.

See: <http://www.scefkids.org/LOL2019> for the complete list.

Only 275 tickets will be sold. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets send an email to

luckyonlive@scefkids.org . Tickets are \$100 each or 6 for \$500

SCEF Starlight Gala

Enjoy an adult night out with dinner, dancing, an exciting Live Auction and Silent Auction.

Make a plan with a few of your favorite couples and buy a table. Create some memories and support our schools. Join parents and friends across the district at the annual SCEF Starlight Gala.

On March 9, 2019 at Sharon Heights Country Club.

Get your tickets before they're gone at: www.scefkids.org/events

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