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- March 13: PTA Meeting, 7pm

Monday, March 11, 2019

Principal's Message

Brittan Acres Parent Principal Coffee

Thank you BA families for your active participation in last week's Parent/Principal coffee, and a special thank you to our PTA hospitality committee for hosting. We had a wonderful turn out and received a lot of feedback about what's working well and about how we might improve communication and our lunch program.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, April 12 at 8:45am for our next Parent Principal coffee. At that time, we will forming communications and lunch supervision committees. Through these committees, I hope to work through some of our challenges with supervision, schedules while keeping maintaining our number one priority- the safety of our students. Together, I'm confident we will work through our challenges and improve our student's experience at BA. I look forward to this opportunity to engage in discussion about how we can improve Brittan Acres for all of our students! Thank you for your continued partnership!

BA Student Volunteer Program

Brittan Acres second and third grade students are so eager to volunteer to support their school. Our

- March 18-22: Ability Awareness Week
- March 29: Spirit Day
- April 1-5: Spring Break
- April 12: Parent Principal Coffee

PTA Corner

- **Next Meeting March 13, 7pm**
- [March Meeting Agenda](#)

Volunteer

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

BA School Site Council

BA School Site Council Meeting Minutes

[Here](#) are the minutes from the 03/07/2019 BA school site council meeting.

[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!

student safety patrol volunteer program is expanding. Our students will be asking you to sign their job application for the various school-wide volunteer positions such as:

- Nature Park Junior Rangers
- Bear Hug/Office Helper
- Equipment Helper
- Green Team
- Safety Officer

They will be sharing with you the job description and asking you to recommend them for this volunteer position. We are looking forward to this opportunity for increased student leadership at BA.

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PTA News

PTA Meeting - THIS WEEK - Wednesday, March 13 - in the newly refreshed Library

We hope you will attend this month's PTA meeting. Being an active member of the PTA is the best way to keep up with what's happening at BA and to advocate directly for the issues you care about most. View the Agenda [here](#).

PTA Board Roles Available for 2019-2020 - We need YOU!

Consider how you can take the next step....the PTA is looking for volunteers to serve on the PTA Board. If you want to make a big impact on your child's BA experience, this is how you do it!

PTA BOARD: OPEN ROLES (2019-2020)

- Executive Vice-President (Co-President)
- Communications Chair
- Recording Secretary
- SCEF Partnership Chair
- STEAM Chair (new!)
- Events Chair (new!)
- Programs Chair (new!)
- Services Chair (new!)



Follow BA on Social Media

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



Reach out to our Parliamentarian [Allison Chang](#) so we can chat about position(s) that may interest you. See the [PTA section](#) of the BA website for more information.

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Looking....For Two Volunteers To Run the 3rd Grade End of Year Celebration

The PTA is looking for two (2) people to plan the 3rd grade End of Year Celebration which will be held on Monday, June 10. The goal is to plan an experience for the 3rd grade students to celebrate with their classmates. The event is on campus during the second half of the school day. This will be about a 5 hour commitment. Grab a friend and sign up online at signup.com - <http://signup.com/go/cgKhhSK> For questions, contact ptapresident@brittanacres.org

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Library Refresh - COMPLETE!

If you've not yet seen your refreshed library, please drop by soon for a look. After all, your PTA dollars made the refresh possible!

The kids seem to love the new soft seating and the fun layout of the mobile shelves is encouraging exploration and the discovery of new favorite books. And if you visited the Scholastic Book Fair before break, you saw first-hand how the space can now flex to our needs.

If you're interested in the full backstory of the library refresh, you can see a short presentation on the project that was recorded at last month's school board meeting. Our superintendent, Dr. Harmeier featured the project as part of the "Spotlight on Excellence" series that kicks off each board meeting. Click [here](#) for a replay of the presentation (about 11:55 into the video).

Once again, thanks to all who donated their time, money, and support to this project. You've made BA a better place for all of us!

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Ability Awareness Week - THIS WEEK

Ability Awareness Week is March 18 through March 22. The mission of Ability Awareness week throughout the San Carlos School District is to promote understanding, acceptance and appreciation of individual learning and ability differences through fun, experiential activities. Students will be engaging in

various activities throughout the week giving them a chance to experience what it is like to complete a basic task while having a learning or developmental difference. Students will all have a set of common experiences through activities to spark discussion, increased understanding and compassion.

Brittan Acres Highlights

- An Ability Awareness section in our school library.
- "Learn Your Name in Sign Language" posters.
- Legarza PE coaches will be adapting PE into "Ability Stations."
- School counselor led sessions in classes that relate to compassion and inclusion.
- A variety of other classroom lessons and activities taught by teachers on what it is like to have a learning or developmental difference.
- Various assemblies including a special puppet show, a performances by the College of Adaptive Arts and a visit from Canine Companions.

District-Wide Highlights

- **Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at Heather Elementary MUR.** Everyone is welcome to come to this workshop on Growth Mindset for Students with Special Needs and Their Families presented by Eric Elliott, Education Psychologist, Lani Hessen, Occupational Therapist and Lisa Valerio, Mom and Advocate.
- **Support World Down Syndrome Day on Thursday, March 21st by wearing odd socks!** Down Syndrome is a congenital disorder caused by having an extra 21st chromosome.
- **District-wide Movie Night featuring, SOUL SURFER! Friday, March 22nd at 6:30 PM at Heather Elementary MUR.** Runtime: 105 minutes Rated: PG (check it out on [Common Sense Media](#)) Bring your blankets, sleeping bags and pillows to the MUR. Food will be available for purchase in the concession area (most items are \$1-2)* Times: Concessions open @ 6:10 PM Movie starts @ 6:30 PM Food: Concessions will be for sale and proceeds will support PTA. We will have food such as, pizza, hot dogs, popcorn, chips and juice boxes available. Fruits and veggies will be provided for free. *Proceeds from the concession sales help offset movie licensing fees. *Please note: While this is not a drop-off event, feel free to coordinate with other families to share child care. Volunteer: It's a great night and we can use your help! Sign-up [HERE](#).

Ability Awareness week is organized by the SCSD Special Education District Advisory Council and supported by your PTA Coordinating Council.

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Lost and Found - Check it Out Today

Please come through and check out the lost and found located in the hallway by the library this week to recover your child's belongings. On Friday 3/15 all items labeled clearly will be returned to your child's classrooms, but items that are not labeled will be either sent out to Scoola or donated. There are many lunch boxes, umbrellas, hats and winter jackets. Please have a look.

Please reach out to Stella Yacobian (415.318.6181) if you have questions or concerns.

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March 20th Staff Appreciation Lunch - 2nd and 3rd Grade Families

March 20th is the next appreciation lunch for BA teachers and staff. We are treating them to soup and chili and hope you can sign up to bring something. [Check out what is needed here.](#)

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Join the Arroyo PTA Team in 2019-2020

The Central Arroyo PTA is beginning to plan for next year. If your third grader is heading on to Arroyo School, please consider getting involved to support our students and strengthen our school community! Key positions include: PTA Co-President, Arroyo Newsletter Editor, Stampede & Soar Fun Run Leads, Fundraising Chair, Membership Chair and 4th/5th Halloween Party Co-Chairs.

Contact PTA Co-Presidents Leslie Ostrander or Beth Rowell for more information on how you can make a difference.

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District News

<https://www.kidztopros.com>.

Want to be involved? Email 2020chairs@chickensball.org School liasons, musicians, actors, singers,

dancers, extras, set and costume designers, set builders and painters, those who sew, stage crew, etc. ALL are welcome. Come join the fun and the unique San Carlos time honored tradition!

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

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SCEF News

Thank You from our Starlight Gala team!

A BIG thank you to the attendees, donors and volunteers for making the SCEF Starlight Gala such a special evening. The children of San Carlos appreciate YOUR investment in their education.

Teacher Auctions

Did you miss out on grabbing a spot for your child to go on their teacher's outing? The POST EVENT "auction" site has over 300 spots in 85 outings still available! All spots are for sale at Fixed, Buy-it-Now prices. Check them out at: <https://scefkids2019.ggo.bid>

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