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PTA Corner

Join the Bruin Village. [Click here](#) to make your contribution TODAY!

Monday, September 17, 2018

Principal's Message

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) Update

Bruin Bear Hugs Coming to BA!

Our goal is to develop a school-wide common vocabulary and culture of PBIS at Brittan Acres, so we will be distributing school-wide Bear Hugs to students when they are safe, responsible and respectful. At the end of each week, those students who received Bear Hugs will be publicly acknowledged and celebrated!

PBIS Reminders (Bathrooms & Lunch)

BA families, we need your help in reminding our students of lunch expectations. The premise of PBIS is that continual teaching, modeling, recognizing, and rewarding of positive student behavior will reduce unnecessary discipline and promote a climate of greater productivity, safety, and learning. During lunch, I monitor the tables, help students unwrap their lunches, and praise those tables that are following our lunch expectations. At the conclusion of lunch, our routine is to blow a whistle, count down 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

[September Meeting Minutes](#)

Mark Your Calendars

- Fall Cleanup Day: Sun Sept 23
- Classroom Socials: Sept 24-28
- Spirit Day: Friday Sept 28
- Laurie Keller: October 5
- [Walk-A-Jog: Sunday Oct 21](#)

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!



and then each table cleans up and goes to recess. Please review the [lunchtime expectations](#) with your children.

Please also review the [bathroom expectations](#) with your children. On Monday, September 10 our district had to call a plumbing company out to fix our plumbing due to several items that were placed in the toilet. In addition, staff have informed me that our bathroom sinks have been clogged with paper towels and toilet paper. Thank you for your support and partnership with us in our efforts to keep BA a safe place for our students.

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Counselor's Message

We are beginning the Second Step Safety Unit soon in all grade levels: TK through 3rd. You will be receiving a letter telling you about this upcoming lesson series. In these lessons, students will learn three types of skills:

Personal Safety. Students will learn important safety rules. They will also learn ways to help them decide if something is safe or not.

Touching Safety. Students will learn about safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches, and rules about touching private body parts.

Assertiveness. These lessons will also give students a chance to practice asking an adult for help, telling an adult about an unsafe situation, and being assertive to get out of unsafe situations.

Class Lesson Dates and Grade Level At Home Support Links:

- [TK Safety Home Links](#) (October 24th, 31st, Nov 7th, 14th, 28th, Dec 5th)
- [Kindergarten Home Links](#) (September 28th, Oct 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, Nov 2nd)
- [1st Grade Home Links](#) (October 3rd, 10th, 17th/Roslin: October 5th, 12th, 19th)
- [2nd Grade Home Links](#) (September 24th, October 1st, 15th)
- [3rd Grade Safety Unit](#) (September 24th, October 1st, 15th)

If you have any questions about the Child Protection Unit or the Second Step program, please contact Kim Arasato, School Counselor. karasato@scsdk8.org



Follow BA on Social Media

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



If you do not want your child to participate in these lessons, please contact your child's teacher to let us know. This is an opt out program and students will be included unless we hear back from you letting us know if you do not want your child to participate. [Second Step Safety Parent Letter](#)

IMPORTANT INFO: Private body parts terminology will not be used. We feel as parents you are the best judge of when to use specific names. I will be using the areas covered by their swimming suits.

For more information about what your child is learning in the Second Step program, go online to [SecondStep.org](#) and log in with the Activation Key listed below. Thank you for helping us to make our school a safe and supportive place where everyone can learn.

Kim Arasato

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PTA News

BRUIN VILLAGE BANNER DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 28

Thank you Bruin Village! We are more than halfway to our goal!! Your contributions make it possible for the BA PTA to offer so many incredible programs throughout the year. If you have not made your donation, please be sure to do so by September 28 to have your name included on the Bruin Village Roster. Go to <https://bapta.myschoolcentral.com/> to become a member of the Bruin Village.

For more information about the Bruin Village fundraising program and ALL the incredible programs your PTA dollars support, [click here](#).

Questions? Contact fundraising@brittanacres.org

Walk-A-Jog: Registration open this week only! Register now.

On Friday, your child received a yellow info packet containing all the information you need to register, pledge, and attend Walk-A-Jog on Sunday, October 21st. Walk-A-Jog is Brittan Acres' largest community event and one of the most anticipated events among students. Please visit www.brittanacres.dojiggy.com to watch the video highlighting all the fun had at last year's event!

Online registration at www.brittanacres.dojiggy.com is now open for one week only! Student participant t-shirts are FREE! But you must register in order to receive your child's free t-shirt. Registration ends September 21st.

[Registration Instructions](#)

PLEDGES

Although we have created our Bruin Village campaign, all families are welcome to collect pledges for Walk-A-Jog and raise more funds for BA. Pledges are another way to meet the PTA fundraising goal and are a great way to enlist our community of family and friends to help support our school. An online pledge page is created automatically for your child on the DoJiggy site during the registration process. After you have registered, go to www.brittanacres.dojiggy.com and click on "login" on the top right hand corner of the homepage. For each child, use the username and password you created during registration to personalize your child's pledge page and send it to friends and family via email, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

For questions, please email bawalkajog@gmail.com.

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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The Crossing Guard Brigade Needs YOU!

Our illustrious team of parent volunteer crossing guards is still in need of few more new recruits for the 2018-19 school year. This is a great way to volunteer for just 30 minutes twice a month and still make it to the office on time. You will also be making a huge contribution to ensuring all of our little ones get safely to school. As an added bonus you get to wear one of those "cool" orange vests. Please consider joining this essential team.

Interested in joining our ranks for the 2018/2019 school year? Contact Doug Henry (dhenrysf_98@yahoo.com) for more information.

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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 ekhaves@hotmail.com.

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

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Cleanup Day, Sunday September 23rd

Please join us to help make BA beautiful! On Sunday September 23rd from 10am-2pm we will be cleaning up Brittan Acres. We are asking for help with small fix-it jobs, light gardening as well as some much needed painting. No experience required. There is no need to stay the entire time and all family members and friends are welcome! We will serve a pizza lunch, and ask that you bring your own water bottles to save on waste. Thank you and please come make our village brighter! Follow the link below to let us know you're coming.

<http://signup.com/go/nFGuQQQu>

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Author Laurie Keller, October 5th

Laurie Keller will be visiting BA 1st through 3rd graders on October 5! You can order her new book "Potato Pants" and other fan favorites like: "Arnie the Doughnut" series. You can have your books dedicated and signed by the author. Order online until Oct. 3 using the link <https://www.thereadingbug.com/visit/LKELLER1005>

Paper order forms available in the library and through your teachers. Please turn your paper orders into your teachers no later than Oct. 1. Save the date!

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SCEF News

An Evening at Town

An Evening at TOWN is SOLD OUT! But you can still participate in this year's Evening at TOWN Raffle and win one of three exciting prizes!

The grand prize is a pair of diamond hoop earrings, second prize is an Apple Watch and third prize is Miniature Golf family outing in San Francisco. 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>

SCEF—Upcoming Events & Parent Parties

Join friends, parents and neighbors at one of our parent parties & events benefitting SCEF. Purchase tickets here: <https://scefkids.ejoinme.org/ParentParties2018>

San Carlos Homes Architecture & Design Tour - Sept. 23

- Join architect Una Kinsella and interior designer Surrina Plemons on an immersive tour of three homes recently remodeled by Kinsella and Plemons.
- Entry includes a day of creative discussion, ideas and inspiration, color, features and finishes, food, drink, company, and aesthetic enjoyment.

Garden of Epicurean Delights - Oct. 13

- Spend a night high atop La Mesa, with delectable delicacies delighting the palate, vistas of San Francisco twinkling in the distance.
- Entry includes a gourmand's artisanal extravaganza of homemade charcuterie, cheeses and breads, as well as personalized drinks appropriate for the evening.

Rockin' Halloween Bash at Club Fox - Oct. 26

- Once again, we pull out all the stops for THE Costume Ball of the YEAR!!! Get your groove on with hopping music that will have you dancing the night away.

Dance Party at The Lariat - Nov. 2

- Get down and dance to the hot sounds of San Francisco spin-master, "DJ ManCub"

- Entry includes a night of non-stop dancing, drinks, pizza & snacks, sweets, and deep grooves

For information about other SCEF Events, visit: www.scefkids.org/events

Are you interested in volunteering with SCEF?

We have jobs large and small to help plan and coordinate events, and to support these teams:

- *Revel at Devil's*: A community event at Devil's Canyon brewery, featuring live music and food trucks
- *Starlight Gala Auction Team*: Our dinner, dance and live auction held at Sharon Heights Country Club
- *Music in the Park*: The concert at Burton Park that kicks off Homedown Days and features musicians and singers from San Carlos schools

Are you new to San Carlos?

To learn more about the San Carlos Education Foundation, please visit: www.scefkids.org

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