



The Blast

Brittan Acres School | Weekly Messenger

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- March 1: Read Across America
- March 6, San Car-Less Day
- March 9: SCEF Gala
- March 13: PTA Meeting

Monday February 25, 2019

Principal's Message

Conversations About School

Parents are their children's first teachers, guiding them through the fundamental skills they will use their whole lives. Parents watch their children move from infancy to toddlerhood, from preschool to elementary school and beyond.

We know that research shows that supporting your child's education at home is critical to their ongoing success. One of the best ways you can do that is to have conversations about school. There isn't one right way, one perfect question, or one right time to have these conversations.

Here are some conversation starters that will help you stay involved:

- "Let's see what you brought home."

Look at completed work to find out what your child is learning and how well he or she is doing.

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

PTA Corner

Next Meeting March 13, 7pm

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!



Follow BA on Social Media

- “Show me what you have for homework.”

It’s your child’s job to do their homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure your child understands what to do by having him or her explain it to you. The most important homework they can do is to read nightly.

- “Describe a book you enjoyed today.”

This gives you an idea of what your child prefers to read. Then, you can build a daily reading habit by asking what they would like to read before bed.

- “Tell me what you learned about that you’d like to know more about.”

Use their interests as jumping off points for activities to share.

Brittan Acres Author, Salpi Dunlap

BA mom, Salpi Dunlap, has published a book called “Stay True” with her daughter, London. It’s about helping kids stay true to themselves by being grateful, present, and kind. This book offers practical guidance and thoughtful conversation-provoking questions so you can connect with your child on a deeper level. It’s been added to the Kindness curriculum at BA.

If you’d like to order a copy, please send an email to howtostaytrue@gmail.com. For each book sold, \$1 will be donated to BA!

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PTA News

SCSD Budget News!

Thank you to everyone who made it out for the Community Meetings on February 11 and 12. Dr. Harmeier sent a Budget Update email on 2.15.19, which outlines the current process, recommended budget trims and information on how YOU can make a difference. If you missed the email visit the [Budget Advisory Committee webpage](#).

Opportunities to Get Involved in the PTA....

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



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.

PTA Meetings: All Parents Are Welcome to Attend

Engage with our principal, teachers, and other involved parents on second Wednesdays at 7pm in the BA Library. The Bruin Village needs your voice!

- March 13
- April 10
- May 8

TK/K/1 Parents: Step Into a PTA Position NEXT YEAR!

Each year, nearly twenty BA parents share their time and perspectives while serving on the PTA Board. From August to June, we advocate for our students, build community with each other, and get behind-the-scenes insight into BA and the District. If you want to make a big impact on your child's BA experience, this is how you do it!

NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! New-to-BA parents are especially welcome. 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.

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!)

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[Read-a-thon Logs Due Tomorrow!](#)

It is time to turn in those Read-A-Thon reading logs. Please remind your child to turn in his or her completed Read-A-Thon reading log by this Tuesday, Feb. 26th. Students can turn their logs in to their teachers or directly to the box in the front office.

All logs must be turned in on time to be eligible for the class prizes. If the students have reached our goal of reading 65,000 minutes, a special recess will be awarded to the entire school.

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Thank You Book Fair Week Volunteers!

The PTA would like to recognize and post a special THANK YOU to all of the parent, grandparent, BA staff and teacher volunteers who helped make our DINO-mite Book Fair and Family Night a fun and great success. These events could not have happened without YOU!

Extra special thanks to Hilary Briant, Ruzanna Avagyan and Jackie Ghio for putting together our fantastic Family Night.

And an EXTRA EXTRA thank you to Jenny Goines, Alin Gedekian and Karen Ha for countless hours putting together the Book Fair and Celebrate Reading Family night. WOW!! What an accomplishment!

The volunteers listed [HERE](#) along with our wonderful weekly classroom library volunteers made these events happen.

We appreciate any feedback regarding the Book Fair, Family Night or the Read-A-Thon. Please contact JennyAGoines@gmail.com or Alin Gedikian at gomamarun@gmail.com with your feedback.

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District News

[Teacher Curriculum Institute \(TCI\) History Alive](#) program for grades 6-8. Staff presented to the School Board on Feb 14, 2019 regarding the adoption process and highlights of the program. Please see the school board agenda for Feb 14, 2019 if you would like to see a copy of the presentation. The Board will then take action by approving this adoption at the meeting of the board on February 28. In addition, parents may also view the history materials at the school district office from February 25-28, from 8am-4pm. An overview of the program is also available at: <https://www.teachtci.com/>. Please contact SCSD Curriculum Coordinator, Sarah Orton, at sorton@scsdk8.org, or by replying to this email with any questions you may have.

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.



SCEF News

The SCEF GALA is just around the corner!

Join your friends across the district at the annual SCEF Starlight Gala. It is a fabulous night of dinner and dancing with live and silent auctions.

March 9, 2019 at Sharon Heights Country Club

Get your Gala tickets now! www.scefkids.org/events

Get your Lucky On Live tickets!

Can't attend the Gala? Have family and friends who would like one of our spectacular Gala auction items? Purchase a Lucky on Live raffle ticket. For the purchase of a ticket the lucky winner can choose from a selection of valuable Starlight Gala live auction items. See all eligible items at

www.scefkids.org/lo2019

Only 275 tickets will be sold! If you would like to purchase raffle tickets send an email to luckyonlive@scefkids.org noting how many you would like and which auction item you would select if you are the winner. Tickets are \$100 each or 6 for \$500

Thank you Teachers & Staff

A HUGE thank you to our amazing teachers and staff for their generosity and creativity for this year's SCEF online auction. And a big THANK YOU to YOU for purchasing the auction items and supporting SCEF.

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