



The Blast

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Monday, January 28, 2019

Principal's Message

At Brittan Acres, we focus daily on the power of kindness; however, Kindness Week is one special week from Feb 4-8. During this time, we'll focus even more on performing as many acts of kindness as possible at school, home and in the community. We will provide students with random acts of kindness activities to help inspire ideas. The students take it from there, proving that bullying is weak and kindness is strong.

As our Brittan Acres campus engages in Kindness Week, we encourage adopting the mantra of kindness every day. And, we can practice and encourage random acts of kindness in big and small ways. "Kindness changes the brain by the experience of kindness," Patty O'Grady, PhD, said to Edutopia. "Children and adolescents do not learn kindness by only thinking about it and talking about it. Kindness is best learned by feeling it so that they can reproduce it." Together we can all encourage one another to do more of the following:

- KEEP AN OPEN MIND
- SMILE
- FORGIVE
- PRACTICE GRATITUDE LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART

- February 18-22: No School/ Presidents' Week

PTA Corner

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!



Follow BA on Social Media

- FIND SOLUTIONS
- HOLD ONTO HOPE
- PAY IT FORWARD
- LAUGH AT YOUR MISTAKES
- CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Thank you in advance for helping create a culture of kindness and compassion in our school. [Click here](#) for a family Kindness Checklist to use at home. The work we do during this special week will only emphasize what we strive to accomplish every day in our school, which is to create a safe and welcoming environment for all. If you are interested in volunteering to support our Kindness Week please check out our link, [Kindness Week Volunteering](#).

With Gratitude,

Ms. Waslif

Community Meeting Regarding Budget Stabilization Plan

Superintendent Harmeier will be hosting community meetings for parents, staff and community to attend so you can learn more about our budget and the proposed Budget Stabilization Plan, weigh in, and get answers to your questions. The two community meetings are:

- 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.

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PTA News: BA Library Refresh - Thank You Volunteers!

A huge thank you to the individuals and families who gave up part of their Saturday morning to move furniture and books from our library in preparation for its face lift. We had an amazing crew who tackled a big job and knocked it out of the park – fast! You'll see their handiwork in the elegantly stacked furniture in the corridor outside the library and the approximately 200 boxes of books now stored on the

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



MU stage. A special shout out to all the kids who showed up and really helped. It was amazing to see how excited they were to contribute to the upgrade of their library.

Thank you to: Jennifer Anderson-Rosse, Toni & Dave Binetti, Kristin & Billy Byrnes, Jacqueline Ghio-Bisbiglia, Karen Ha, Anne Marie Hendrickson, Jenna Hubbert, Matt Linden, Wendy Moore, Katy Mossawir, Megan Scatena, Tyler & Freya, Esther Wang, Stella Yacobian, Val, Mike – and all your amazing kids! And apologies to those volunteers whose names are not captured here or are only partially complete. We are trying to track you down to thank you properly!

Next up: new carpet and new shelving. Stay tuned!

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Come To Maverick Jack's This Wednesday!

Come to Maverick Jack's this Wednesday for a BA PTA Fundraiser! Dine in or take out anytime between 11am - 9pm on January 30th. Mention Brittan Acres and the school receives 20% of sales! (3rd party delivery services, like DoorDash, do not apply.) Maverick Jack's is located at 622 Laurel Street, San Carlos. Wednesday is a minimum day - a great time to meet friends for lunch. Take time off from cooking and support our school!

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Author Visit 2nd and 3rd Grades - Mac Barnett - February 1st

We are very excited to announce that Mac Barnett, author of Triangle, Square, Sam and Dave Dig a Hole and countless others, will be visiting BA on February 1st to read and debut his newest Mac B Kid Spy: The Impossible Crime. He is an amazing author and an even greater speaker.

While this assembly is only for 2/3, he has written some great picture books, so be sure to look him up at the library and the Reading Bug.

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

Stomp, Chomp and READ! Our annual PTA sponsored Book Fair is coming. For the week of February 11th-15th, our library will transform into a large Scholastic Book Store. 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 in the MU before or after you shop the Fair. After shopping, join us for a campfire sing along and some fun dino activities.

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

Check out the interactive book fair flyer online [HERE](#). Up to 50% of the proceeds from our Book Fair and Online Fair will go directly back to our PTA.

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District News

<http://evite.me/nT5MU7SbuK>

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](#).

[RSVP](#)

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

Healthy Cities: [Perfect Pairings](#). Contact Cris Adair (cadair@healthycitiestutoring.org) with questions. Thank you!

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SCEF News

SCEF Starlight Gala

Enjoy an adult night out. Make a plan with a few of your favorite couples and buy a table. Have some fun, make some memories!

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

March 9, 2019 at Sharon Heights Country Club. Gala tickets are now available at: www.scefkids.org/events . Don't miss out!

Teacher Auctions Start February 4th!

Laser 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!

Teacher Auctions Starting February, 4th at 10am.
www.scefkids.org/events

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