



# The Blast

Brittan Acres School | Weekly Messenger

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Monday, November 26, 2018

### Principal's Message

Brittan Acres Families,

It was great to see so many families engaged in deep conversations about teaching and learning last week during Parent/Teacher conferences. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. I also understand that, due to the cancellation of school on Friday, November 16 a number of families were unable to attend their conference. We will be rescheduling conferences the week of November 26, and we thank you for your flexibility and patience.

Research suggest that one key to a child's academic success is having "engaged" parents. Parent teacher conferences are just one of many opportunities to engage further in developing positive and respectful relationships with teachers. Now that you've reviewed your child's progress report during parent teacher conferences, it's time to review their progress report with them, and to set goals for next trimester.

Instilling a mindset about taking responsibility for learning is critical for student progress and growth. Goal setting has many benefits. It cultivates a mindset that learning is ongoing and improvement is

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

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## Community Update

[here](#) to register online.

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## Easy Money Fundraising

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!



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## Follow BA on Social Media

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

continuous. It motivates students. Achieving goals builds confidence. It allows students to self monitor along the way to make changes and celebrate successes

Students need support and guidance in setting goals for themselves. Here are a few tips that I always keep in mind when setting goals with students. Goals should be student driven with teacher/parent support and guidance. They should be specific, realistic and developmentally appropriate. Goal setting should include parents. Parents play an important role in supporting and encouraging their child in reaching their goals. Goals do not always have to be academic. Some examples may be kindness, respect, honesty, patience, perseverance, confidence and responsibility. Goals should have a step by step action plan with a clear path of the process to reaching the goal.

[Click here](#) to download a SMART goal template for your family. If you have any questions about connecting with myself or any other staff member, please contact me at [cwaslif@scsdk8.org](mailto:cwaslif@scsdk8.org) or (650) 508-7307

I am always available to Brittan Acres families, so do not hesitate to reach out.

Ms. Waslif



## PTA News

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### **BA Holiday Boutique- Volunteers Needed on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1**

The BA holiday boutique will be open for holiday shopping THIS FRIDAY afternoon and SATURDAY morning in the Brittan Acres Multi-Use Room. This annual tradition, hosted by our PTA, allows our students to experience the joy of shopping independently (or with a big kid helper) and choosing gifts for their loved ones. All gift items are hand crafted or assembled by our BA community - [here's a peek](#) at some of the creations that will be for sale.

Today, your child will be bringing home a flyer with a budget envelope. Take some time to help your child make a list of recipients and allot a budget for each person. On Friday, we encourage younger students and those who can't make it on Saturday to attend. On Saturday, the boutique is open to only students from 9-11am. At 11, the boutique will open to parents and the community. The Bruin Cafe and Scholastic Book Sale will be open on both days.



**There are still volunteer spots that need to be filled.** Please consider helping to ensure this year's event is a great success. Here's how you and your family can participate:

- Volunteer in the Boutique (set-up, cashier, gift wrapper, shopper helper, etc.)
- 4th grade and older? Volunteer to be a Big Kid Helper at the Saturday sale.
- Like to bake? Contribute something yummy for the Bruin Café.
- Like to craft? We welcome all handmade gift donations to sell at the Boutique (cards, sewn items, ornaments, etc.).
- Musician? We'd love for you to play some holiday songs while our students' shop.

Please [sign up here](#) for a volunteering spot.

### **Earn for BA while Holiday Shopping!**

You can make a difference every time you shop this holiday season - Holiday cards, Amazon purchases, even groceries! Simply use Brittan Acres' designated links and a percentage of your purchases will automatically be donated to the BA PTA — at no cost to you! Help support the many wonderful PTA programs such as Art-in-Action, BUGS, Danny G, teacher appreciation events, family fun and more.

**Shopping for Holiday Cards?** Shutterfly and Tiny Prints will donate up to 13% of sales when you shop the BA storefront: [www.brittanacres.shutterflystorefront.com](http://www.brittanacres.shutterflystorefront.com).

You could be earning for BA every time you shop Amazon! Amazon donates up to 6% of sales when you use the unique BA url every time you shop. (Link <https://www.amazon.com/?tag=britacrelem-20>) Make sure to bookmark the link and use it each time you shop.

**Sign-up for eScrip!** Shop local grocers and restaurants who give back to BA (Bianchini's, Lucky's, Lunardi's, Pranzi, Asya, Nino's, Hobee's and many more). Sign-in at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and select Brittan Acres as one of your three beneficiaries. Input credit, debit, and grocery cards and remember to key in your phone number at check-out.

**Shop the Reading Bug!** Reading Bug donates 5% of sales to the BA library when you mention BA at checkout.

Questions? Contact [fundraising@brittanacres.org](mailto:fundraising@brittanacres.org).

**Still looking for a Parliamentarian for the PTA Board**

Are you feeling like you want to get involved but don't know what to do? Please consider joining the PTA Board. As we kick off the new year, we are looking for a Parliamentarian. Not only does this role make sure our PTA is following the correct meeting procedures, but it is most critical in helping with new Board elections through creating a nominating committee and managing the election process. The busiest time for this role is January through April.

Please consider if this might be of interest to you. In addition to adding your voice as we seek to make a positive impact on each child's experience at school, it's a great way to get connected and build community. It takes a Village! Jump on in!

Contact [ptapresident@brittanacres.org](mailto:ptapresident@brittanacres.org)

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## District News

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### **SMART-E Community Engagement Meeting**

SCSD will be hosting a SMART-E Community Engagement Meeting on Wednesday, December 5th at Heather School from 7-8:30 PM. Input gathered from this meeting will help the District with planning for the next year of SMART-E extended day and enrichment program. In addition to the Community Engagement Meeting, parents will be receiving a survey designed to help the District evaluate our SMART-E extended day and enrichment programs and learn more about the needs of our parents. Please plan to attend the event and consider providing input on the survey.

### **Safe Route to School Transportation Survey**

Please take 5 minutes to complete the linked survey. Your feedback allows us to adjust Safe Routes to School (SRTS) education and encouragement program features to best meet the needs of each individual school. Results will also be shared with decision makers throughout the county who can address infrastructure issues regarding safe walking and biking.

English Link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/1819\\_English](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/1819_English)

Spanish Link: <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/1819Spanish>

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## **SCEF News**

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### **Donate Early**

As we enter the last weeks of 2018, we request that you consider making your SCEF Annual Fund donation earlier than usual. NOW is the time to do it! Take advantage of possible 2018 tax deductions by making a gift of cash or stock to SCEF before December 31st. As our district faces challenging budget issues, SCEF would like to be able to provide a good estimate of our grant to Superintendent Harmeier and her team by March 30, 2019. Making your donation earlier in the school year will provide the district a better understanding of our community's commitment to quality education in our San Carlos public schools. Thank you for your consideration. Donate now at: [www.scefkids.org/donate](http://www.scefkids.org/donate)

### **Sports Basement Shopping Day to Benefit SCEF**

On Thursday, November 29th, Sports Basement is inviting everyone in the San Carlos School District to a very special shopping day. Come see the new store in Redwood City, at 202 Walnut St. Mention SCEF as your beneficiary when you sign up for Basementeers and receive 20% off your entire purchase all day long! SCEF is a beneficiary of the Basementeers program and will get 10% of all sales. Join us at the 6pm reception, get all of your winter gear, and raise money for all of our schools!

### **SCEF Christmas tree and wreath fundraiser with Honey Bear Trees**

Buy your Christmas tree and wreath at Honey Bear Trees and SCEF will receive 15% of your purchase price! Bring a copy of the flyer to take advantage of this offer. Tree lot locations and flyer can be found at: [www.scefkids.org/hbt](http://www.scefkids.org/hbt)

### **SCEF Raffle for Spring Vacation, March 30-April 6, 2019**

Win a 7 day/6-night Vacation Rental for Spring 2019 at the Sheraton Vistana Resort Villas at Lake Buena Vista in Orlando. Make your family's Florida vacation dream come true! Drawing on November 30, 2018 at 7pm during Night of Holiday Lights on Laurel Street in San Carlos. To purchase raffle tickets, email: [raffle@scefkids.org](mailto:raffle@scefkids.org) indicating how many tickets you would like to purchase. 1 ticket for \$25, 3 for \$60, 5 for \$100.

### **Season of Thanks**

The SCEF board of directors is grateful for our local business community and its support. Visit the SCEF shopping page to see a list of our local business donors. Please be sure to thank them for their support of our schools when you shop. [www.scefkids.org/take-action/families/shop-local/](http://www.scefkids.org/take-action/families/shop-local/)

**Take a break!**

After the hectic holiday season, take a break and enjoy: Teppanyaki dinner at Sakura, San Carlos on Jan 23 2019 or Tea Party at Lovejoy's, Redwood City on Feb 9 2019.  
Buy your tickets and check out other fun parties at: [www.scefkids.org/events](http://www.scefkids.org/events)

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