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Monday November 5, 2018

Principal's Message

SCEF Day

As we settle into our school routine, I want to thank you for the many ways you make a difference at Brittan Acres Elementary, volunteering in classrooms, supporting students at home and attending special events here at school.

The funds that parents give to the PTA support our many enrichment and community-building events that make the school year memorable and fun. In addition, the PTA supports additional classroom funds, Art in Action, Artist in Residency, school beautification and special school projects.

The San Carlos Education Foundation (SCEF) provides funding to support smaller class sizes, field trips, science curriculum, technology support and devices, Music for Minors, school counselors and a school site principal flex fund.

These programs are vital to providing a well-rounded, quality education to our students. They enrich our students' everyday learning experience.

Mark Your Calendars

- San Car-Less Day: Weds 11/7
- PTA Meeting: Weds 11/14
- Spirit Day (BA Wear): Fri 11/30
- BA Holiday Boutique: Fri 11/30
- BA Holiday Boutique: Sat 12/01

Volunteer

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

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!



In addition, SCEF supports our teachers with the Educator Innovation Fund that promotes creativity and aids project-based learning.

Wednesday, November 7th is the first SCEF day of this year. Please have your student wear green or school colors on Wednesday. If you haven't already done so, consider making a donation to SCEF. Support from parents like you is critical to help sustain and enhance the education we provide to our students.

School Site Council @ BA

Brittan Acres is seeking volunteers for our School Site Council (SSC). The SSC oversees BA's site-based budgeting and reviews and analyzes student data. In addition, the SSC solicits community input, including feedback around school-wide programs. Additionally, the council assists the principal and teachers in developing the academic plan and site budget.

Parent Principal Coffee

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, the Parent/Principal Coffee scheduled for November 8th has been cancelled.

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PTA News

Thank You for Supporting Your BA PTA!

Way to go Brittan Acres! Thank you to the 200 plus Brittan Acres families who joined the Bruin Village or collected Walk-a-Jog pledges! Thanks to our generous BA community, we exceeded our PTA fundraising goal raising over \$63,000 and ensuring continued support for our many fantastic PTA programs:

• Teacher Supplies (\$600 per classroom) • Art in Action • Buses for Field Trips • Library Books • Teacher Hospitality (Monthly Staff Lunches) • Walk-A-Jog T-Shirts • Fall/Spring Clean-Up • Abilities Awareness • BUGS • Artist in Residence (Danny G) • Playground Equipment • Healthy Cities Tutoring • Art Supplies • Welcome Day • 3rd Grade Graduation T-Shirts • MakerSpace • Assemblies • Natives Plants Garden • Classroom socials • Special Projects • Try it Truck

We are so grateful to the entire BA community for pouring your time, money and hearts into these programs and our fantastic school community. Go Bruins!

Follow BA on Social Media

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



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Holiday Boutique - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1

To welcome in the holiday season, BA family and friends convert the Multi-Use room into our very own Holiday Boutique! This annual tradition 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 and priced between \$1-\$5.

On Saturday morning from 9-11am, the Boutique is for students only--parents are welcome to check out our Book Sale or have a cup of coffee and treat at the Bruin Cafe while their children shop (sale is open to parents/families/community 11am-noon). Our team of Big Kid Helpers (including BA alumni) is on hand to assist younger children with gift selections and budgets. This is a joyful Brittan Acres tradition, but we need your help to make this event 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.

All sign-up sheets can be found here: <http://signup.com/go/KVBPPsB>

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Sticks & Stumps Needed For the Nature Park!

We are looking for extra branches, sticks and stumps of all sizes. The Nature Park is opening soon and we could use more supplies for the students to build forts, fairy houses, and more. If you have any, drop them off in the Nature Park or email John Moretti -jmoretti@gmail.com- to help with delivery.

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San Car-LESS Day Is Coming November 7th!

Walking, scootering, and biking to school is a great way to improve our community, our environment, and our bodies. In an effort to keep fewer cars on our roads and to encourage healthy habits, we celebrate San Car-LESS Days on the first Wednesday of every month. Please consider leaving enough time in your morning routine to walk, scooter, or bike to school with your child this week, or carpool if driving is required. Every child who participates earns a little "foot" token to wear on their backpack. Kids often express pride as their collection grows over the course of the year. Volunteers will be handing out the tokens to those kids who walk, scoot, bike, or carpool to school. Please contact tawnya.elrod@gmail.com if you have a student group that wants to participate. Thanks to everyone for helping to improve our school community, our natural environment, and our bodies!

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November Staff Appreciation: TK-1 Families

November Staff Appreciation Day is coming up. This month Grades TK-1 will sponsor a Baked Potato Bar for our awesome staff.

Please sign up (using this link <http://signup.com/go/yuLzmXa>) to bring an item on Wednesday, November 14th. Please drop off your item(s) in the staff lounge by 9 am. Thank you!

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SCEF News

SCEF Day is November 7

Wear green and show your support for SCEF! Donate at: www.scefkids.org/donate

Every donation supports vital programs like libraries, PE, Music, Band and Orchestra, Middle School Electives and more. Make a positive impact on the everyday learning experience of every child in our San Carlos public schools.

8th Annual Halloween Candy Buy-Back

Enjoy some of your Halloween treats and then donate the rest! Drop-off your Halloween candy at your school's office until November 7th. Local dentists Drs. Amin, Chang and Kaher will donate \$1 per pound

of wrapped candy to SCEF, and Operation Gratitude with Estes Express Shipping will ship the candy to our troops overseas.

Support our troops and support your school!

Get Your Faculty and Friends Concert Tickets Now!

<https://www.scefkids.org/events>

On November 9th, join our SCSD music teachers, local musicians and community members for an evening of live music. This popular event, held at St. Charles Church in San Carlos, is great for the whole family. Refreshments will be available for sale at intermission. Support SCEF, music in our schools and enjoy our local musicians.

Sports Basement

On Thursday, November 15th, 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 (in the old Toys R Us location), sign up for Basemementers and receive 20% off your entire purchase all day long! SCEF is a beneficiary of their Basemementeer program & will receive 10% of all sales.

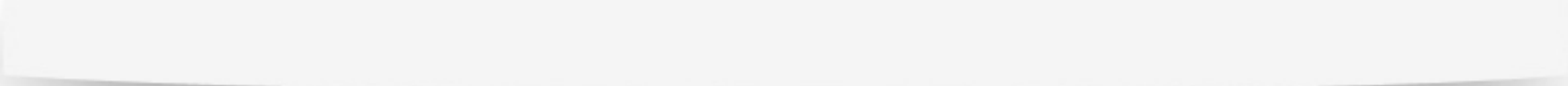
There is a reception at 6pm.

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