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Principal's Message

Professional Development

Professional development is the strategy schools and school districts use to ensure that educators continue to strengthen their practice throughout their career. Our teachers learn and problem solve together in order to ensure all students achieve success. You may have noticed that we have had several substitute teachers at Brittan Acres lately. This is due, in large part, to our district-wide PD to support continuous learning and development for our BA classroom teachers. Over the past few months, our teachers have attended Lucy Calkins Readers/Writers Workshop trainings, and, in mathematics, teachers have received workshops on our current math adoption, Math in Focus. Throughout the remainder of this

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

[October Meeting Minutes](#)

Mark Your Calendars

- [Walk-A-Jog: Sunday Oct 21](#)
 - Halloween Parade: 10/31
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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

year, our teachers will continue to attend additional trainings in both Reader's/Writer's workshop and Math In Focus.

Lost and Found

Every day our students take a few minutes to collect forgotten items and bring them to the lost and found located near our office. Parents, please stop by our Lost and Found and gather any forgotten items that are yours. Remember to write your child's full name and classroom number on all jackets, sweaters, water bottles and lunch boxes. Thank you for your cooperation.

E-Subscriptions Support Personalized Learning/School-to-Home Connection

In an effort to support our Strategic Plan of Personalized Learning, Brittan Acres students have been provided with the following online subscriptions. Not every grade level has chosen the same online learning platform, so please do check in with your child's teacher to obtain their password and login information.

- Raz Kids: leveled books and quizzes
- Reading A-Z : Leveled library with lesson plans
- Spelling City: Online spelling program
- Todo Math: Math Skills for K-5
- Dream Box: Math Skills
- Relex Math: Math fluency & practice with facts
- Brain Pop Jr.: Learning Games & Animated movies
- IXL: Games & Activities for all subjects
- Smart Cookie: Math games
- Typing Club: Typing skills
- Newsela: Content reading and comprehension on non-fiction and fiction
- Mystery Science: Science lessons

Halloween Parade

will automatically be donated to the Brittan Acres PTA - at no cost to you!



Follow BA on Social Media

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



Please join us for our annual Halloween Parade on 10/31 @ 8:40 on the upper playground. Students will be receiving a flyer with additional details. Don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions.

Healthy Cities Tutoring

Healthy Cities Tutoring News

It's almost here... Become a tutor!

Hoping you can join us on Wednesday, Oct. 17 for a training and orientation to become a Healthy Cities tutor!

There are two (identical) sessions being offered: 8:30-10:30 am and 6:30-8:30 pm. Both sessions are being held at White Oaks School, 1901 White Oak Way.

As a volunteer, you can choose which school is best for you, as well as the most convenient day and time. Tutoring is just 45 minutes once a week, and no prior experience is required.

Please help us fulfill this student's wish:

6. Do you have any ideas on how we can make the program better?

Get more tutor & like mine.



PTA News

Walk-A-Jog: Important Final Details

Walk-A-Jog is less than a week away - this Sunday, October 21st. It's not too late to register (although we can't guarantee your child will receive a tshirt) – sign up on event day at the registration desk.

Walk A Jog Checklist

- Bag packing day is this Thursday from 8:30-10am in the MU Room. Sign up [here](#) if you can help!
- WAJ Bags will go home with your child's t-shirt, carnival wristbands, meal tickets on Thursday
- Kids wear your WAJ shirt to school on Friday!
- Click here for the [event schedule](#).
- Sign-up for a Carnival Booth Shift through your classroom Shutterfly site
- The BBQ still needs volunteers. Email bawalkajog@gmail.com if you can help with any of the following shifts: 8-10am, 9:30am-11:30am or 11:30am-1:30 pm. Please include your desired shift.

Donations are still needed for carnival booths!

Drop off Mystery Wall items to 789 Cedar St. Donation bins on the front porch. Sign up for the [Bake Sale](#).

FAMILIES IN NEED: funds are available for your child / children to go to WAJ. Please contact Ms. Waslif at cwaslif@scsdk8.org. Questions? Email bawalkajog@gmail.com.

Fundraising & WAJ Pledges

Thanks to our generous BA community who have joined the Bruin Village or collected WAJ pledges, we are 85% of the way toward our PTA fundraising goal! Although we have created our Bruin Village campaign, all families are invited to collect pledges for Walk-A-Jog and raise funds for BA. WAJ Pledges are a great way to enlist our community of family and friends to help support our school! An online pledge page was created automatically for your child on the DoJiggy site during the registration process at brittanacres.dojiggy.com. Alternatively, the banner deadline has passed, but it's not too late to join the Bruin Village at bapta.myschoolcentral.com. If your employer offers donation matching, we request that you match your SCEF donation first. If your employer allows additional matching, please consider matching your PTA donation too.

YOUR PTA DOLLARS AT WORK....Artist in Residence!

Your Brittan Acres PTA is happy to sponsor our Artist in Residence Program with Danny G! The program will be led by dance instructor/choreographer Danny Giray, better known as Danny G, who is well-known for his work with children in schools and programs all around the Bay Area. Danny has been a featured Artist in Residence at Brittan Acres over the last few years and is always a hit with the students and parents!

Starting today, October 15, he will be leading sessions for all of our 3rd grade students and a lunchtime dance club for 1st and 2nd grade students that have signed up. All sessions will lead up to an exciting performance displaying all that the students have learned. This program is being paid for by your PTA - thank you for donating to the Bruin Village fundraising program and helping to provide fantastic opportunities for our students!

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Nature Park Volunteers Needed...Join the Team!

One of the most loved recess activities for students is to visit the Nature Park!! Whether it's to build forts and fairy houses or just find a quiet area to read or draw, the Nature Park is a magical space for students to experience. We are in need of 5-8 more volunteers to supervise the Nature Park in order to open the space to our kids during lunch recess. If you are available between 12-1pm, this is a great opportunity for you to get involved! Please contact our Nature Park lead - John Moretti - jmoretti@gmail.com if you are interested in getting more information.

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BA - Pumpkin Decorating Contest is Coming!

BA's pumpkin decorating contest is almost here! All students are welcome to submit their pumpkin before class on Halloween, located outside at the Amphitheater next to the MU. Pumpkins will be judged on the following categories: Funniest, Scariest, Biggest, Smallest, Most Original, and Best Dressed. All submissions will receive a special treat!

We need your help to make this long standing BA tradition a success! Please sign-up to help [here](#) or contact Michele Tomas: mtomas@gmail.com

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SCEF News

Set up a Recurring Donation for SCEF

Did you know that you can make a monthly recurring donation over the year, instead of a one time gift? For example, a \$1,200 donation can be given as a \$100 gift each month, year round. If this is a better fit for your family's budget or you want to avoid the end of the year scramble enroll here: <https://www.scefkids.org/donate>

Get your Faculty and Friends Concert tickets now!

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

On November 9 at 7pm, 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.

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