



# The Blast

Brittan Acres School | Weekly Messenger

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Monday, May 13, 2019

## Principal's Message

Brittan Acres Families,

On Wednesday, May 8 the grassroots organization, Stand Up For Public Schools held a rally along El Camino Real. This district-wide event was organized by Brittan Acres parent Beth Rowell and Charter Learning Center parent Katherine Sherman as well as Brittan Acres parents Natasha Melley, Allison Chang and our PTA Executive Board Members.

Brittan Acres families as well as staff showed up *en masse* for the rally. What a wonderful coming together of the Brittan Acres community. The rally was the perfect opportunity to issue a call to action for increased K-12 public school funding.

A special thank you to BA parent Esther Chen who organized ABC news coverage of this parent led advocacy event. News coverage put our school in the spotlight featuring BA kindergartener Liam Wang (Esther's son) as well as our very own second grade teacher and SCTA Union President, Dan Liner and first grade teacher, Brandon Roslin. ([click here to view the media coverage](#)).

## Mark Your Calendars

- May 18: Hometown Days Parade
- May 20-24: Multicultural Week
- May 21: Author Visit
- June 4: School Board Candidate Information Session
- June 7: Try It Truck (Grades 2&3)
- June 15: Arroyo Bike Tour

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## PTA Corner

- April Meeting [Minutes](#)

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## Have School News to Share?

Submit your Brittan Acres related news [here](#) by the Wednesday prior to publication.

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## Community Corner

U8 - U14 (Players born between 2012 & 2006): May 3 - May 23, 2019

Not only did our parent leaders organize the rally but they also spearheaded a campaign to gather signatures calling for their state representatives to...

- Negotiate for bigger increase in General Fund expenditure for K-12 in this year's budget.
- Support K-12 public school supplement for regional cost of living in the state budget starting in 2019-2020
- Support Assembly Bill 39, increase the funding targets for K-12 per pupil in the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)

I'm grateful to all who joined together to advocate for our students and our schools!

Here are some of the photos from the event:

U15-U19 (Players born between 2005 - 2002): May 10 - May 30, 2019  
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!

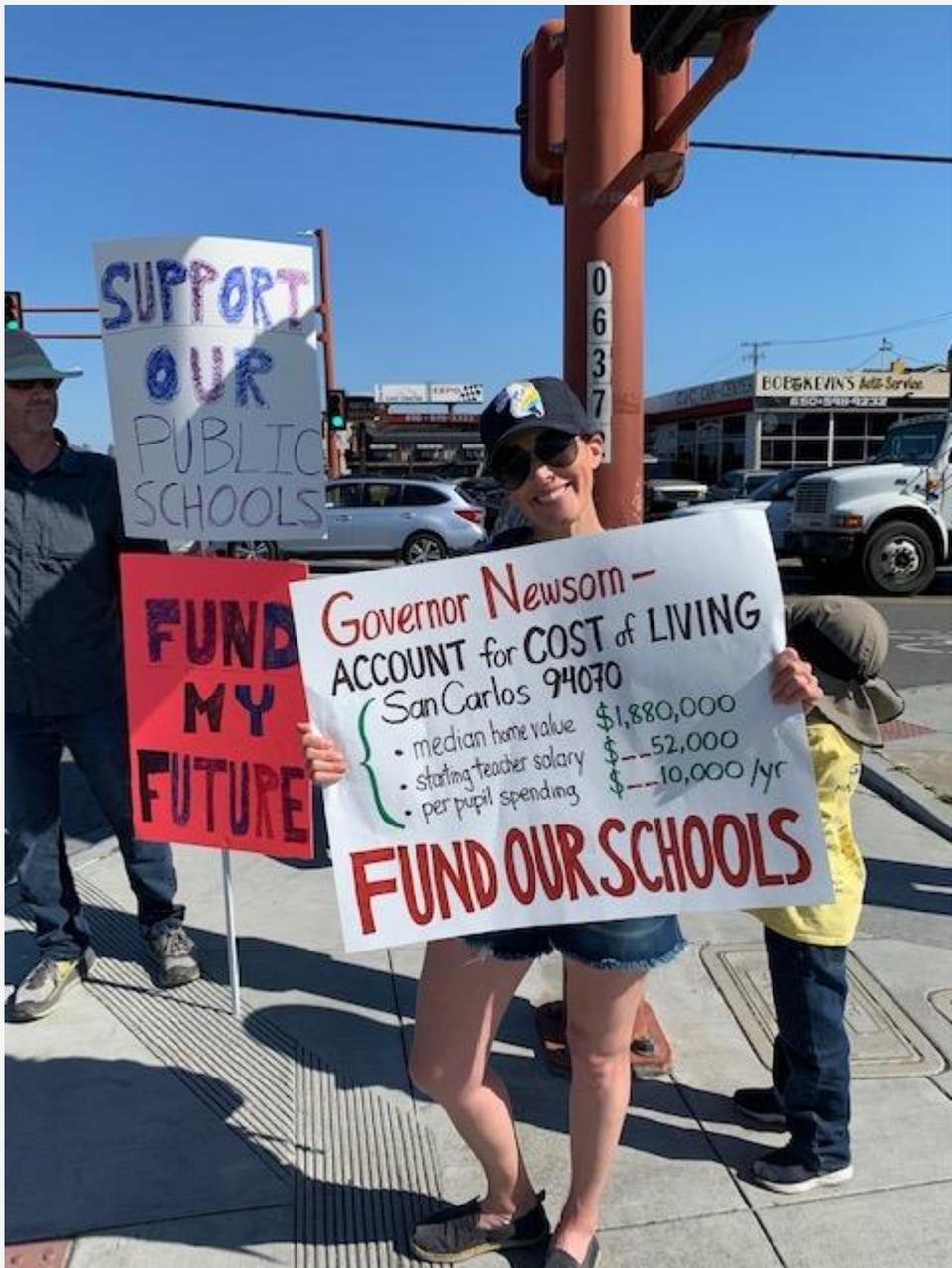


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Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for up-to-date info on events and issues!







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• starting teacher salary \$--52,000  
• per pupil spending \$--10,000 /yr  
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## A Special Message from Ms Waslif

Happy Mother's Day to our Brittan Acres mothers! Our mothers are such an important part of our lives and who we are, as are our grandmothers, our aunties and all those special women in our lives because:

- They guide us and share their values.
- They are a rock of strength and source of protection when we need comforting.
- They help to mould our minds when they share with us their wisdom and are role models who help us reach our potential.
- Their guidance and support make us better people.

Our mothers work hard and make many sacrifices for us. On Mother's Day we appreciate and thank our mothers and other special women in our lives. Time spent with our mothers on Mother's Day and every day, acknowledges her value in your life.

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and the special women in our BA community!

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## PTA News

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The BA PTA sends a big shout out to \*everyone\* who made our rally a success! Let's be proud that we made our voices heard across the Peninsula--and in Sacramento!

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## BA Village: Volunteers Needed for 2019-2020

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The PTA is looking to fill some KEY positions for next year! Please consider how you can participate. Grab a friend and jump in. Here are a few KEY roles that need to be filled:

- BA Blast Editor
- Hot Lunch
- Yearbook
- Clean Up Day
- Walk-A-Jog Shadows (2)

Click the link to sign up: <http://signup.com/go/qYgoTOA>

Please consider how you might be able to get involved. There is opportunity for everyone - both small and large! It's a great way to make a difference in your child's experience and build community. It takes a Village... jump on in! Questions- contact [ptapresident@brittanacres.org](mailto:ptapresident@brittanacres.org)

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## Walk-a-Jog T-shirt Design Contest

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Calling all artists in grades K-2! It is time for our annual Walk-a-Jog (WAJ) T-shirt Design Contest. The winner will have their design proudly displayed on all WAJ T-shirts next year. We will announce the winner at the WAJ assembly in the

fall and they will receive a Ten Toes Gift Certificate. Your child should have received a form in their folder today, Monday, May 13. All designs must be submitted by Friday, May 24, 2019 to be eligible.

Please contact Angie Jongejan or Lauren Miskelly, at [bawalkajog@gmail.com](mailto:bawalkajog@gmail.com) with questions.

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## Lost and Found

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Please collect your children's belongings by Friday May 31st! After Friday May 31st the lost and found will be cleared out. All items turned in after May 31st will be available for pick up until the last day of school. (If you are not regularly on campus, all families can check before or after open house on May 30th to have a look.)

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## Hometown Days Parade - Next Weekend!

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The Hometown Days Parade is next weekend. On Saturday, May 18th, we want YOU to walk with us in the parade! We need as many BA students, parents, siblings, and family members as possible to walk, bike, or scoot with us. Throw on your best BA gear and join us at 9am to show the town what Brittan Acres is all about.

Any current student who walks with our school group gets a free recess as a reward! More details on meeting location to come, but grab your whole family and plan on meeting at 9am on Cedar near Central Middle School.

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## BA Collecting Gently Used Books for Hometown Days

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We are now collecting gently used books, all types of books: baby board books, children books and adult books for the San Carlos Elementary School Hometown Days book sale! Proceeds from the sale go to our four libraries to help fund on the fly purchases at bookstores, bookfairs, etc. Drop books off any time at the library! Then come visit us under the awning of the Arbor Bay School on Sat. and Sun. during hometown days, you are sure to find a treasure or two. Prices are a steal. If you love books, you can sign up for a spot to "work the booth". Thank you all for your support!

Karen, BA Librarian.

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## Time to Return Your Library Books!

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June is quickly approaching and it's time to get those books back to the library. The library will close for checking out on May 24. Get those books in!

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## Multicultural Week Volunteers Needed

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Our PTA's celebration of culture and diversity is coming up on May 20-24. Sign up to share about a country or cultural heritage (30 minutes). Contact Ann Lou ([annkimlou@yahoo.com](mailto:annkimlou@yahoo.com)) to get information about how you can help! We also need volunteers to take photos, make posters, hang up maps, and to help with the Flag Parade and the cultural dance lesson on Wednesday May 22.

Use this link to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/nZHvkr>

Multicultural Week allows us to show students the importance of understanding each other's cultures. Thanks to wonderful volunteers like you, our PTA is able to provide amazing programs like Multicultural Week to hundreds of BA students.

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## Author Visit May 21!

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Pseudonymous Bosch will be visiting BA to talk about his newest book: The Unbelievable Oliver and the Four Jokers. The assembly is for Grades 1-3. Get a signed copy by clicking this link for the Reading Bug. Orders due May 14. Get 'em while they are hot! <https://www.thereadingbug.com/visit/bosch521>

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## SCEF News

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### Make It Happen In May!

While SCEF's fiscal year ends in June, we are on a campaign to reach our fundraising goal by May 31st in hopes of minimizing budget reductions. If the School Board has the estimated SCEF Grant for the 2019-20 school year in June, they can consider this estimate in their final budget deliberations.

Check out our flyer with more information at: <http://scefkids.org/scefdays-2019>

To understand how your donation to SCEF makes a difference to your child's education, watch our video at: <http://www.scefkids.org/2019video>

Go to <http://www.scefkids.org/donate> to make your donation or add to your gift this year. Gifts of any size are appreciated and will make a real difference for our kids. If you are going to donate via payroll deduction with your employer please act now as it can take up to 8 weeks for funds to be received by SCEF.

**Thank you to our community!**

A heartfelt thank you to our generous community for helping make SCEF Day an important part of our fundraising campaign, and Revel @ Devil's a HUGE success. And, thank you for your advocacy for public schools.

**SCEF Concert at Hometown Days**

Kick off Hometown Days with a free family concert and dinner at Burton Park. The concert featuring our middle schools' music programs (and award winning jazz musicians) starts at 5pm . There will be a couple of food trucks, or you can bring your own food. Come enjoy the festivities!

**June 14, 2019 is San Carlos Night at Oracle Park!**

Join parents and community members for the 2019 San Carlos Night at SF Giants. Hear our students sing the National Anthem before the game & watch the Giants take on the Milwaukee Brewers (gametime is 7:15 P.M. ). Stay after the game for FIREWORKS!!!

Tickets available at San Carlos Youth Center from April 8.  
Cash or Check only.

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## District News

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