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- March 6, San Car-Less Day
- March 8: Principal's Coffee
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- March 13: PTA Meeting

Monday March 4, 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

The safety of our students is one of our greatest concerns. As principal of Brittan Acres school, it is my priority to maintain our student's safety when traveling to and from school. It's critical that we adhere to our school community traffic safety rules. Lately, we have experienced an increase in unsafe practices. Please take a few minutes to review the traffic safety guidelines for dropping off and picking up students and using the crosswalk at school. We need your continued help and cooperation in order to maintain everyone's safety.

Drop off/pick up area: This area is designed to facilitate dropping off and picking up your children. This area is not always being used safely.

- Parents, please pull all the way forward when waiting for your children, and do not double park.
- Please have your child ready to exit the vehicle when you arrive at the school. It is hard to keep the flow of traffic running smoothly.
- Do not encourage or ask that your children run across traffic to get to your parked car. Always use crosswalks, if available.

- March 18-22: Ability Awareness Week
- March 29: Spirit Day
- April 1-5: Spring Break

PTA Corner

- **Next Meeting March 13, 7pm**
- **Check out the PTA news section to see how you can get involved**

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!



- Please have your child exit out the right side of the vehicle. It is not safe for them to exit on the left into the thru lane.

School Zone and Crosswalk: The legal speed limit in front of our school is 25 mph. ALL vehicles are required by law to follow these limits. Please control your speed in front of the school for everyone's safety. The legal code for California states that motor vehicles must yield to pedestrians at a crosswalk. Please be courteous to those walking and be aware of pedestrians, not only at the crosswalk, but also at street corners near our school. Please drive slowly and stop for pedestrians.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to help with the crosswalk program. If you are interested in helping, please let us know. We would like to thank you for your attention to these issues. The safety of our children is everyone's responsibility and only by working together can we ensure that our children travel to and from school as safely as possible!

Warmest Regards,
Ms. Waslif
Principal, Brittan Acres

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Parent Principal Coffee - This Friday, 8:45am

Please join Ms Waslif Friday after drop-off in our newly refurbished library for a chance to chat about what matters to your family at Brittan Acres.

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PTA News

SCSD Budget Update

Many of you are aware that our School District is in the middle of a budget stabilization plan. The PTA encourages you to stay engaged!! We hope you have read the email that Dr. Harmeier sent on Friday evening. We also hope you will watch the video from the [2/28 School Board meeting](#).

Dr. Harmeier and the School Board are listening to the community! You are invited to share your thoughts about the budget now through May 1st by sending an email to budget@scsdk8.org. The Budget Advisory Committee will use this input as it continues to make recommendations to staff as it develops our budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

Follow BA on Social Media

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



Opportunities to Get Involved in the PTA....

Being an active member of the PTA is the best way to keep up with what's happening at BA and to advocate directly for the issues you care about most.

PTA Meetings: All Parents Are Welcome to Attend

Engage with our principal, teachers, and other involved parents on second Wednesdays at 7pm in the BA Library. The Bruin Village needs your voice!

- March 13
- April 10
- May 8

TK/K/1 Parents: Step Into a PTA Position NEXT YEAR!

Each year, nearly twenty BA parents share their time and perspectives while serving on the PTA Board. From August to June, we advocate for our students, build community with each other, and get behind-the-scenes insight into BA and the District. If you want to make a big impact on your child's BA experience, this is how you do it!

NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY! New-to-BA parents are especially welcome. Reach out to our Parliamentarian [Allison Chang](#) so we can chat about position(s) that may interest you. See the [PTA section](#) of the BA website for more information.

PTA BOARD: OPEN ROLES (2019-2020)

- Executive Vice-President (Co-President)
- Communications Chair
- Recording Secretary
- SCEF Partnership Chair
- STEAM Chair (new!)
- Events Chair (new!)
- Programs Chair (new!)
- Services Chair (new!)

Good at planning celebrations? Do you have a 3rd grader?

The PTA is looking for two (2) people to plan the 3rd grade End of Year Celebration which will be held on Monday, June 10. The goal is to plan an experience for the 3rd grade students to celebrate with their classmates. The event is on campus during the second half of the school day. This will be about a 5 hour commitment. Grab a friend and sign up online at signup.com - <http://signup.com/go/cgKhhSK> For questions, contact ptapresident@brittanacres.org

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Multicultural Week Volunteer Meetings

You're invited to an informational meeting about BA's Multicultural Week—when it is (May 20-24), what's happening in your classroom, flag parade, cultural dance lesson, photographs, world maps and more. Students love when we bring traditions from around the world to BA during Multicultural week.

This is a wonderful opportunity to represent your favorite country and share cultural traditions with your child's class. We welcome parents, grandparents, relatives and friends.

Choose one of these meeting times:

- **Monday, March 4 at 8:30-9:30am in BA Library**
- **Wednesday, March 6 at 8:30-9:30am in BA Library**

Please RSVP to annkimlou@yahoo.com with which meeting you will attend. Bring a friend! We'll provide lucky candy, foreign currency, poster boards, and other goodies.

If you can't make those times, please send a message to annkimlou@yahoo.com.

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San Car-LESS Day Is Coming March 6th!

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, 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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Join The Arroyo PTA Team in 2019-2020

The Central Arroyo PTA is beginning to plan for next year. If your third grader is heading on to Arroyo School, please consider getting involved to support our students and strengthen our school community! Key positions include: PTA Co-President, Arroyo Newsletter Editor, Stampede & Soar Fun Run Leads, Fundraising Chair, Membership Chair and 4th/5th Halloween Party Co-Chairs.

Contact PTA Co-Presidents Leslie Ostrander or Beth Rowell for more information on how you can make a difference.

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District News

[Click here for the complete calendar.](#)

Want to be involved? Email 2020chairs@chickensball.org School liasons, musicians, actors, singers, dancers, extras, set and costume designers, set builders and painters, those who sew, stage crew, etc. ALL are welcome. Come join the fun and the unique San Carlos time honored tradition!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-support-group-san-carlos-school-district-tickets-53717537601>

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SCEF News

Last chance to participate in the fantastic auction items at the Gala!

Purchase a Lucky on Live raffle ticket and you could be the lucky winner! Choose from a selection of valuable Starlight Gala live auction items. See all eligible items at www.scefkids.org/lol2019

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets send an email to luckyonlive@scefkids.org noting how many you would like and which auction item you would select if you are the winner.

Only 275 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$100 each or 6 for \$500.

Teacher Auctions

Did you miss out on grabbing a spot for your child to go on their teacher's outing?
The POST EVENT "auction" site has over 300 spots in 85 outings still available!
All spots are for sale at Fixed, Buy-it-Now prices. Check them out at: <https://scefkids2019.ggo.bid>

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