



# Brightwood News

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## Principal's Message

The Alhambra Unified School District is implementing Positive Behavior Support (PBS) models at all 18 elementary and high schools.

At Brightwood School, our PBS focuses on four key components, and we collectively refer to them as S.T.A.R.:

**S** = Safety First

**T** = Try Your Best

**A** = Accountable for Your Actions

**R** = Respect Everyone and Everything



Students will be learning about this throughout the year. Make sure to ask them to share what they have already started learning about S.T.A.R. in their classes, and remind them everyday that we want them to be Brightwood S.T.A.R.s at school. ☺

We will be sharing more information about PBS and S.T.A.R. in future issues of our school newsletter and at parent meetings.



On behalf of Brightwood School's entire staff, we would like to wish our students and their families a wonderful holiday season, a restful winter break, and a happy new year.

We will see you when school resumes on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019!

December 2018

### Dates to Remember

#### DECEMBER

**07:** Star Student Ceremony

**10-14:** ASB Holiday Grams for Sale

**12:** PTA Board Meeting 6:30pm Off-Site

**14-20:** PTA Holiday Boutique - Library

**17-20:** ASB Spirit Week

**21: Minimum Day**

**21:** Non-Uniform Day: Winter/Holidays

**24-01/04: Winter Break**

#### JANUARY

**07:** School Resumes

**09:** Gr. 8 Language Challenge Test

**11:** PTA Magic Night 5:30pm Cafetorium

**16:** PTA Board Meeting 6:30pm Cafetorium

## The Imagination Machine

One of our students' favorite assemblies each year is *The Imagination Machine*, which turns students' writing pieces into exciting and hilarious skits. We would like to congratulate this year's selected authors. We look forward to seeing their stories brought to life on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>:

• Kindergarten: Vanessa Yang

• 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Genevi Ng

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Vivienne Dinh

• 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Jeffrey Snyder

• 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Nathan Chang & Jayson Kuang

• 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Aaliyah Arellano

• 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Katie Chung & Elizabeth Rock

• 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Camilla Chan

• 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Joseph Cimarusti, Sherry Deng, Sophie Pan & Karen Shi

Thank you to our PTA, who provides the funding for this assembly each year.

## SPARK OF LOVE TOY DRIVE

Now through December 19<sup>th</sup>

Donations of new, unwrapped toys and sports equipment can be brought to the school office

Thank you for helping us brighten the holidays for local needy families!

## Important Announcements and Reminders:

☞ **PTA Thanksgiving Drive:** Thanks to your generosity, PTA was able to purchase a full Thanksgiving dinner for 25 Brightwood families last month. We would like to especially acknowledge the students in Mr. Rocha's and Mrs. Iwata-Goan's 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Their classes donated over \$450 each!

☞ **ASB Spirit Week:** Student Council has organized a Spirit Week during the week before Winter Break. We invite students to participate by dressing according to these themes:

• December 17<sup>th</sup>: Marvel Monday

• December 18<sup>th</sup>: Twinning Tuesday

• December 19<sup>th</sup>: Wear-One-Color Wednesday

• December 20<sup>th</sup>: Sweater Weather Thursday

Please note that Spirit Days are NOT non-uniform days. Students who do not dress according to the theme must come to school in their uniforms. We often have an increased number of tardies on spirit days and non-uniform days. Students should select what they are going to wear the evening before, so they do not have to rush as much in the morning. Excessive tardies may result in fewer Spirit Days and non-uniform days in the future. ☺

☞ **Class Activities/Celebrations:** As a reminder, if you need to drop off anything for class celebrations/activities (i.e., treats, gifts, potluck items), you must first clear this with your child's teacher. If the teacher does not inform the office staff that they are expecting the items, we will not be able to accept them, in accordance with the No Drop-Off policy. Thank you.

☞ **Tree Donation:** We would like to thank *Present Perfect Nursery* in Pasadena for their donation of a Christmas tree to Brightwood's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2019. The tree will be part of 8<sup>th</sup> grade's community service field trip and will be brought to Kei-Ai Nursing Home on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. While they are at Kei-Ai, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will sing and dance for residents, decorate the tree with student-made origami ornaments, and distribute small gifts. We appreciate *Present Perfect Nursery* and their generosity to our school and to Kei-Ai Nursing Home.

☞ **Holiday Grams:** Student Council will be selling holiday grams December 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> during all recesses. Grams will be delivered on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

☞ **PTA Holiday Boutique:** PTA will host its annual Holiday Boutique in the school library from December 14<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. The Holiday Boutique is intended to give students the opportunity to purchase affordable gift items for family members and friends.

☞ **Please Be Safe:** As the rainy season approaches, please be mindful of reduced visibility in poor weather conditions. We request that parents show extra caution at arrival and dismissal times during this time of year. It is especially dangerous for those who jaywalk when crossing the street because drivers may have a harder time seeing you and/or stopping quickly.

☞ **December 21<sup>st</sup>:** The day before Winter Break will be a minimum day. Please make sure your child is picked up on time, as the office will be closing early that day. Thank you!

Please Visit the Brightwood School Website: [www.BrightwoodElementary.org](http://www.BrightwoodElementary.org)  
and the Brightwood PTA Website: [www.BrightwoodSchool.Weebly.com](http://www.BrightwoodSchool.Weebly.com).