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Monday June 3, 2019

Principal's Message

This year Brittan Acres says goodbye to our beloved teacher Candace Richard (Candy). After a celebrated 34 year career in education, Candy is retiring at the end of this school year. Candy knew she wanted to be a teacher when she was in second grade. A budding teacher from a young age, she taught her younger sister to read. Even back then her natural teaching abilities were evident.

Candy's teaching career began 34 years ago in a small town near Chico, California where she taught Kindergarten for three years. Shortly thereafter, she relocated to the Bay Area and for eight years, she taught for the Millbrae school district. After enrolling her son in Kindergarten at Brittan Acres (BA), she was drawn to the tight knit community and nurturing environment; she knew this was where she had to be. When a position became available two years later she seized the moment and became BA's new first grade teacher.

Admittedly, a 34 year career has many highlights. For the greater part of Candy's 23 years at BA, she co-taught with Lisa Berriatua. Together they established a successful Kindergarten/First grade looping program. They co-created a two year curriculum that included intensive small group instruction in literacy, mathematics and science where students receive instruction at their individualized

- June 7: Try It Truck (Grades 2&3)
- June 12: Last Day of School (*minimum day, early dismissal*)
- June 15: Arroyo Bike Tour

PTA Corner

- April Meeting [Minutes](#)

Have School News to Share?

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

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

developmental levels. Candy cherishes her partnership with Lisa; it was as she puts it, “an amazing partnership-she made me a better teacher.”

Candy has the keen ability to connect with her students, which has allowed her to forge tight bonds with many of our BA families. Teaching students for two consecutive years affords her the opportunity to get to know her students on a deeper level, knowing how they learn, and intimately understanding their individual learning styles and unique learning needs. One BA family, the Spottiswood’s, were fortunate to have her for eight continuous years. She taught all four of the Spottiswood children and developed relationships that continue to this day. Mrs. Spottiswood said, “Candy knew the outcomes she wanted and she channeled the children’s natural curiosity and energy to achieve those outcomes, rather than forcing them through rote exercises and strict discipline. She set high expectations for the children and because she believed in them, they believed in themselves.”

It is widely known that teaching first grade is a monumental endeavor; it’s the year our students learn to read. Some of the most rewarding moments of Candy’s day happen when she’s teaching reading and a student is struggling and then — suddenly — a light bulb goes off. And all of a sudden, it clicks. And when that happens, she see the student’s eyes light up, and they say ‘I get it, I get it!’ and they’re not just saying it, they really get it, they’re reading. Not only did Candy’s kindergarten and first grade students benefit from her talent, but so did several of our struggling second and third graders through Candy’s after school Reading Club..

Candy is a lifelong learner. Many educators at the end of their careers would ease into retirement. Not Candy! She has spent the past few years earning her Master’s degree in Reading. As part of her Master’s thesis project, she developed an after school literacy program that is now fondly known as, the BA Reading Club.

Candy wakes up every morning looking forward to her teaching day. As she puts it, “I’ve never not wanted to go to work.” She will miss the excitement and positivity of her students. “They appreciate everything I bring to the classroom, even my sense of humor-they actually think I’m funny.”

Candy, the BA staff has learned so much because of you. Mrs. Corea, second grade BA teacher said, “Candy has long been a leader on our staff. She is knowledgeable and generous and a joy to work with. She cares about kids and their families. Her enthusiasm for teaching and education is contagious. Year after year, Candy gets kids at the beginning of their educational career and works with them tirelessly in an age appropriate way so that they leave her as excited little scholars ready to take on their educational years. When you receive a child from Candy’s class they come to you prepared and it is a joy to continue to work with the spark she has ignited.”

You encouraged us to be the best we could be and we will always be thankful to you for all your hard work. Thank you for believing in our students, for guiding through example, for inspiring with passion, for living through loving, for leaving an indelible mark on the future. You have made all the difference! For your devotion, dedication and hard work, you deserve the best retirement ever. Enjoy this new journey

Brittan Acres PTA - at no cost to you!



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of your life in Oregon with your husband George. Cherish every moment and have fun! The vacancy you'll leave behind may be filled in, the position you had may be held by others, but in our hearts, you're simply irreplaceable. We're going to miss you!

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PTA News

Looking for...Clean Up Day Co-Leads for 2019-2020

Help beautify our school! Co-Leads will gather teacher requests, put in new plants, weed, provide paint touch ups if needed or anything else to beautify our school. Work with vendors in San Carlos to get donations such as mulch, plants etc.

Any questions please feel free to contact Ashley (Ashley.Matter@gmail.com) or Natasha (natashamelley77@gmail.com)

Sign up at: <http://signup.com/go/qYgoTOA>

The PTA has other important Lead roles that need to be filled:

- Hot Lunch Coordinators
- Walk-A-Jog Shadows (2)
- Yearbook photographers

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

SAVE-THE-DATE for Welcome Day: Sunday August 18, from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Please join us the Sunday before school starts for our BA Welcome Day. Come find out who's in your child's class, reconnect with friends, find your classroom and explore the campus. Classroom and PTA signups will be available. The upper playground will be open and we'll have light food and beverages! Don't miss it!

We are looking for help for this event. Please sign up:<https://signup.com/go/pRLiyLB>

YOUR PTA Dollars at Work - Thank You for Supporting Your BA PTA!

As we look back on the year, we want to thank our generous BA community for supporting BA both with

countless volunteer hours and financial contributions. Your BA PTA has provided fantastic programs and services AND a new Library Refresh!! Other highlights include:

- 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 • Assemblies • Natives Plants Garden • Classroom socials

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!

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here [to help](#).

Schedule:

Session 1: 9:05-10:20am (2nd grade) - Ms. Chan, Ms. Mencher

Session 2: 10:35-11:50am (2nd grade) - Ms. Corea, Mr. Liner

Session 3: 12:50-2:05pm (3rd grade) - Ms. Melton, Ms. Hawkins, Ms.

Lansing

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Wednesday - Last San Car-less Day of the Year!

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. Thank you everyone who participated this school year. We appreciate everyone helping to improve our school community, our natural environment, and our bodies!

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End of Year Fun Day (TK-2), Wednesday June 5th

We are celebrating TK-2nd graders, please join in on the fun! sign up to help with setup, cleanup or fun stations such as bubbles and tattoos. Be a part of the fun. We have many time slots available check all options and sign up if you can. Parents are invited (no younger siblings due to high number of student attendees) <https://signup.com/go/nPkWnYo>

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SCEF News

SCEF Fiscal Year ends June 30th. Your giving is as important NOW, as ever!

Help us meet and exceed the SCEF fundraising goal of \$2.5 million. We are still working hard to minimize reductions for next year's budget. Every dollar over our goal goes directly towards minimizing reductions for next school year.

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.

Celebrate the end of the school year with your San Carlos friends and the SF Giants on FRIDAY, June 14th !

Join parents and community members for 2019 San Carlos Night at SF Giants.

Take the train and enjoy the trip! More information

here: http://www.caltrain.com/Assets/_Marketing/pdf/2019+Giants+Brochure.pdf

Hear our students sing the National Anthem before the game and watch the Giants take on the Milwaukee Brewers. Game time is 7:15 P.M

Stay after the game for FIREWORKS!!!

Giants Tickets are still available at the San Carlos Youth Center at Burton Park. Cash or check only.

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<http://evite.me/A61EqVHCvV> June 3 6:30-8:30PM at the San Carlos Youth Center.

<http://evite.me/Tk6G3bzTQY>



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