



# The Blast

Brittan Acres School | Weekly Messenger

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## Mark Your Calendars

Monday, March 18, 2019

### Principal's Message

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Dear Brittan Acres Parents,

This Friday, March 22 second trimester report cards will be sent home. We hope you will have an opportunity to review your child's progress report card and consider this as one measure of your child's overall progress both academically and socially. Rather than focusing solely on the progress grade report, we encourage you to regard your child's markings as part of an ongoing conversation about your child's education.

Progress Reports are a great way to notice and celebrate accomplishments, as well as a tool to help set explicit goals for the upcoming trimester or the remainder of this school year.

Goal setting is a vital component of our lives and a key to long-term success. Teaching children the art of goal setting is a gradual practice and tends to start on the small scale; however, goal setting can apply long beyond elementary school.

- March 18-22: Ability Awareness Week
- March 22: Parent Coffee with Arroyo Principal, 8:30am
- March 29: Spirit Day
- April 1-5: Spring Break
- April 12: Parent Principal Coffee

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## PTA Corner

- [March Meeting Agenda](#)

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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.

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## BA School Site Council

### BA School Site Council Meeting Minutes

[Here](#) are the minutes from the 03/07/2019 BA school site council meeting.

[Amazon](#) and [eScrip](#) rewards programs and a percentage of your purchases will automatically be

If your child is new to the goal-setting process, you will want to explain what a goal is. This might also be a good conversation for older kids who have been part of classroom goal-setting in the past or even set their own personal goals.

Most schools use the SMART guidelines when teaching children to set goals, which are a great tool for setting effective goals at home as well, be they academic or personal.

After you have reviewed your child's progress report with them, use this [SMART goal template](#) to collaboratively set goals with your child.

Encourage your children to try different ways of wording their goals (but keep the approach positive—what they want to do).

Goal-setting, like so many activities, improves with time and practice. So keep working on it with your child. Repeat the process regularly. Keep it fresh and fun.

If you have any questions, or would like to meet with your child's teacher regarding their progress report please feel free to contact us. We are very proud of our student's progress and celebrate their many accomplishments.

Warmest Regards,

Ms. Waslif

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## PTA News

### Last PTA Board Roles Available for 2019-2020 - We need YOU!

Looking for a new way to volunteer next year? Make a big impact on your child's BA experience by serving on the PTA Board!

PTA BOARD: OPEN ROLES (2019-2020)

- Communications Chair - plan our strategy across all channels
- Recording Secretary - take minutes at PTA meetings (2nd Wednesdays)
- Financial Secretary - work with Treasurer to manage PTA funds
- STEAM Chair (new!) - creative direction for school-day enrichments (BUGS, etc.)

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



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## Follow BA on Social Media

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



- Services Chair (new!) - oversee team leads (Hot Lunch, Yearbook, etc.)

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY: outgoing Board members will train you! Reach out to Parliamentarian [Allison Chang](#) to chat about position(s) that may interest you. See the [PTA section](#) of the BA website for more information.

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## Abilities Awareness Week - THIS WEEK

Please support Abilities Awareness Week. Here are the activities that are happening this week:

- March 19: Canine Companions Assembly at BA
- March 19: 7pm, Growth Mindset At Heather School
- March 20: Puppet Show at BA
- March 21: World Down Syndrome Day - Wear odd socks to school
- March 21; Adaptive Arts Assembly at BA
- March 22: 6:30pm, Movie Night at Heather School featuring the film, "Soul Surfer"
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## Danny G - 1st and 2nd Grade Lunch Club - PERFORMANCE - Thursday, March 28th, 8:45am

If your 1st or 2nd grader has been participating in the Fall Dance (aka Danny G) Lunch Club, please plan to attend their final performance on THURSDAY, March 28th. First grade is from 8:45-9:15. Second grade is 9:30 - 10:00. Both in the MUR. Your child has been working hard each week with our Artist in Residence, Danny Giray, in preparation for this event. 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! We hope to see you there! Questions: contact Sally at [sally.vuong@gmail.com](mailto:sally.vuong@gmail.com).

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## Save-The-Date: April 14th, Spring Clean-Up Day

Please mark your calendars and Save the Date for this year's Spring Clean up day on Sunday April 14 from 10am-2pm. It's fun in the sun (we hope!) and gets our school looking great!

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## Parent Coffee with Arroyo Principal At Brittan Acres

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Join us on Friday, March 22nd at 8:30am in the BA MUR for an informal opportunity for 3rd grade parents to meet the principals, learn about Arroyo and ask questions in a relaxed setting. White Oaks and Brittan Acres parents welcome!

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## The Try It Truck Returns to BA!

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The Try It Truck will visit BA from the Bay Area Discovery Museum, the leader in the Bay Area that inspires creativity and making in young children. TK-1st grade will participate on April 18th and 2nd & 3rd graders on May 30th. This is a great opportunity to volunteer to help your child's class or other classes with a fun, hands-on learning experience. Please sign-up [here](#).

### Try It Truck Schedule

#### **4/18/19 - K-1st Grade**

Try It Truck arrives to school: 7:30am

Setup: 7:30-8:45am

Session 1: 8:45-10:00am - (K/1 + TK) - Ms. Richard, Ms. B., Ms. Erwig

Session 2: 10:25-11:40am (K) - Ms. Lee, Ms. Mecchi, Ms. Edgington

Session 3: 12:25-1:40pm (1st grade) - Mr. Roslin, Mrs. Muskat, Ms. Layten

Cleanup: 1:40-2:40pm

Try It Truck leaves school: 2:40pm

#### **2nd & 3rd Grade Try it Truck time and date TBD**

#### **For more information about Try-It Truck, I've included details below:**

The Try It Truck is BADM's engineering-lab-on-wheels, and an exciting way to share our engaging STEM programming. Bring the Try It Truck to your school, library, or community organization to provide hands-on early engineering experiences to young learners. Try It Truck programming engages children in grades kindergarten through fifth grade with BADM's engineering design process of "Think, Make, Try," which they'll use to solve creative challenges and test out new ideas. Try It Truck programming also introduces students to high- and low-tech tools, and encourages them to take risks. Want more information? Visit their website [here](#).

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## Have You Ordered Your 2018-2019 Yearbook Yet?

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Order your Brittan Acres Yearbook online and complete your free personal pages by April 25th:

- For New Students, create an account and purchase by visiting:  
<https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=1013474677094825>
- For Continuing Students who have purchased a yearbook before, purchase by visiting:  
<https://tr5.treering.com/signin>

Your purchase includes 70 pages of printed copy of the yearbook and 2 free pages that you can customize with personal photos. Your 2 custom pages can be completed online anytime, prior to the due date April 25, 2019. If you don't wish to personalize the two custom pages, you can still order a memorable BA standard yearbook. Final yearbook will be delivered to your child's classroom during the last week of school. If you have any questions, please contact [Ruzanna25@outlook.com](mailto:Ruzanna25@outlook.com).

- Order Due Date: April 25, 2019
- Price: \$20.00

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## Chicken's Ball 2019

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Do you want to be part of the oldest competition in San Carlos? Do you have the charm, the looks, the charisma to join the fun of Chickens' Ball? Chickens' Ball is the oldest school district fundraiser, raising money for schools through hilarious skits, song and dance since 1940. You are invited to attend one of the upcoming Chickens' Ball Skit Writing meetings: April 13, 2019 10:00am-11:30am at San Carlos Library, Room A and April 30, 2019 7:30pm -9pm at San Carlos Library, Room A. Send 1 or more person to the meeting to get all the information you need to write the skit for the show.

Follow with Chickens' Ball on Facebook @Chickensball

Contact your PTA group to learn more!

Photo: Members of the 2018 Chickens' Ball Steering Committee



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## District News

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**Ability Awareness Week**  
[www.kidztopros.com](http://www.kidztopros.com).

[this link](#) and purchase your free ticket.

[www.cityofsancarlos.org/earthdaysignup](http://www.cityofsancarlos.org/earthdaysignup).

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## SCEF News

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**REVEL AT DEVIL'S!**

On May 4, 2019 , join us at for the annual community event at Devil's Canyon and enjoy live music by

the Best of the 80s: Tainted Love!

Ticket price is \$75 per person and \$35 per teacher/staff. Price includes entrance to Devil's Canyon, one drink ticket, as well as dinner from food trucks & dessert table.

Buy your tickets now and pick one up for your favorite educator too!

Go to: [www.scefkids.org/reveltickets](http://www.scefkids.org/reveltickets)

**Did You Miss Out?**

Did you miss out on Gala online auction items, or grabbing a spot for your child to go on their teacher's outing? The POST EVENT auction site has many items still available! All teacher outings are for sale at Fixed, Buy-it-Now prices.

Check them out at: <https://scefkids2019.ggo.bid>

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