



# The Blast

Brittan Acres School | Weekly Messenger

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Monday, August 20, 2018

## Principal's Message

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Dear Brittan Acres Families,

Welcome New Families and Welcome Back Returning Families! We are looking forward to a wonderful year here at Brittan Acres Elementary. We encourage you to read this email communication, The Blast, each and every week. The Blast will help you learn about our school and community events and keep you informed. Our PTA will have messages for you in the Blast, and I will be sending separate messages to your email on a regular basis. Although we make every attempt to keep you informed please do not hesitate to reach out to our school office, or to me personally, if you have any questions or concerns.

Ms. Waslif  
Principal, Brittan Acres

## A Fabulous PTA Welcome Day!

Thank you to all those who attended Brittan Acres Welcome Day! A special thank you to the PTA for arranging this fabulous community event. It was also a great opportunity for some of our new students to explore the campus and see where their classroom will be this year. Community events such as this

remind us of how fortunate we are to be a part of the BA family! Last week, I sent a message to all families with information on upcoming events and a few school events. As a reminder, here are a couple of the most important dates in the next two weeks to mark on your calendars.:

- First Day of School: Wednesday August 22
- Welcome Coffee: Wednesday August 22, from 8:35am-10:00am
  - After dropping off your students, please celebrate the beginning of a great year ahead with a Welcome Coffee in the Multi-Use Room (MUR) from 8:35 am-10:00 am.
- Back to School Night (BTSN): Tuesday August 28, from 5:30pm - 8:00pm
  - Next Tuesday is Back to School Night, please plan to attend. Teachers will review their educational program, expectations for students, classroom procedures, and how parents can support the school-to-home connection.

**BTSN Schedule:**

5:30-6:30 TK, K, 1 Classrooms & Special Services

6:30-7:00 Principal and PTA Welcome

7:00-8:00 2nd and 3rd Grade Classrooms

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## PTA News

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We are excited to kick-off another year at BA! It takes a village to make Brittan Acres such a spectacular school and community. There are 3 easy ways to get involved and join the BA Village!

### 1 - JOIN THE BRUIN VILLAGE (NEW this year!)

Our school relies on fundraising to support the many incredible programs throughout the year. This year, Brittan Acres is piloting a new program, called [The Bruin Village](#). The Bruin Village consolidates PTA fundraising, making donating simpler for families and enabling our PTA to more effectively budget and plan programs based on funds raised early in the school year.

Your one-time PTA donation of \$250 per student will help us reach our goal and will give your family many benefits including -

- One-time PTA donation for the school year allowing more efficient spending
- No need for your child or family to collect pledges for Walk-a-Jog
- An immediate impact during this school year
- Family PTA membership
- Family recognition on our Bruin Village Roster that will be proudly displayed at all school community events

DONATE TODAY! Go to <https://bapta.myschoolcentral.com/> to become a member of the Bruin Village. For more information about the Bruin Village fundraising program, click [here](#).

## **2 - VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME**

Volunteering is a great way to build community while supporting students. There are lots of options - some bigger and some smaller - some during school hours and many that can be done from home. It takes a village and we need you!

- Volunteer for a [PTA sponsored program/event](#)
- Volunteer in your [child's classroom](#)

For more information on ways to Volunteer at Brittan Acres, please visit [Volunteer Opportunities](#).

## **3 - SAVE-THE-DATE**

Mark your calendar for all the fun [Brittan Acres community events and school-wide programs!](#)

The Brittan Acres PTA looks forward to an incredible year! Thank you in advance for your efforts and contributions! It really does take a village! For questions please contact [PTApresident@brittanacres.org](mailto:PTApresident@brittanacres.org).

## **Your PTA Dollars at Work!**

Your PTA has been busy over the summer working to make our school beautiful!! Make sure to check out the newly painted patios and the PTA Giving Tree on the MU wall (THANK YOU, Lisa Miller, former Art teacher)!!! And don't miss the BUGS garden...it's got NEW planter boxes (THANK YOU, Kate Pfaff and team)! And, finally, head into the library to see our new computer tables (THANK YOU, Marta Eisenberg & Teresa McDermitt and Ms. Hubbart). What a welcome back for our deserving students! All these upgrades were able to be completed because we exceeded our fundraising goal last year. Thank you to all who helped make this happen...it takes a Village!!

Your Bruin Village donations will make a huge difference for our kids! All PTA contributions will directly benefit Brittan Acres. In addition to the programs below, if we exceed our goal, we are planning a Library "refresh" designed to modernize our library and to encourage your children to find the joy in reading. A big THANK YOU to Hamilton Aitken Architects for donating their time for the masterfully designed renderings.

Please read more about the incredible [programs your PTA dollars support](#).

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## **BA Merchandise Sale - Orders Due Monday, September 10th**

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Show your Bruin pride and stock up on BA tees, hats, and jackets! Shop [online](#) or look for an order form in your child's backpack.

All orders are due by **Monday, September 10th**. Samples will be available to try on for size on select days after school. See our flyer for the exact dates and times. All purchased items will be delivered to your child's classroom by mid-October.

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## **A Message from Superintendent Dr. Michelle Harmeier**

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Welcome SCSD Families,

The San Carlos School District provides an unparalleled educational experience for all students from preschool through eighth grade. Our [Strategic Plan](#) is a groundbreaking document that examines how to rethink public education for the 21st Century. This plan outlines the vision, strategy, direction, and goals of SCSD. The plan is an evolving, living document that guides our work and programs. The Strategic Plan focuses on the three pillars: 1. Developing and delivering innovative and engaging curriculum and instruction 2. Leveraging human capital to support staff as 21st century educators 3. Building learning environments that reflect, support, and sustain 21st century learners. I invite you to get involved in your child's education through volunteering, attending school events and supporting your PTA and San Carlos Education Foundation (SCEF).

Thank you for being a part of the San Carlos School District community!

Michelle Harmeier, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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