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Join the Bruin Village

[Click here](#) to make your contribution TODAY!

Mark Your Calendars

PTA Meeting: Weds Sept 12
Fall Cleanup Day: Sun Sept 23

Monday, September 10, 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Brittan Acres Families,

Please know that your child's safety, well-being, and security are our number one priority. We help students prepare for emergency situations each month by practicing either a fire, earthquake or lockdown drill. Drills are conducted in a sensitive, non-frightening manner to teach behaviors that maximize safety. Students are told that lockdown drills are conducted to address what to do if something unsafe is outside of the school. We never communicate graphic or scary scenarios to students during drills.

We also work closely with San Carlos School District officials, San Mateo County Sheriff's Department, and other related emergency services to practice and prepare our students and staff on safety procedures. We review preparedness and safety routines, train for a variety of contingencies and circumstances, and stay up-to-date on current protocols and procedures for a variety of emergency situations.

Classroom Socials: Sept 24-48
Spirit Day: Friday Sept 28

[Walk-A-Jog: Sunday Oct 21](#)

VOLUNTEER

[Volunteer at BA](#) to build community and support our students. There are lots of in class and at home roles to choose from.

Fundraising Rewards

Participate in our [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!



Follow BA on Social Media

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

We are always looking for ways to improve and refine communications and collaborations. It is important that your child's emergency contact information is updated every year and includes as many trusted and reliable current contacts as possible.

Here are some of the safety precautions we have in place at Brittan Acres:

- Our School Safety plan is updated annually. All staff are assigned to different roles in case of an emergency and a chain of command is established.
- Our doors and entrances to the campus are locked during the school day.
- We have a visitor/volunteer sign-in book in the front office, and issued a sticker to wear.
- All staff have two-way radios which allow us to remain in contact with each other.

We ask that you please help us in keeping our campus safe, by adhering to our gate hours on our upper and lower (kindergarten) playgrounds. They are as follows:

Our Kindergarten and front school gates are closed daily at 8:25 a.m. The front gate, kindergarten and upper playground gates are closed again at 2:45 p.m. For our kindergarten families the gate is opened and closed throughout the day to allow for Early and Late Bird arrivals and departures. I understand that many families are accustomed to playing after school on the kindergarten playground; however, we are asking that you please abide by our safety rules as it is to ensure the security of all staff and students alike.

The safety of our students is our number one priority, but safety is a team effort! You and your students are key players in staying safe! Together, every child can have a healthy, happy and safe school experience. I greatly appreciate all that you do to promote and support the safety and security of all of our students.

PBIS Expected Behaviors

Schools are successful when they help children grow academically, socially, and emotionally. For this to happen it is important that we have a safe environment that is supportive and conducive for growth. By setting forth clear social and behavioral expectations and directly teaching students about those expectations, it is our goal is to continue to have a positive atmosphere for optimal learning.

We are excited to begin reinforcing Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS). PBIS is a system for improving student behavior. It is used with all students across all environments in school (classroom, lunchroom, restroom, playground, library, MUR and hallways) to help create a safe and



effective learning environment. At Brittan Acres, we are committed to teach, reinforce, and acknowledge appropriate student behaviors. At all times, staff and students are expected to:

"BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE, and BE SAFE"

It is my hope that we will all continue to work together to ensure that PBIS is successful and meaningful here at Brittan Acres. Families, please encourage your child(ren) to engage in positive behaviors and aim for success everyday. You can partner with us by ensuring that you and your children have reviewed the PBIS Brittan Acres guidelines below:

[PBIS Expected Behavior Chart](#)

Warmest Regards,
Ms. Waslif

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JOIN THE BRUIN VILLAGE - DEADLINE FOR BANNER SEPTEMBER 28

Thank you to those who have joined the Bruin Village! Our school relies on fundraising to support the many incredible programs throughout the year and we couldn't do it without you! This new program is off to a great start, but we still have a long way to go to meet our goal. **If you have not made your donation, please be sure to do so by September 28 to have your name included on the Bruin Village Roster.** Go to <https://bapta.myschoolcentral.com/> to become a member of the Bruin Village.

Your one-time PTA donation of \$250 per student 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

For more information about the Bruin Village fundraising program, [click here](#).

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

PTA Meeting - Wednesday September 12

Please join us this week for our first PTA Meeting, Wednesday 9/12 at 7:00pm in the Brittan Acres Library. Click [here to view the agenda](#).

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BA Spirit Wear

Last Chance for BA Merchandise this school year - Orders are due **TODAY**.

Show your Bruin pride and stock up on BA tees, hats and jackets! All purchased items will be delivered to your child's classroom by mid-October. Orders can be submitted via paper forms or online from the [PTA website](#). On the website use the Product Categories menu to find BA Spirit Wear.

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Hot Lunch Volunteers Still Needed

Parent volunteers are needed to help serve hot lunch! The parent volunteers are incredibly helpful in determining what the kids ordered and helping them find it. The timing is roughly 11:30am-12:30pm. Please consider signing up to help 2-3 times per month. You can work with our Hot Lunch Coordinator on the specific schedule. Please sign up below or contact Erica Hayes at ekhaves@hotmail.com.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2215113/false#/invitation>

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Cleanup Day is Coming! September 23

Please join us to help make BA beautiful! On Sunday September 23rd from 10am-2pm we will be cleaning up Brittan Acres. We are asking for help with small fix-it jobs, light gardening as well as some much needed painting. No experience required. There is no need to stay the entire time and all family members and friends are welcome! We will serve a pizza lunch, and ask that you bring your own water

bottles to save on waste. Thank you and please come make our village brighter! Follow the link below to let us know you're coming.

<http://signup.com/go/nFGuQQu>

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SCEF News

SCEF - Upcoming Parent Parties

Join friends, parents and neighbors at one of our parent parties & events benefitting SCEF. Purchase tickets here: <https://scefkids.ejoinme.org/ParentParties2018>

Dancing Under The Stars - Sept. 15, 6pm-9:30pm

- Enjoy an evening to remember in the company of your fabulous San Carlos friends as we transform Burton Park into a late summer night's party
- Entry includes music by "Gotcha Covered", appetizers, cheese table, dessert bar, Devil's Canyon brew on tap, wine, and our signature cocktail!

San Carlos Homes Architecture & Design Tour - Sept. 23

- Join architect Una Kinsella and interior designer Surrina Plemons on an immersive tour of three homes recently remodeled by Kinsella and Plemons.
- Entry includes a day of creative discussion, ideas and inspiration, color, features and finishes, food, drink, company, and aesthetic enjoyment.

Garden of Epicurean Delights - Oct. 13

- Spend a night high atop La Mesa, with delectable delicacies delighting the palate, vistas of San Francisco twinkling in the distance with the sounds of cocktails clinking nearby.
- Entry includes a gourmand's artisanal extravaganza of homemade charcuterie, cheeses and breads, as well as personalized drinks appropriate for the evening.

Rockin' Halloween Bash at Club Fox - Oct. 26

- Once again, we pull out all the stops for THE Costume Ball of the YEAR!!! Get your groove on with hopping music that will have you dancing the night away.

Dance Party at The Lariat - Nov. 2

- Get down and dance to the hot sounds of San Francisco spinmaster, "DJ ManCub"
- Entry includes a night of non-stop dancing, drinks, pizza & snacks, sweets, and deep grooves

For information about other SCEF Events, visit: www.scefkids.org/events

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