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Monday, June 10, 2019

Principal's Message

Brittan Acres Families,

My career has provided me the opportunity to work with several staffs in many schools. Over the years, I have been fortunate to understand much of what happens behind the scenes of operating facilities in education. However, it is all too easy to take for granted what keeps our schools clean, safe and functioning. Custodians do their job for little or no thanks or recognition. To me, they are the unsung heroes of our schools.

Brittan Acres (BA) custodian Sergio Criollo joined the San Carlos school district in 1995. He has been the day custodian at BA for the past 23 years. If your student had a great time at BA, it's probably due to some behind the scenes work of Sergio. This year, after a 34 year career in facilities and maintenance, Sergio will be retiring from the San Carlos School District.

He is and will always be a priceless member of our BA family and here is why:

Sergio understands that kids, and even sometimes adults, will make messes! When a student, or one of us adults, has an accident, he quickly sets up a perimeter, reroutes the troops, and cleans it up. He gets

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 Brittan Acres PTA - at no cost to you!



on tall ladders and replaces spent light bulbs in dark hallways. He kicks into gear when the school is on lockdown, to make sure what should be secure is.

Ms. Melton recalled that when she taught in Room 23 on the hill, the newly paved asphalt created a lake in front of her classroom barring students from entering without wading through a giant puddle. It was Sergio who came to the rescue. He built a plywood bridge over "Lake Melton".

Sergio not only keeps our students and staff safe, but our resident deer, birds, wasps and even rats can call Sergio their savior, as he's had to rescue many of them over the years. So, too, can our patio plants. During the summer, over the past several years, he has watered the plants on Candy Richard's patio so she and her students can enjoy a thriving patio landscape in the fall.

When an infectious illness strikes, he's there to disinfect our tables and desks and shared spaces. Sergio drops everything when we call for a clean up! When a student vomits, he grabs some sawdust, and cleans it up. He scrubs the post-lunch cafeteria and dirty bathrooms.

Sergio, you are the key to our comfort. Many school HVAC systems have a mind of their own, especially the old ones. You field the floods of "too hot" and "too cold" complaints and do your best to regulate, because you understand when students are uncomfortable, they don't learn, and when teachers are uncomfortable, we get cranky.

I asked Sergio what he would miss the most during his retirement, and he replied, "I had a good time here. All the teachers have been very kind towards me. I'm going to miss the kids and the staff the most. It would be very hard to find another place like BA. So, I decided not to find another job closer to home. I retired instead."

So, how can we honor the unsung hero of our school, Sergio? Next time you are in a school or your workplace, ask the custodian his or her name when you see them. Stop for a quick chat; spare 30 seconds out of your day to thank the person who makes sure the building you work in is a clean and pleasant place to be in.

BA will continue to be a great place for a long time, in large part due to Sergio's great planning and training of our new staff. For your devotion, dedication and hard work, you deserve the best retirement ever. As Ms. Edgington put it, "Sergio has left a lasting impression on the staff and thousands of children over the years." Sergio, you have done so much for our school, the list is endless. We will all remember that you did it all with a smile and a big heart.

Enjoy this new chapter of your life with your wife, Arcida, and your two daughters Gabriela and Daniela. Viajes seguros al salvador " Safe travels to your home country, El Salvador. We're going to miss you! Besos y Abrazos de tu BA staff.

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Con Amor (With Love),
Ms. Waslif & The BA Staff

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San Carlos School District Board Meeting, June 13th to Honor Ms Richard and Sergio

You are invited to join us at our upcoming San Carlos School District Board Meeting on Thursday, June 13 at 6:30pm. We are honoring and celebrating our BA retirees, Kindergarten/First grade teacher Candy Richard and Custodian, Sergio Criollo. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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PTA News

THANK YOU....Your PTA Dollars at Work!

The PTA wants to THANK YOU for a fabulous year! Thank you for all your contributions - both your time and your money. All of your PTA contributions directly benefit Brittan Acres and our students. Because of your support we were able to offer the following programs and activities this year: Art in Action, BUGS, Artist in Residence, Assemblies, Buses for field trips, Library books, Playground equipment including a new Kindergarten Basketball hoop, Teacher supplies, Healthy Cities Tutoring, Teacher appreciation, Teacher classroom funds, Fall and Spring Clean-up Days, Walk-a-Jog T-Shirts, and our beautiful LIBRARY REFRESH!

It takes a Village! Your donations made a huge difference for our kids! Thank you!

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

Please join us the Sunday before school starts for our BA Welcome Day. Come reconnect with friends, find your classroom, and explore the campus. This will be the first chance to find out who is in your class as the new district policy no longer allows for public postings or email of class lists. Classroom and PTA Events 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 here: <https://signup.com/go/pRLiyLB>

Join the Village for NEXT YEAR...

We still need to fill important PTA Board Roles and Support Roles for 2019/2020. Please click this link to learn more and sign up now: <https://signup.com/go/qYgoTOA>

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SCEF News

Don't Let This year Pass You By -- SCEF Fiscal Year ends June 30th

Strong Schools = Strong Communities. Thanks to everyone who donated during our May campaign. Please join your neighbors and friends in supporting San Carlos public schools. Every dollar donated in June will help restore library hours and other school programs impacted by the recent budget cuts. You can make a real difference in the lives of our students. Donate today! www.scefkids.org/donate

If you have already donated, check out our donor roll draft here: https://www.scefkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2018-19-DonorRoll_draft_060419.pdf

This draft includes all donations received between July 1, 2018 and May 31, 2019. Donations received between now and June 30, 2019 (the end of our fiscal year) will be included in our final published donor roll this fall. If you see an issue with your family's entry (we've been known to misspell names before), please contact us at info@scefkids.org so we can make any needed corrections.

How do SCEF funds impact programs at your school? Hear from your Brittan Acres Principal, Catherine Waslif:

In addition to providing support to fund our Librarian, Counselor and other educator positions, SCEF funds at BA were used this year to supplement our PTA drive to refresh the library. This combined fundraising effort enabled the purchase of new mobile shelving, soft seating, and other supplies. Our refreshed library is a vibrant and engaging space for our students and encourages them to find the joy in reading. SCEF also provided funding for technology devices and a variety of field trips this school year. Thank you for your donations to SCEF which help us encourage excellence in education.

Celebrate the end of the school year with your San Carlos friends and the San Francisco Giants-- 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

- Watch the Giants take on the Milwaukee Brewers-- game time is 7:15 P.M
- We are sitting in the bleachers this year--socialize, play in
- 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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