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- May 30: Open House
(minimum day, early dismissal)

Tuesday May 28, 2019

Principal's Message

Summer Learning

Dear Brittan Acres Families,
First, and foremost, thank you for entrusting our BA staff with the opportunity to nurture and support your child this school year. Watching each of our students grow and mature both academically and socially warms my heart and ignites my passion as an educator. I am going to miss them all this summer.

As our students look forward to summer, I'm sure they can't wait to spend quality time with family and friends and forget about school for a while. However, families do often ask how to support student learning over the summer. You are probably already planning summer experiences that build knowledge, spark curiosity about the world, and help your child gain confidence. Riding bikes, hiking, visiting the public library and museums, playing at the neighborhood park, attending summer camp, and traveling outside of our city all build knowledge and a sense of wonder. Reading books and discussing them together also develops rich language skills and fosters a love of literacy. In addition, the summer schedule can be a wonderful time to build independence and confidence at all ages as children learn new skills. If you are seeking tools to boost or just keep up academic skills, an excellent list of resources is provided below.

- June 4: School Board Candidate Information Session
- June 5: Last San Car-LESS Day
- June 5: TK-2nd Grade End of Year Fun Day
- Candidate Information Session
- 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.

Community Corner

to build community and support our students. There are lots of in class and at home roles to choose from.

We wish you a wonderful summer full of new memories and time with your family!

Warmest Regards.
Catherine Waslif, BA Principal
cwaslif@scsdk8.org

Dates to Remember

Thursday, May 30	Open House, Minimum Day
Wednesday, June 12	Last Day of School
Wednesday, August 21	First Day of School
Thursday, August 29	Back to School Night

Summer Learning Resources

San Carlos School District Book List - Reading at Your Child's Level

<https://goo.gl/8VOEEp>

When a child reads at his/her "just right level," fluency, vocabulary and comprehension soar! Check your child's report card for an "independent reading level" and then find titles on this list to match. We recommend a balance between fiction and non-fiction.

Summer Learning Challenge 2019 at the San Carlos Library

<http://summerlearners.org/>

Dive into books this summer at the San Carlos Library! Get a free book when you sign up and then another book once you have completed logs. Enter weekly drawings for great prizes. The more you visit, the better your chances to win. One lucky participant will also be eligible to win a \$1000 scholarship for college. Visit the website to see all the great prizes you can win!

Epic!

<https://www.getepic.com/>

Digital library of 25,000 books and videos to help kids read, learn and explore their interests. Includes Summer Reading Lists by age and subject. (Note: A summer subscription costs \$1)

Sight Words by Grade Level

from The Reading and Writing Project at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Readers work towards mastery of these words over the course of the school year. If you'd like to get a jump

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!



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start, practice just a handful at a time so that your child feels successful and gains confidence. When students can recognize these words instantly, they are able to read more fluently and focus on comprehension.

Kinder List

[1st Grade List A \(Same as K list\)](#)
[1st Grade and 2nd Grade List B](#)
[1st Grade and 2nd Grade List C](#)
[1st Grade and 2nd Grade List D](#)

Lexia Reading Core 5 (Grades K-3)

<http://www.lexiacore5.com/>

This program builds foundational skills in reading. Accounts were provided to children who worked with Mrs. Taylor or Mrs. Naumowicz. Please email Mrs. Sibley (bsibley@scsdk8.org) or Mrs. Naumowicz (lrnaumowicz@scsdk8.org) if you need another copy.

National Geographic Kids

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Learn about the world with articles, games, maps and more!

RAZ Kids Reading (Grades K-4)

<http://www.raz-kids.com/main/Login>

Access a leveled library to build fluency and comprehension skills. Please check in with your child's teacher if you need log-in information (for participating classes).

Time for Kids (Grades 2-4)

<http://www.timeforkids.com/>

A kid-friendly version of Time Magazine. Short informational articles about world events.

Reflex Math (Grades 2-3)

<https://www.reflexmath.com/>

Adaptive and individualized, Reflex is the most effective system for mastering basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division for grades 2+.

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Multicultural Week Thank You!

Thank you to Ambreen Syed and all the amazing parents, grandparents and friends of BA who volunteered their valuable time and effort to bring experiences from around the world to our classes. Multicultural Week gave us a chance to expand students' horizons, understand how all people have things in common, and discover how much fun it is to meet new people and learn new dances. Most of all, the week helped all of us appreciate the

incredible diversity of culture we have around us every day at BA. Let's strive to learn more about each other and celebrate diversity.

The PTA is looking for 2-3 people to chair Multicultural Week next year. If interested, please contact Ann (annkimlou@yahoo.com). Thank you! Mahalo!

*In Diversity is
Beauty &
Strength*

Maya Angelou

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PTA News

Looking for...Clean Up Day Co-Coordinator 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 an 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 - 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>

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Lost and Found

Please collect your children's belongings by Friday May 31st! After this Friday, the lost and found will be cleared out. All items turned in after May 31st will be available for pick up until the last day of school. (If you are not regularly on campus, all families can check before or after open house on May 30th to have a look.)

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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. We have many time slots available, please 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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Thank you for your book donations!

I can't thank the BA Village enough for all the fabulous book donations! Despite the rain at hometown days, we sold some books and I had a great time seeing all the BA families come out rain or shine. The librarian at Terra Linda will be selling some of our left over books at their band concerts next week, May 28 and 29th, if you happen to be up there enjoying the music.

I've held on to some of the books to sell for next year and we are donating a bunch of books to the Children's Book Project (<http://www.childrensbookproject.org>) which is a fabulous organization that gets books into the hands of well deserving kids. Thanks again for all your support!!! BA Village is the Best!

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SCEF News

Make It Happen In May

This is your opportunity to directly impact the 2019-20 school year budget.

While The San Carlos Education Foundation's fiscal year ends in June, we are on a campaign to reach our fundraising goal by May 31st in hopes of minimizing budget reductions. If the School Board has the estimated SCEF Grant for the 2019-20 school year in June, they can consider this estimate in their final budget deliberations. See our flyer with more information at

<http://scefkids.org/scefdays-2019>

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.

Bianco o Nero Party

Don't miss the final parent-hosted party of the year! Dress up in Bianco o Nero (white or black) and kick off the summer with a Festa Italiana! Enjoy La Dolce Vita and spend the night on the Italian Coast without leaving the 94070. Join us on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 5:00PM for an evening of delicious food, drinks and fun at Trattoria da Vittorio on Laurel Street.

Adults only... Certo!

Get your tickets at www.scefkids.org/events

June 14, 2019 is San Carlos Night at Oracle Park!

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

Hear our students sing the National Anthem before the game & watch the Giants take on the Milwaukee Brewers (gametime is 7:15 P.M.). Stay after the game for FIREWORKS!!!

Tickets available at San Carlos Youth Center from April 8.

Cash or Check only.

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District News

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

<http://www.baaqmd.gov/funding-and-incentives/residents/clean-cars-for-all> website to find out if you are eligible for funds to purchase or lease a new or used hybrid or electric vehicle or receive a Clipper Card!

Questions? Contact (855) 256-3656 or CleanCars@GridAlternatives.org

Camps at WO (<https://www.kidztopros.com/camps/White%20Oaks%20Elementary%20School>)

<http://evite.me/Tk6G3bzTQY>

Healthy Cities Tutoring Volunteer Recognition Reception



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