



Brightwood News

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Principal's Message

Brightwood School is once again attempting to earn \$25,000 through California's ScholarShare 529 "Scholar Dollars" program. If we are fortunate enough to earn this money, it will go towards continuing to increase our site's technology equipment.

From March 11th through 22nd, you can help our school earn this money, by logging in EVERYDAY and voting for Brightwood School at www.MyScholarDollars.com. You can also help us by spreading the word through social media and getting other families to vote for us, too. The top four schools in our category (900-1,500 students) will earn \$25,000.



Don't forget to buy your ticket for the PTA Spring Benefit ("A Night in Monte Carlo") on April 13th. Proceeds will go towards a permanent audio/visual system for the cafeteria.

PTA BOOK FAIR MARCH 11TH-15TH

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays:
9:00am - 3:00pm

Thursdays:
1:00am-1:30

March 2019

Important Dates

MARCH

- 06: S.T.A.R. Spirit Day ★
- 08: Star Student Ceremony
7:15am Cafetorium
- 11-15: PTA Book Fair
- 13: PTA Board Meeting
6:30pm Cafetorium
- 14: Talent Show Auditions
1:00pm Cafetorium
- 20: School Site Council Mtg.
3:00pm Room A-5
- 20: Gr. 7-8 College Night
6:30pm Cafetorium
- 18-21: ASB Spirit Week
- 22: **Minimum Day**
- 22: Non-Uniform Day
Theme: Twins
- 22: PTA Volunteer Meeting
8:15am Cafetorium
- 25-29: Spring Break

APRIL

- 01: Pupil-Free Day
(No School)

Elementary/Middle School Parent Survey Launched

The district is asking all parents of students in grades TK-8 to complete a survey about their child's school. The survey is less than 20 questions and should only take a few minutes to complete. The information will help guide the district as it makes plans for the future. The more input we receive, the better, so please take the time to complete the survey as soon as possible.

Parents who have entered an email address into the Parent Portal will receive an email with the link to the survey. If you don't receive this email, you can go directly to the district's website (www.ausd.us) or our school's website (www.BrightwoodElementary.org) and access the survey from there.

You can also access the survey directly at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z29ZBW3>

Thank you in advance.

BRIGHTWOOD SCHOOL IS PROUD OF OUR:

S.T.A.R. STUDENTS

- ★ S = Safety First ★
- T = Try your Best
- A = Accountable for Your Actions
- R = Respect Everyone and Everything

Important Announcements and Reminders:

- * **Congratulations, PTA Founders Day Honorees:** This year, PTA recognized the following staff and parents. Staff Honorees: Patricia Gomez, Candace Winn, Jenny Tan, Missy Vu, and Carmen Marquez. Parent Volunteer Honorees: Benny Ching, Duly Wong, Yenny Mejia, Sandy Tan, Selina Wong, and Yuli Song. They will all be honored at the District's annual PTA Founders Day Dinner this evening.
- * **Spirit Days:** We have five upcoming Spirit Days. Students may opt to dress according to the day's theme. If they choose not to, they must wear their uniform. Spirit Day themes are:
 - o March 6th: S.T.A.R. Day
 - o March 18th: Mismatched Monday
 - o March 19th: Tropical Tuesday
 - o March 20th: Walt Disney Wednesday
 - o March 21st: Team Jersey Thursday
- * **PTA Nominees:** We are still accepting nominees for next year's PTA Board. Through March 15th, parents can nominate themselves another parent to be a PTA board member by emailing our current PTA president, Gaby Gaspar, at gabyspr78@gmail.com (or leave a note/message in the office).
- * **Science Field Day:** Good luck to our 7th and 8th graders who will be competing at the Middle School Science Field Day at Mark Keppel High School on Saturday, March 23rd. The students (and teachers) have been working hard to prepare for

the event and we know they will make us proud.

- * **Staff Parking Lot:** Parents should not pull into or park in the staff parking lot. This includes times in the middle of the day. If you park in the lot, you may end up preventing staff members from parking in their space and arriving on time when they return from the district office, lunch, or other school site. (*You may enter the parking lot if it is after 3:00pm.*)
- * **Music Instrument Storage:** Oversized music instruments (i.e. a bass or cello) have been exceptions to the No Drop-Off policy) due to their large size and potential difficulty when transporting them. Our office does its best to keep the instruments safe, but our staff was recently accused of causing/allowing damage to an instrument. Please be aware that if you choose to leave an oversized instrument in the office, you do so at your own risk. If you do not trust the office staff to keep the instrument safe, your child can take his/her instrument to class or you should make arrangements for the instrument to be dropped off and picked up immediately before and after your child's music class.
- * **Visitors Badge:** When visiting or volunteering, make sure you wear your visitors badge in a prominent location. (Do not display it on your purse, stick it in your pocket, or attach it to your pant leg.) Please do not feel offended if you are asked to display your badge more prominently. Even though we are very familiar with many of our frequent volunteers, we must follow district protocol.

Please Visit the Brightwood School Website: www.BrightwoodElementary.org
and the Brightwood PTA Website: www.BrightwoodSchool.Weebly.com.