

Spring Branch Academic Institute



October 28 2019

Issue 9



SAVE THE DATES

Cup Stacking Event – TWE Gym	12/2 & 3/19
Early Dismissal 12:00 pm	12/20/19
Winter Break	12/23/19- 01/16/20
Parent Evening with Mike Postma, Executive Director of Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) 5:30-6:30 pm TWE Library	01/06/20
Classes Resume- ALL SBAI Pathways Event- More information coming soon!	01/07&08/20

Message from the Director

Dear SBAI Families, Happy Monday!

- **Reminder: We follow the Thornwood calendar, and Nov. 1 is a professional development day. There will be no school for SBAI elementary students this Friday, November 1st.**
- If you have not done so yet, please complete the **SBAI Parent Fall Survey 2019**. I'm asking for one survey for each SBAI child. The survey is found here: <https://forms.gle/9GN9xZB8tcNzryox7>
- Please note the **Red Ribbon Week Calendar** on the next page for specifics on this week's attire.
- Many thanks to the following moms for providing lunch for the elementary team last week. The teachers really enjoyed the tasty meal!
Carol Ann Richards, Tien San Lucas, and Carrie Butler—a big thank you!
- Save the date: **January 6, 2020**: Parent Evening with Mike Postman, Executive Director of Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG).

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Upcoming Events


PLEASE NOTE – SBAI Elementary follows the Thornwood Elementary campus calendar for early dismissals.

Book Character Dress Up Day 10/31/19

TWE/SBAI NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day 11/01/19

STEAM Night 5:00-6:30 pm 11/07/19

Advanced Academic Studies 11/13/19
Parent Ed Night – Parenting Gifted Kids

 Donuts w/Directors 11/14/19
SFMS Library 8:30-9:30 am

 **THANKSGIVING BREAK 11/25-29/19**

Red Ribbon Week

Thornwood/SBAI

October 28 – November 1, 2018

October 28 – November 1, 2019 is "Red Ribbon Week" at Thornwood/SBAI. During this week, there will be a lot of activities and attention given to helping kids stay healthy and drug free. In keeping with this, we have set up the following activities for us to do here at Thornwood. We are encouraging teachers and parents to talk with their children about making good decisions and staying away from drugs and violence.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29, 2019

"BAND TOGETHER AGAINST DRUGS"

Wear your favorite band t-shirt, ASTROS shirt or bandana or dress up in your Rock and Roll attire. Share with your parents a pledge that you will stay drug free.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30, 2019

"TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS"

Wear the jersey or shirts of your favorite college or professional sports team or school shirt.

THURSDAY, OCT. 31, 2019

"CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY"

Dress up as your favorite character from your favorite book.

FRIDAY, NOV 1, 2019

"CELEBRATE A DAY OFF"

Students enjoy your day off and start a great weekend DRUG FREE.

2019-2020 Yearbook

This is normally a PTA driven thing at most schools....so we're getting creative. Susan Fargason and Megan Sakkal have created a Google Shared Album where anyone invited to the album can submit photos.

We want everything! First day of school, field trips, lunch with your child, science lab, Fun Fridays' activities, drop off/pick up in the morning, your child and friend having fun in the library. **Anything!**

We decided to do more of a Shutterfly-type book as to avoid the cost and layout restrictions that go along with the typical yearbook companies. We'll try it this year and see how it goes. The Google Photo app is super easy!

First, join the Google Photos link here.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/LikkjHiPwy47XWDZ6>

Please download the Google Photos app to your smartphone. (This can also be accessed via computer.)

Click the picture you want to add

Click the top right corner 3 dots in a row

Select "Add To Album"

Select "Shared Albums"

Select SBAI Elementary 2019-2020

*****THIS IS THE IMPORTANT PART-** please add a short comment to your picture and tell us where or what event or activity is happening in the picture. (ie. lunch, science lab, field day, etc.)

This will help us organize.

If you do not have a smart phone, please feel free to email pictures to THIS

EMAIL... SBAIElementaryParents@gmail.com with the above mentioned information and I will add it to the album.

The amazing outcome of this book is dependent on the parents! **PLEASE** help make this awesome!

Yearbook ordering will occur in the spring. If you have questions or need help with the app., please reach out!

Thanks!

Megan Sakkal

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SBAI Luggage/Backpack tags

We still have SBAI Luggage/Backpack tags available. If you'd like to purchase one, they are \$1.00 and available in Mrs. Butorka's office.



STEAM Night – TWE & SBAI Students

November 7 from 5:00-6:30 pm students can come and experience hands-on activities, sponsored by Shell Oil.

Volunteers are being asked to help with:

Houston Museum of Natural Science exhibits (Bugs on Wheels, the Art Bike, the Dinosaur Exhibit, etc.)

The Houston Public Library table

SBAI Science Fair Displays

Samsung table with VR headsets

...And the list goes on!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4ea9ab29a2fb6-steam>

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sirianni at Julie.Sirianni@springbranchisd.com



Advanced Academic Studies - Parent Night

Parenting Gifted Kids

November 13, 2019

Presented by Kristin Graham - Facilitator, Advanced Academics

11am-12pm OR 5-6pm

Administration Building - Room 275, 955 Campbell Rd., 77024



TAKE IT BACK!