

Spring Branch Academic Institute





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Issue 19



SAVE THE DATES

SBISD Parent U – Northbrook MS 8:15 am – 12:00 pm (see details below)	02/01/2020
5 th Grade Visit to SFMS 8:30 am-12:30 pm	02/05/2020
Elementary Early Dismissal Days - 12:00 pm	02/13 & 14/2020
 SBAI Valentine Party- see information at end of newsletter	02/14/2020
Student Holiday/Teacher Staff Development Day	02/17/2020
Watch D.O.G.S Donuts for Dads 7:15-7:50am	02/21/2020
5 th Grade Field Trip – Houston Symphony	02/25/2020
Parent Education Night – Enrichment for your Gifted Child – Adrien Moshenberg, SBAI Enrichment Coordinator/Teacher TWE Library 5:30-6:30 pm	02/26/2020
 Donuts with Directors – SFMS 8:30 am	03/11/2020
SPRING BREAK	03/16-20/2020

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Upcoming Events

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

TWE Food Drive	01/27-30/2020
SBISD District Spelling Bee Westchester Academy Auditorium 9:00 am	01/31/2020
100 th Day of School Celebration	01/30/2020
1 st & 2 nd grade Field Trip Houston Museum of Natural Science 8:30 am-12:30 pm	01/30/2020

Character Without Question Award Winners Announced:

Every year, SBISD selects one student from each school as the recipient of the Character without Question Award. SBAI selects one 5th grader and one 8th grader to represent our school. This award celebrates the traits of **respect, dependability, perseverance, kindness, integrity and civic virtue** – all of these collectively make up a person's character.

The selection process includes the extensive consideration of every 5th and 8th grader and takes into account the input of SBAI students and teachers. It is very tough choice to make because every student considered possesses these traits in varying degrees. The winners of the Character Without Question Award at SBAI are: **Sarah Tran** and **Lucy Hamilton**. Both students will be honored at the annual Character Without Question Award ceremony at the February Board of Trustees meeting.



SBISD Parent U

Supporting Success for Every Child (targeting PK-5th grade families) is Saturday, February 1 at Northbrook Middle School. This half-day of learning event features over 30 sessions on academic success, the whole child, supporting students with special needs, and parenting strategies. Sessions are presented in both English and Spanish.

SBISD Parent U: Supporting the Success of Every Child (targeting PK – 5th grade families)

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Northbrook Middle School

3030 Rosefield Dr., Houston, TX 77080

8:15 - 8:50 am Registration

9:00 am - Noon Learning Sessions

Registration online:

<https://conta.cc/2W XK840>

If you have questions, please contact the Family E3 team at 713-251-2284 or at familyE3@springbranchisd.com.

5th Grade visit to Spring Forest MS

SBAI fifth graders will visit Spring Forest MS with Thornwood and other elementary students who feed into SFMS on **February 5, 2020**. Students will ride the bus to SFMS at 8:30 am.

After the tour, SBAI students will stay at SFMS and have lunch with many of the SBAI middle school students then ride the SBAI bus to Stratford. Students will see the SBAI pod and have an activity with the middle school teachers and students. Students will be walked back to Thornwood by a SBAI elementary teacher at 12:30 pm.

Permission slips will be coming home soon. A meeting for parents of incoming 5th grade students will be held in the SFMS auditorium on **February 5, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**.

Mark your Calendars!

WatchDOGS Donuts with Dads Event

Calling all dads! Come have donuts on **Friday, February 21** between **7:15 and 7:50** at the Thornwood Library.

Questions? Reach out to Dr. Reyes, WatchDOGS Lead and SBAI dad at: sbai_twewatchdogs@yahoo.com



Parent Education Night: Enrichment for your Gifted Child

Wednesday, Feb 26, 2020

5:30-6:30 pm at the Thornwood Library

Presented by: Adrien Moshenberg, SBAI Enrichment Coordinator/Teacher

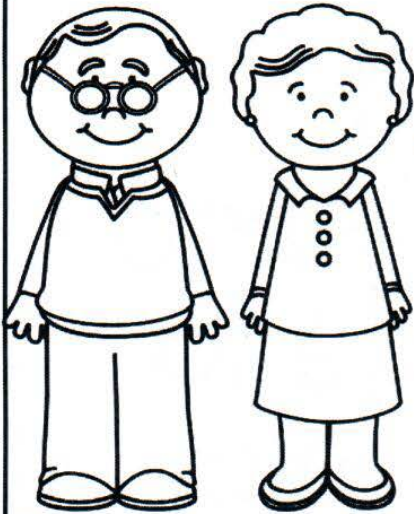
Enrichment is an important component of educational programming for gifted students. But, what exactly is it? This session is geared for parents and educators of gifted children who want to learn more about the Renzulli model of enrichment. Learn about the different types of enrichment experiences our students receive at SBAI and ways you can enrich your child's learning outside of school.

To attend this session, please RSVP with Lynnda Butorka at

Lynnda.Butorka@springbranchisd.com



We've been counting the days and it's coming soon...



The 100th Day of School!

Dear parents,

In celebration of the 100th day of school, we are asking that each child dress as if he/she is 100 years old. Be creative and keep in mind this is for fun!

Date:

January 30, 2020



Thank you for
your support!

Here are some ideas to help
your child look 100 years old:

- Glasses
- Shawl
- Knee highs
- Costume jewelry
- Handkerchief
- Powder or gray spray in the hair
- Gray wig or bald wig
- Big purse
- Pocket watch

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Valentine's Day

Already making Valentine's Day plans? Bringing valentines is optional, but if your child does bring them, please make sure that:

- ♥ valentines arrive at school on February 14 (not sooner)
- ♥ there is a valentine for every student on your child's grade level **OR** every student at SBAI (we want everyone to feel loved and accepted)
- ♥ this year, children are allowed to bring candy **without nuts**, but the *candy must be* eaten at home with parent supervision, not at school
- ♥ students will be given a cookie from Memorial Bakery. If your student is **NOT** allowed to have a cookie and/or candy, please contact Mrs. Butorka via email. Please provide a treat for your student.

Students are encouraged to bring a container from home to serve as mailboxes to hold the valentines they receive. They may use the same containers they used last year, if they would like. Here are some examples:



Guidelines for student-made mailboxes:

1. Make sure your container is big enough and sturdy enough to hold a lot of mail.
2. Make sure your name is on it and is easy to see.
3. Make sure the opening is large enough for items to be placed through it (or make sure the top can be removed easily).

Our party will be during the last hour of the school day on Feb. 14 (early dismissal day). The students will open their valentines at that time, and receive a cookie from SBAI to be eaten while they open their Valentines.

Please email Mrs. Butorka if your child is NOT allowed to have a cookie and/or candy.

Mark your calendars! End of Year Party/Fundraiser

SBAI elementary will be having a **Fundraiser/ End of the Year Party** on **May 28** (last day of school) at Memorial Indoor Soccer from 1-3pm. Memorial Indoor Soccer is located at 1322 S Dairy Ashford Rd, Houston, TX 77077. This End of the Year Party will be for all our kiddos to play, eat pizza and see each other one last time before the summer while also providing funds for our beloved school. Special thanks to Ann Nguyen, Linda Pham, Courtney Whyte and Morgan Daley for stepping up to sponsor the end of the year party/fundraiser!

HOW TO ATTEND IF NOT A SPONSOR

Tickets will be available for purchase to attend the party closer to the date. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to SBAI. There will be enough spots for every SBAI elementary child, and we will send out sign-ups for carpools, etc. We hope all of you will support any way you can. Here's our chance to start a tradition for our kiddos and support our school. Thank you, and please let us know if you have any questions!

Ann Nguyen & Megan Sakkal
832-527-2281

SBAI Valentine's Day List

K/1 st Grade (14)	
Girls	Boys
Aria	Carnell
Emry	Asher
Natale	LeeJay
Katherine T.	William K.
Audrey	George
Joy	William S.
	Ian
	Owen
2 nd Grade (7)	
Girls	Boys
Lyra	Shray
Kathryn F.	Zaid
Grace	Levi
Spencer	
3 rd Grade (13)	
Girls	Boys
Clara	Kyle
Addie	Ephraim
Charley	Arthur
Anne	Mason
Madelyn	Benjamin
Reilly	Raymond N.
	Finn

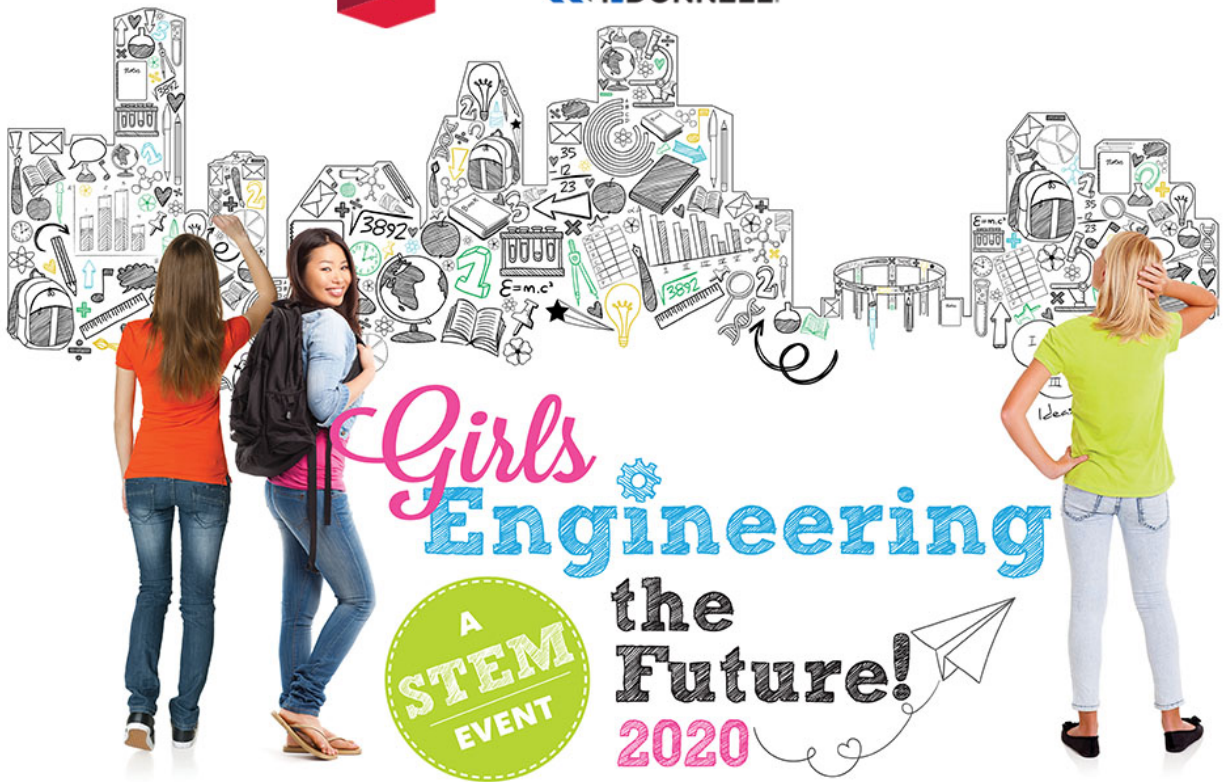
4 th Grade (16)	
Girls	Boys
Emerson	Jackson
Aubrielle	Noah
Alice	Richard
Caroline	Aditya
Finley	Eli
Rhea	Evan
	Jonah
	Jake
	Sean
	Liam
5 th Grade (10)	
Girls	Boys
Abbey	Morgan
Esme	Roman
Julia	James
Sarah	Kitt
	Kellen
	Ryan



and



present



Girls Engineering the Future!

Female STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) enthusiasts in grades 4-8 are invited to participate in the 4th annual “Girls Engineering the Future!” STEM event at the University of Houston Cullen College of Engineering. The University of Houston’s award-winning professors and students will lead fun, hands-on activities to introduce Houston area girls to the wide and wonderful world of STEM. Girls participating in the event will learn about the different STEM fields and professions and engage with current and former industry leaders.

DATE

Saturday, March 28, 2020

TIME

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.

AGES

4th through 8th grade girls

LOCATION

University of Houston Cullen College of Engineering, Building 1, Houston, TX 77204

RSVP FORM

Student First Name *

Student Last Name *

Grade *

School District *

School Name

T-shirt Size (T-shirts are Adult Size)

Chaperone First Name *

Chaperone Last Name *

Chaperone Email Address *

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