

Spring Branch Academic Institute



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SAVE THE DATES

ALL SBAI Field Trip to NASA K-9	05/01/19
5 th Grade Field Trip – Health Museum	05/02/19
Parent Night – MS/HS 101 – Parent Panel and Q&A 5:30 pm	05/02/19
5 th Grade Parent Coffee w/Mr. Barnes, Principal – SFMS 8:30 am or 6:30 pm	05/06/19
SBAI Student (K-4) visit to Thornwood	05/07/19
SBAI Parent tour of Thornwood 4:00 pm	05/09/19
STAAR Test 3-4 Mat & 6-7 Math	05/13/19
STAAR Test 3-4 Reading & 6-7 Reading	05/14/19
STAAR Test Science 5 & 8	05/15/19
Parent Night-Jenna McGraw-Crime Stoppers 5:00 pm - VOE	05/16/19
5 th Grade Event – @The Main Event in Katy	05/20/19
4 th Grade Wax Museum – VOE Library	05/22/19
5 th Grade Graduation – VOE Cafeteria 8:30 am	05/23/19

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Upcoming Events

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

4 th Grade Recorder Concert 8:30 am VOE	04/25/19
SBAI 5 th Grade Field Trip to SFMS – Annie Jr.	
5 th Grade BizTown Field Trip K-4 Parent Questionnaire DUE	04/26/19
VOE Spring Book Fair	04/29 & 30/19



A Note from the Director

What an incredibly busy time of the year! As we move forward with state testing, special events, end of the year activities, final exams, preparing for our elementary move, and more, there doesn't seem to be a "free" day on the calendar! As an adult, these activities after activities tend to weigh on my sense of balance. I have to remind myself that sometimes I need to stop in order to move forward later. How true is this for our kiddos? We know our highly gifted students tend to be intense perfectionists. As such, sometimes we need to give them blatant permission to let some things go. As we move into the craziness that is May, please take time to visit with your child about time management and finding opportunities for relaxation and balance. I know we will finish our last month STRONG! Thank you for all of your support!

Lynne Barry
Director

K-4th Grade Parent Questionnaire

REMINDER!

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their questionnaire. If you have not already done so please be sure to complete the questionnaire included in this newsletter by this **Friday, April 26th**. Your input is important to us as we plan our move to Thornwood Elementary for 2019-2020.

Elementary Science Fair

Science Fair pictures have been posted on our school's private website:

<http://sbai2018-19.weebly.com/> Contact Ms. Craddock if you do not know the password.



ALL SBAI FIELD TRIP TO NASA

An all SBAI field trip to NASA is scheduled for May 1st. Students will spend the day learning and exploring the interactive Mission Mars exhibit, the Independence Plaza, multiple flown spacecraft, Moon rocks and more! Permission slips have been distributed. Please return your child's permission slip by **Tuesday, April 23**. Students will return to the VOE campus by 2:00 pm. Please make sure that your child brings a disposable sack lunch that does not contain any peanut products.

SBISD SUMMER COMPUTER CAMPS

SBISD summer computer camp options for 2019, and registration information are posted -- These camps look interesting!

<https://sites.google.com/springbranchisd.com/sbisdcscamps2018/home>

REMINDER:

5th Grade Parents!

From SFMS Principal Mr. Barnes

We will have a "Coffee with the Principal" on **May 6th at 8:30a.m.** I will introduce items that will be different or new to the campus for next school year such as Chromebooks for every student and what that looks like, dress code updates, and a few other surprises. I will also take questions from you who may just want to engage in a dialogue about the state of Spring Forest.

But because I believe in providing equal access to all parents, we will also have an **evening session** where we can repeat the same topics. That meeting will begin at **6:30p.m.** Many parents have jobs that require them to be at work in the morning and an evening session works best with their schedule, so we want to be cognizant of the needs of all families. As a bonus, I will introduce the new 6th grade assistant principal for the 19-20 school year at this meeting.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

***Please Note Subjects rotate weekly**

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Dina:

2nd Period ELA 2-3

Students will plan and begin research on a topic of their choice related to change.

3rd Period ELA 6-7

Students will finalize their research paper and visual product. Independent presentations will be shared in class.

4th Period ELA 1-2

Students will plan and begin research on a topic of their choice related to technology.

Wilson:

Mrs. Wilson's ELA classes are wrapping up their research projects and getting ready to present to their peers. We are very excited!

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Craddock:

2nd

Happy Earth Day! The 2nd graders have been learning about conservation and recycling. They are creating products made out of recycled goods to sell at the VOE 2nd grade market on Thursday.

3rd

The 3rd graders filmed travel segments about countries and states they researched. You can see them at <http://sbai2018-19.weebly.com/> password dragons.

4th

The 4th graders have been learning about the discovery of oil in 1901 at Spindletop, Texas.

5th

The 5th graders have been performing skits about diverse groups of people who moved into the American West in the 1800s (Oregon Pioneers, the 49ers, etc.).

Dina:

5th Period Social Studies

Students will describe how technology changes the way families live and work.



SBAI 2019-20 School Year Questionnaire (Kindergarten – 4th Grade Parents)

Please fill out this form to help the SBAI staff effectively plan for the coming school year.

1. Will your child be returning to SBAI in August for the 2019-20 school year?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided
2. Thornwood's school day is from 7:50 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. What are your arrival and dismissal plans?
☐ My child lives in the area and can ride the bus or walk.
☐ My child can be dropped off between 7:20 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. in the morning and picked up between 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. in the afternoon.
☐ If YMCA services were available, I would be interested in enrolling my child in YMCA after school.
☐ I have a special situation. If the school could arrange it (which is not a guarantee at this time), I would prefer to:

3. Which of these apply to you?
☐ I'm interested in carpooling.
☐ I am interested in afternoon clubs. If SBAI and Thornwood could arrange it, my child would likely participate in :

☐ Chess
☐ Odyssey of the Mind

☐ Art after school
☐ Other _____

☐ Math Olympiad

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date _____

Please return this form by **Friday, April 26, 2019.**



Mary Hoffman would like you to support [We're going to Odyssey of the Mind World Finals](#) by making a donation and spreading the word.

After earning first place in both our Regional and State Odyssey of the Mind competitions, we are making our way to Michigan State University in May to compete at the World Finals!

We are a new team with this being the first or second year in Odyssey for most of our members.

[View fundraiser](#)

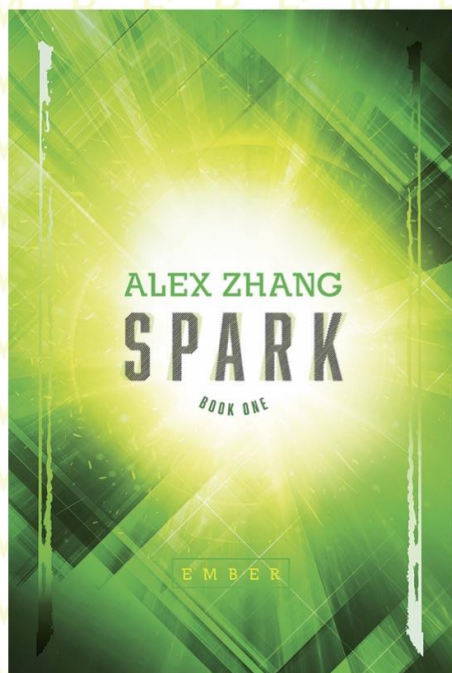
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JUNE BOOK TOUR

Saturday, 6/1

Private Book Release
Chinese Civic Center
5905 Sovereign Dr.
Houston, TX 77036
10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Saturday, 6/8

River Oaks Bookstore
3270 Westheimer
Houston, TX 77098
(at River Oaks Blvd.)
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday, 6/15

Blue Willow Bookshop
14532 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
11:00 am - 12:00 noon

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