Spring Branch Academic Institute





SAVE THE DATES

5 th Grade Event – @The Main Event in Katy	05/20/19
4 th Grade Wax Museum – VOE Library 1:10- 2:00 pm	05/22/19
5 th Grade Graduation – VOE Cafeteria 8:30- 10:00 am	05/23/19
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! -Early dismissal 11:30	05/24/19



A Note from the Director

From all of us, thank you for all you did to make Teacher Appreciation Week so special. As you know, our SBAI staff is absolutely amazing! They have more preps than the usual teacher, more

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Upcoming Events

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

STAAR Test 3-4 Math & 6-7 Math 05/14/19

STAAR Test 3-4 Reading & 05/15/19

6-7 Reading

STAAR Test Science 5 & 8 05/16/19

Retirement Celebration 05/16/19 Mrs. King – VOE Playground 3:30-5:00 pm

Parent Night-Jenna McGraw-Crime Stoppers 5:30 pm - VOE

responsibilities because of our size, and more needed expertise due to the unique needs of our highly gifted students. They have to be flexible, as we deal with three different campus schedules and activities, cooperative as we work with colleagues from all over the district, and understanding as various situations arise that impact both students and instruction. With all of this, our staff maintains enthusiasm and dedication to SBAI. They go out of their way to ensure the best learning opportunities are given to our students, to develop the social-emotional skills necessary for our children to be successful, and to provide you with information to support learning objectives. I couldn't ask for a more incredible group with whom to work. Thank you, again, for honoring them last week. They truly deserve it!

Lynne Barry Director Spring Branch Academic Institute (SBAI) 713-251-2277

Online Directory 2019-2020

This is a great way to connect with current and new SBAI families. This information is a great way to coordinate carpools, playdates, off campus birthday parties etc. Every year we create an online directory to aid in that

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process. This is NOT required, but if you are interested in sharing your information please fill out the following form

https://goo.gl/forms/DYCAfNT25JlRho6p1

Responses can be viewed here...

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1B9jPFOM3xovHMIEZr76Fv4Uj9h3IC9z20gwdJIFe92U/edit?usp=sharing

If you any questions please contact Amanda Davison <davisonaf@gmail.com>.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming special events! We hope to see you there! May 16th:

Jenna McGaw of Crimestoppers

For parents of all elementary and secondary students, Ms. McGaw will go through maintaining safety in a digital age. Ms. McGaw's presentation is highly recommended by other SBAI parents! 5:30 p.m. in VOE's library.

4th GRADE WAX MUSEUM

4th Grade Parents.

On **Wednesday**, **May 22**, our SBAI 4th graders will be participating in VOE's 4th Grade "History Wax Museum" in the VOE library from **1:10 – 2:00 p.m.** Parents are welcome to come by and watch. At this event, students dress as historical characters of their choice. They will give short memorized speeches as those characters. The speeches, which will be written and practiced in class, will describe their lives, obstacles, contributions, etc.

The only thing that students will need to do at home is come up with a costume. Costumes should be created with items that are easily available at home (i.e., baseball/sweatpants pulled up make good breeches). On the day of the performance, students may come to school wearing their costumes or may change into them during the school day. Please email Sally Craddock at Sally.Craddock@springbranchisd.com if you have any questions. Thanks!



REMINDER:

5th Grade Parents!

There will be an incoming 6th grade parent meeting on **Monday, May 20th at 6:30p.m**. This meeting will be tailored to the incoming 6th graders. This will be a format to ask more questions and learn about the direction of the school as a whole instead of only focusing on 6th grade questions. More information will follow.

Preparing for the last day of school:

We are in the process of planning activities and refreshments for the final ½ day of school. In order to be better prepared please let Mrs. Butorka know if your student will **NOT** be in attendance on May 24th.

Math Olympiad Grades 3-5 - 2019-2020

SBAI has taken part in Math Olympiad for the past 3 years. The club is organized and conducted by parents. In the past we have relied on a few parent volunteers to conduct the meetings and competitions and score the test papers. There are 5 competitions during the school year. 4th and 5th grade students take part in the competition and their scores are recorded on the Math Olympiad website whereas 3rd grade is non-

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competitive. Last year we conducted one meeting every week in which the students solved assigned problems from a Math Olympiad book and the coach/parent volunteer helped them. We typically have a ratio of 10 students to one coach. Hence if we have more than 10 students signed up we need 2 parents to volunteer for each meeting.

We are trying to explore different options of organizing Math Olympiad club. Your responses to the survey below will help us with this.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSwAsZS4jttwAFGyoyziY4SeDKXYMnZqZ4pqjsCL7_OabW1w/viewform?usp=sf_link

CURRICULUM UPDATE

★Please Note Subjects rotate weekly

NO CURRICULUM UPDATES DUE TO STAAR TESTING!



Mary Hoffman's Lending Library

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Mary is a middle school mom and wanted to share this with parents in need of some summer reading of their own. Please email Mary at the above email address if you are interested in "borrowing" any of these books

Parenting a child with Asperger Syndrome Brenda Boyd

Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child - The Heart of Parenting John Gottman, Ph. D.

How to Discover and Develop Your Child's Strengths
- A Guide for Parents and Teachers Jennifer Fox, M. Ed.

A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children James T. Webb, Ph. D.

Setting Limits with Your Strong-Willed Child -Eliminating Conflict by Establishing Clear, Firm and Respectful Boundaries Robert J. Mackenzie, Ed. D.

Late, Lost, and Unprepared - A Parents Guide to Helping Children with Executive Functioning Joyce Copper-Kahn, Ph. D. & Laurie Dietzel, Ph. D.

Raising Your Spirited Child Mary Sheedy Kurcinka

Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults James T. Webb, Ph. D.

Living with Intensity Edited by Susan Daniels, Ph. D. & Michael M. Piechowski, Ph. D.

The Out-of-Sync Child - Recognizing Coping with Sensory Processing Disorder Carol Stock Kranowitz. M.A.

The Out-of-Sync Child Has Fun - Activities for Kids with Sensory Processing Disorder Carol Stock Kranowitz, M. A.

Parenting a Child with Sensory Processing Disorder a Family Guide to Understanding & Supporting Your Sensory-Sensitive Child Christopher R. Auer, M. A.

Anxiety-Free Kids - An Interactive Guide for Parents and Children Bonnie Zuker, Psy. D.

Parenting Gifted Children Edited by Jennifer Jolly, Ph. D., Donald J. Treffinger, Ph. D., Tracy Ford Inman, and Joan Franklin Smutny, Ph. D.

The Yes Brain - How to Cultivate Courage, Curiosity, and Resilience in Your Child Daniel J. Seigel. M.D., and Tina Payne Bryson, Ph.D.

How to Think Like Leonardo da Vinci - Seven Steps to Genius Every Day Michael J. Gelb

Brainstorm - the Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain Daniel J. Siegel, M.D.

Creating Innovators - The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World Tony Wagner

Thinking Fast and Slow Daniel Kahneman

Middle School: A Place to belong & Become Laurie Barron, Ed. D Patti Kinney

Mindset - The New Psychology of Success Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D.

"Mellow Out," They Say. If I Only Could Michael M. Piechowski

The Spirituality of Imperfection - Storytelling and the Search for Meaning Ernest Kurtz

Katherine Ketcham

Quiet Power - the Secret Strength of Introverted Kids Susan Cain Parenting Gifted Kids James R. Delisle, Ph.D.

The Survival Guide for Parents of Gifted Kids Sally Yahnke Walker

Moment's Peace - a Mom's Guide to Creating Calm Amidst Chaos Elizabeth Irvine, BSN

The Gift of Failure - How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go so their Children Can Succeed Jessica Lahey