

# Spring Branch Academic Institute



August 26, 2019


Issue 1



## A Note from the Director:

Our first full week of school was filled with lots of learning opportunities! Children maximize their learning when there are clear expectations and structures in place, so the first week included our teachers setting the foundation for optimal learning throughout the year. On behalf of our staff, we'd like to thank the families of SBAI for supporting our work by fulfilling our Amazon Wish Lists. We are so grateful for your support and generosity.

## SAVE THE DATES

Fall Individual Photos	October - TBA
Student Holiday	10/11/19
Student/Staff Holiday	10/14/19
Early Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00 pm	10/17 & 18/19
TWE/SBAI – No School – Staff Development Day	11/01/19
 Donuts w/Directors 8:30-9:30 am – SFMS Library	11/14/19

## Newsletter for 2019-20

This year, our weekly newsletter will be used to keep you informed of important dates, upcoming events, and a note from the Director. We will be eliminating the Curriculum Update section as teachers will be posting their classroom information on ItsLearning. Parents are encouraged to access their student's teachers' ItsLearning websites to get up-to-date weekly information as well homework assignments. Below is each teacher's ItsLearning link.

<https://sbsd.itslearning.com/siri/about/>  
<https://sbsd.itslearning.com/sbaikim/>  
<https://sbsd.itslearning.com/dina/about/>  
<https://sbsd.itslearning.com/wilsona/about/>

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## Upcoming Events

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

Parent Night-TWE Library 08/28/18  
SBSID Police Dept.-School Safety 5:00-6:30 pm

Staff/Student Holiday 09/02/19

Watch D.O.G.S. Kick-off/ 09/05/19  
Pizza Night – TWE Cafeteria

Volunteer Day – Books 09/07/19  
Between Kids 8:30-10:30 am

Donuts with Directors 09/12/19  
TWE 8:00-9:00 am

TWE Scholastic Book Fair 09/13-20/19  
Thornwood Library 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Parent Night w/ SFMS 09/18/19  
Jenna Fondren of Crime Stoppers-  
Cyber-Safety @ SFMS 6:30-7:30 pm

Scholastic Family Night 09/19/19  
TWE Library 4:00-8:00 pm  
SBAI Open House  
SBAI Classrooms – Library  
6:00-7:30 pm

### **SBAI Open House**

September 19, 2019 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. This is your opportunity to visit your student's classrooms. Please plan to attend. There will also be time for you to attend the Scholastic Book Fair Family Night in the TWE library from 4:00-8:00 pm.

### **LUNCH/RECESS SCHEDULE:**

Here is the SBAI lunch and recess schedule.

11:40 – 12:10	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> lunch	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> recess
12:10 – 12:40	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> lunch	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> recess

### **Parent Night with SBISD Police Chief Officer Dareing**

Officer Dareing will speak about SBISD Security throughout the district and what Safety procedures are place. There will be time for Q/A at the end of his presentation.  
Thornwood library, **August 28<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 pm.

Please plan to join us!

### **Parent Night - Crimestoppers**

Jenna Fondren from Crimestoppers will be doing a presentation for parents on **Wed. Sept. 18 at 6:30 PM** in the **Spring Forest Middle auditorium**.

### **Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students)**

Dr. Reyes (SBAI Parent) and Adrian Carillo (TWE) are working together to start a Watch D.O.G.S. program for SBAI and TWE dads. They have been working all summer to get this exciting program started! Parents can get the latest information they need on the program by going to: <http://www.dadsofgreatstudents.com> and join us on Face Book at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NCF.WatchDOGS/>

The Kick-off/Pizza Night for Watch D.O.G.S. will be September 5<sup>th</sup> in the TWE cafeteria. Time to be determined.

### **TWE & SBAI MORNING PLEDGE**



### **SBAI BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Regarding our students' birthday celebrations, students at Thornwood and SBAI are allowed to bring **cupcakes or cookies only** for classmates. Instructional time is valuable at SBAI and to minimize distractions, please do not bring cakes, cookie cakes, toys or party favors.

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at SBAI, please drop off birthday treats (cupcakes or cookies) by 9am. SBAI teachers will pass them out only to students in the birthday child's grade level during our read aloud time (which follows lunch and recess).

Here are our current numbers:

K-1: 14

2: 8

3: 13

4: 15

5: 10

**If you are the parent of a child with a food allergy**, or if you do not want your child eating sweets, you may send suitable replacement snacks in a metal mouse-proof container, like a cookie tin. We can give these snacks to your child in lieu of the birthday cookies or cupcakes. **We want every child to feel included in the festivities.**

## **Volunteer Opportunities!**



### **Thornwood Library Volunteers Needed**

**From the Thornwood/SBAI Librarian:**

I just wanted to reach out to friends of the Thornwood Library. Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I know you're excited to get started volunteering to help us be the best we can be this year! If you haven't already registered for volunteering for this school year, here is the link you'll need:

<https://volunteer.springbranchisd.com/>

Once you are registered, feel free to check out the sign-up genius to sign up for volunteer time-slots. I will be adding more soon!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4caeae2aa7f94-twelibrary>

Thank you so much for loving the library!

Natalie Lopez

**Librarian | GT Facilitator | CTR**

### **SBAI: Organize and Clean Room 617**

SBAI students will be using the lab located in room 617 periodically. We'd love help with organizing and cleaning this classroom!

If you are interested, please choose a time right after morning drop-off or before afternoon pickup to help out. You don't have to stay the full two hours if you have other commitments. Any help would be appreciated! Please check in through the TWE front office and be sure you **are** registered with SBISD to volunteer.

Room 617 is located very close to the library. Adrien Moshenberg, a part-time SBAI teacher, will be in the lab to give you guidance

Thank you!

Adrien Moshenberg

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054daeab2dabfc1-organize>



## **SBAI Service Project Opportunity**

SBAI staff, students, and parents are slated to volunteer on:

Sat., Sept. 7, 2019

8:30am - 10:30am

ALL children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of this event. SBAI staff are NOT responsible for any student volunteers.

### **Books Between Kids**

**9947 Harwin Drive, Suite B, Houston, TX 77036\***

This semester's event, will be at Books Between Kids. This event will be close to home (SBISD) and an opportunity for even our youngest students to participate. Mrs. Spivey learned about Books Between Kids and reached out to them. Ashley, a Books Between Kids representative, responded & is responsible for communicating with volunteer groups.

The goal of the organization is to in May of each year provide six books to children who receive free or reduced lunch in HISD. The desire is to see children who otherwise might not have a personal library take pride in their books and thus have an increased interest in reading, thereby increasing their overall academic standing and success. For more details and statistics on the importance of having access to books and reading (per Books Between Kids) visit: <https://www.booksbetweenkids.org/about-us/>

Attire: Participants should dress comfortably (I expect it to be warm in the area we are assigned) and must wear closed toe shoes.

The specifics of our volunteer work have not been provided. However, younger students are usually only asked to sort books. Older participants may be asked to sort, move or stack books and/or tidy up the warehouse space.

\*Please note that you will not be able to see 9947 from the street. Turn in between 9941 and 9949 Harwin Drive. Come straight back between the two buildings and the warehouse is on the right. Look for the BBK banner hanging outside the doorway.

If you have any questions please contact LaQuesha Dillingham-Spivey.

## **New 2019-2020 T-Shirts**

**August 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline** to purchase your new 2019-2020 T-shirts.

We are very excited to offer several new SBAI shirt designs this school year along with some SBAI backpack tags/luggage tags.

- All orders and payments must be submitted by **August 31** for your order to be complete.
- All shirts are \$15 and SBAI backpack tags/luggage tags are \$1. (Note: All SBAI Middle and High School students will receive one free tag for their computer bag.)
- Payment Options:
  - Venmo (@Brin-Graham)
  - Check (made payable to Brin Graham). Checks can be mailed to 13407 Indian Creek Rd, 77079 or can be sent to school with your child in an envelope marked for Mrs. Butorka.

**[CLICK HERE TO ORDER TODAY](#)**

Please contact Brin Graham ([bringraham@yahoo.com](mailto:bringraham@yahoo.com)) with any questions.

## Dr. Karen Mapp, Leading Family Engagement Expert from Harvard University, is coming to SBISD on Sept. 5!

The SBISD Community Relations Department is excited to announce that Dr. Karen Mapp, leading family engagement expert from Harvard University, is coming to SBISD on Sept. 5

Dr. Mapp will speak to district leaders, teachers, principals, parents, and community partners about the powerful impact of effective family-school partnerships on students, parents, teachers, and schools. Additionally, she will be facilitating an interactive workshop with administrators and campus staff to identify and discuss effective strategies and explore ways to improve their current family engagement initiatives.

**When? Thursday, September 5 at 5:30pm**

**Where? Don Coleman Coliseum**

### THANK YOU!

A **BIG** "thank you" to everyone to helped with our move to Thornwood. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

Thank you to Nancy McReynolds (HS Mom). Nancy came to TWE over the summer and helped unpack all of the boxes from our VOE storage area and organized everything on shelves! **WOW** – it looks amazing and now, we'll be able to find something without rummaging to find it!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!!**

Let's help support our Thornwood family by joining their two 'FUN'd Raisers! (see below)

### **Spirit Night**

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 • 3:00 - 8:00pm



Come out and support Thornwood Elementary during Spirit Night. Dine in or drive thru. Don't forget to put your receipts in the Spirit Night boxes!

Memorial & Dairy Ashford  
753 Dairy Ashford Rd

[www.chick-fil-a.com/cfaenergycorridor](http://www.chick-fil-a.com/cfaenergycorridor)

[www.facebook.com/cfamemorialanddairyashford](https://www.facebook.com/cfamemorialanddairyashford)

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6-8PM

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