

Spring Branch Academic Institute



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Issue 5



SAVE THE DATES

VOE/SBAI Individual Fall Pictures	09/26/18
Donuts w/Director 8:30-9:30 am – SFMS Library	10/04/18
VOE Auction – Dinner & Auction 7:00 pm – Royal Sonesta	11/02/18
Patriotic Sing Along	11/9/18
SBEF UnGala Casino Night (see attached information)	11/30/18
PTA General Meeting – 2 nd Grade Performance	12/18/18
Talent Show/Holiday Sing A Long Grades 3-5 8:00 am Grades PreK-2 9:00 am	12/21/18

A Note from the Director

This week, I've been thinking a lot about community. From the anniversary of 9/11 to Hurricane Florence, I've been reminded of how strong a force community can be. At the elementary, we have started community circles. I had the chance to meet with the primary grades this week and will meet with the intermediate grades this coming Wednesday. We plan to make this an ongoing event. On Monday, I will be talking with our middle school students. Our future community building will be done using Flipgrid, an online tool for sharing and learning. Parents have an opportunity to build community this week by attending the Parent Night session on MAP testing and reports. I've also had the chance to make connections both in SBISD and out, growing the community that understands and supports SBAI. I am proud to be a part of this incredible community. Thank you for all of your support!

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Upcoming Events

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

Parent Information Night Topic: MAP Testing VOE Cafeteria 5:30-6:30 pm VOE Spirit Day Chick-fil-A All Day – Silber Road	09/20/18
Progress Reports Go Home	09/21/18
1 st Grade Field Trip-Children's Museum	09/25/18
VOE/SBAI Fall Individual Pictures VOE Spirit Night 4-8 pm Baskin-Robbins	09/26/18
Donuts with Directors SFMS 8:30-9:30 am	10/4/18
RIF Distribution	10/5/18
Student Holiday	10/8/18
Early Dismissal 11:30 am	10/18 & 19/18
Canned Food Drive	10/22-26/18

Reminder!

Our next Donuts with the Directors will be **October 4th, at 8:30 a.m., at Spring Forest.** We hope to see you there!

Understanding MAP Reports

Please join us for Parent Night!

September 20th at 5:30 pm in the VOE Library.

Melissa Stadtfeld, SBISD Coordinator of Assessment, will be explaining MAP testing and student reports, as well as answering any questions you might have about the testing process. This informational session is for both SBAI and VOE.

Fall GT Parent Book Study

Begins **September 27th**

Want to connect with other GT parents and learn ways to support and develop your gifted child?

Advanced Academics is offering a SENG-model book study and support group focused on the text "**A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children**".

Click [HERE](#) to access the flyer and link to registration.

From the Advanced Academics Department:

Parent Information Meeting

Thursday, October 25th

Duke TIP Program 101

Presented by Amy Ellingson - Facilitator, Advanced Academics
11am - 12pm AND 5:30 - 6:30pm

Admin Building Board Room, [955 Campbell Rd., 77024](#)

Link to the Advanced Academics Department website.

<https://www.springbranchisd.com/about/departments/academic-performance/connective-academics/advanced-academics/advancedstudies-parent-ed>

Their website provides wonderful links to other GT sites for parents/students.

In addition, a link allowing parents to sign up for the Advanced Academics Department's newsletter may be useful too.

https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001PhdQ1BjzXNTBX6q9nQVxn9muEaq_kpPt

The newsletter reminds parents about upcoming seminars, summer options for GT kids, yearlong GT programs, etc.



What:

Whether you're brand new or a veteran to the joys of parenting gifted kids (c'mon, they're pretty enjoyable, right?), you'll benefit from the guidance of Dr. Lynette Breedlove, director of the Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science and parent to two sons, as she explores the *5 Essentials of Parenting Gifted Kids*. We're excited to partner with Dr. Breedlove to offer this free event to parents as part of **G/T Awareness Week 2018**.

Why:

We know that parenting gifted kids has its ups and downs. We also know that some of you may still feel new to this gifted ed life. We encourage you to join us and learn more about what it means to love these unique kiddos. If you're interested in getting more support as a parent by starting a parent support group, let us know when you sign up. Or, take a look at our **resources for parents** and how you can become a **Parent member** of TAGT.

How:

Simply **fill out this form** to receive the link to the webinar. We hope you'll join us!

When:

September 25, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Questions?

Please contact **[Lacy Compton](#)** or **[Justin Ables](#)** with questions about this event.

REGISTRATION FORM

PARENT U

Register **today** for this event!

Planning for the Future

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Join us on Saturday, Sept.22 at Northbrook High (8:30 am – Noon) for our annual Parent U: Planning for the Future Event!

SBISD Parent U Planning for the Future

Saturday, September 22

Northbrook High School

1 Raider Circle

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 - Noon -- Attend (3) one-hour learning sessions

Attend this conference-style event and hear from great speakers who will provide the insights you need **NOW** to help our students or your own kids get ready for higher education!

Here are some sample sessions!

- Which test is best for our students? ACT or SAT? Understand the tests so you can get help your students pick which one is best for them.
- Paying for college. Understand college finances and how to pay for higher education.
- Helping students with essays? Applications? Gain insights to making essays, resumes and applications stand out from the rest.
- Naviance – SBISD's online tool for college and career planning -- Learn how to use it to its max!
- What's the Foundation Graduation Plan? Helping Kids Pick Endorsements.
- How do we protect kids in cyberspace?
- What

View the Course Guide [HERE!](#)

Over 40 SESSIONS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH!

Questions? 713.251.2286 or partner@springbranchisd.com

High School Survey

As you know, we have expanded SBAI into high school this year. We are interested in learning more about your expectations/aspirations for your child's high school experience in SBAI. We hope you will take the time to share your thoughts with our team. You are welcome to complete this survey confidentially, but if you provide us your student name, we will be able to follow up specifically with any questions or concerns you might share in this survey. Please click the link below to take the short survey. Thank you!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexH16_YveW8Y8p0dk_IBrZriQVyo5cftOXzysAahXGci3Dag/viewform?usp=sf_link

CURRICULUM UPDATE

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★Please Note Subjects rotate weekly

Language Arts

Dina

ELA 2-3

Students went through the writing process and published their fables. I hope you enjoyed them at Open House! (Speaking of it was so awesome to have all of you attend!) Students developed reasoning and interpretive skills while developing a better understanding of change with our class book, The Memory String by Eve Bunting. They used a literature web to identify key words, feelings, ideas and images. A Venn diagram was used to compare and contrast characters. Next up: studying vocabulary and becoming familiar with persuasive writing using the hamburger model.

ELA 6-7

We have finished reading our first class novel, Dragonwings. Ask your child about their thoughts and feelings related to the book. They were walked through step by step with chapter assignments and a different literature job for each reading assignment. The jobs were: connector, summarizer, discussion director, word finder and artist. They will receive their next class novel, Taking Sides by Gary Soto this week. This novel, along with literature jobs, will all be completed as homework. There will be check in points in class with a culminating activity and assessment on Friday, September 28. Meanwhile, in class, we will use Robert Frost's poems "Hyla Brook" and "The Road Not Taken" to study grammar, explore new vocabulary words and develop analytical and interpretive skills in literature. (It was wonderful to visit with most of you at Open House!)

ELA 1-2

Students have explored the concept of change and the relationship between language and change. They read and considered the words used in the nursery rhyme "Cobbler, Cobbler" and rewrote the words in contemporary language! Using adjectives to describe objects has been a big focus for the students. They learned about adjectives, and how to use a thesaurus to find synonyms and antonyms. Many Luscious Lollipops by Ruth Heller was a fun read to introduce adjectives. Next up is similes and metaphors using moon poems. (I loved that all of you were able to come to Open House!)

Wilson

3rd grade

Last week we completed a virtual museum tour through the lens of the characters. This week we are covering the 4 types of conflict using our class novel.

4th grade Period 2

We analyzed Maniac Magee using our fiction foldable. This week we will continue with character conflict, and the use of dialogue using our class novels. Students also began their own individual novel studies.

4th grade Period 3

We analyzed Maniac Magee and Wrinkle in Time using our fiction foldable. This week we will continue with character conflict, and the use of dialogue using our class novels. Students also began their own individual novel studies.

6th and 7th grade

Autobiographies: Using Shiloh and Journey Home to analyze the elements of fiction at a variety of levels. As we progress toward our film vs. script comparison, students continue analysis on their independent novel studies.

Courage: We are wrapping up our Hobbit unit and giving opportunity for literature discussion, and analysis of the Giver through independent novel study assignments. This week students will prepare for their Hobbit exam and the film vs. script comparison.

Social Studies:

Craddock

2nd Grade

The 2nd graders have been researching American symbols. They have located and typed up facts and made patriotic displays.

3rd Grade

The 3rd graders learned how to find coordinates using latitude and longitude. They are making atlases for sets of island maps they have been creating (physical maps, elevation maps, population maps, etc.).

4th Grade

The 4th graders have been comparing and contrasting two of Texas's Native American tribes: the Caddo and the Comanche. They have also participated in district-mandated digital citizenship lessons created by Common Sense Education (how to deal with SPAM and how to be kind online).

5th Grade

The 5th graders reviewed how to find coordinates using latitude and longitude, located oceans and continents on a world map, and identified important physical features on U.S. maps. **Upcoming Tests: 9/20 - States and Capitals Test (NE States); 9/27 - Geography Test (Vocabulary and U.S. Map Physical Features)** Geography tests can be difficult, so it is recommended that the students spend time studying at home. Study guides will be sent home with the students, but may also be found on <https://sbisd.itlearning.com/craddock>.

Dina

I hope you all enjoyed our classroom community display at Open House. It was definitely a fun and engaging classroom project. Students will now identify and describe the role of a good citizen in a community. They will learn about voting as a way of making choices and decisions.

SBAI School T-Shirt

Order Form DUE Thursday, September 20, 2018

\$15 each

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Circle size(s) desired

YOUTH: XS S M L XL

ADULT: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

You may submit one form per family. Shirt color is Black. Design is Green and printed on front (small) and on back.



Amount Due:

Total # shirts _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Total: _____

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Questions: Email Brin Graham at bringraham@yahoo.com

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