

Spring Branch Academic Institute



October 29th, 2018

Issue 11



SAVE THE DATES

SBAI Parent Night – Naviance VOE Library 5:30-6:30 pm	12/12/18
PTA General Meeting – 2 nd Grade Performance	12/18/18
SBAI Holiday Party – Information coming soon!	12/21/18
Talent Show/Holiday Sing A Long Grades 3-5 8:00 am Grades PreK-2 9:00 am Early Dismissal – 11:30 am	



A Note from the Director

It's hard to believe it's almost November! If your family is like mine, we are already making- and asking for- holiday wish lists! We like to give – and receive – what we would never purchase for ourselves or what we call “consumables,” items such as theater tickets, experiences, etc.

Just as I've asked my family members for a list, I have also asked our SBAI teachers for their wish lists. SBAI offers incredible curriculum for our students. I know that our kiddos are challenged and have the opportunities to delve into content and materials not available at other campuses. At the same time, I feel like we have an opportunity to grow in how and what we provide as enrichment experiences for our Dragons. Whether it is a piece of equipment such as a 3-D printer or biological microscope, calculator-based motion detectors or binding machines, or even a study trip to the Holocaust Museum, state capitol, or a university engineering event, amazing prospects exist to take our student learning to the next level. All levels of our students – grades kinder through high school – can benefit from these advanced experiences.

To make these wishes a reality, we need parents as partners. In addition to supporting the PTAs of our host campuses, for the first time in SBAI history, we are asking for private support for some of these unique experiences that we would like to offer to our students. A wonderful group of volunteers has connected with the Spring Branch Education Foundation (SBEF) to develop a plan for making our “big dreams” a reality. Be on

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Upcoming Events

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

VOE Auction – Dinner & Auction 11/02/18
7:00 pm – Royal Sonesta



Patriotic Sing Along 11/09/18

K & 1st – 8:30-9:00 am
2nd-5th – 9:15-10:00 am

4th Grade Field Trip – Taste Of Texas Restaurant 11/15/18
8:30-11:30 am



Thanksgiving Holiday 11/19-11/23/18

SBEF UnGala Casino Night 11/30/18

the lookout for more details from this group (coming soon!) on how to make tax-deductible financial donations to support our goals.

The SBAI community has already impressed and inspired me with an amazing commitment to go above and beyond to make our school the absolute best for our children. I know I will see continued investments in our plans for the future. Thank you for all of your support!



Please Note

The Donuts with the Directors scheduled for November at VOE has been cancelled.



Reminder!

JACKETS!

As the cooler weather rolls in please encourage your student to bring their jackets. If the weather is permitting health fitness will still be going outside to run the track for warm up. **It is very helpful to have student names or initials written inside the jackets, in case the jackets are forgotten on the playground or in classrooms.**

HS 101 Session at Spring Forest

If you were unable to attend the High School 101 session this past week, Spring Forest will be hosting their session on November 30th. This session will be designed specifically for 8th grade parents and will be held in the auditorium.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

★Please Note Subjects rotate weekly

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Dina:

2nd Period ELA 2-3

Students have used the eight elements of reasoning in their persuasive writing to make the Hamburger model even more convincing. They are now developing their interpretive skills and literature by discussing poetry. They will explore the concept of change in a personal context and continue to develop their persuasive writing skills.

***** Please choose a current photo of your child and one from when they were much younger. Print both on a piece of paper and send to school with your child on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week.** We are using this in a classroom project to create a poster about personal change.

3rd Period ELA 6-7

Students applied the standards of reasoning in evaluating arguments presented in class. They have chosen one of two novels to explore African American literature. They will read Roll of Thunder, Hear Me Cry by Mildred Taylor or The Kidnapped Prince by Ann Cameron at home for the next week and complete a literature web on

their own as homework. In class, they will explore new vocabulary and develop analytical and interpretive skills in reading historical documents as they study the Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson.

***** Please send to school any advertisements you have to share with your child to be used in an upcoming lesson.**

4th Period ELA 1-2

Students continue to understand words in context as they explore homonyms and homophones. They will engage in wordplay and recognize the humor it may create. Books used are Dear Deer by Gene Beretta and various Amelia Bedelia books. They will also develop their skills as they continue the study of figurative language with analogies. Our class novel Frindle by Andrew Clements has also begun.

Wilson:

In each ELA class, we are wrapping up our Fiction units and assessing our skills. Students are taking short summative assessments to evaluate the TEKS they have mastered.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Craddock:

2nd Grade

The 2nd graders have been learning about landforms. They used the green screen to embellish their landform slide shows with fun pictures.

3rd Grade The 3rd graders learned to avoid plagiarism by putting things in their own words as they researched the judicial and legislative branches of government. **Homework:** Memorize the Preamble of the Constitution by Nov. 1.

4th Grade

The 4th graders have been remembering the Alamo, as they have been learning about Spanish missions in Texas.

5th Grade

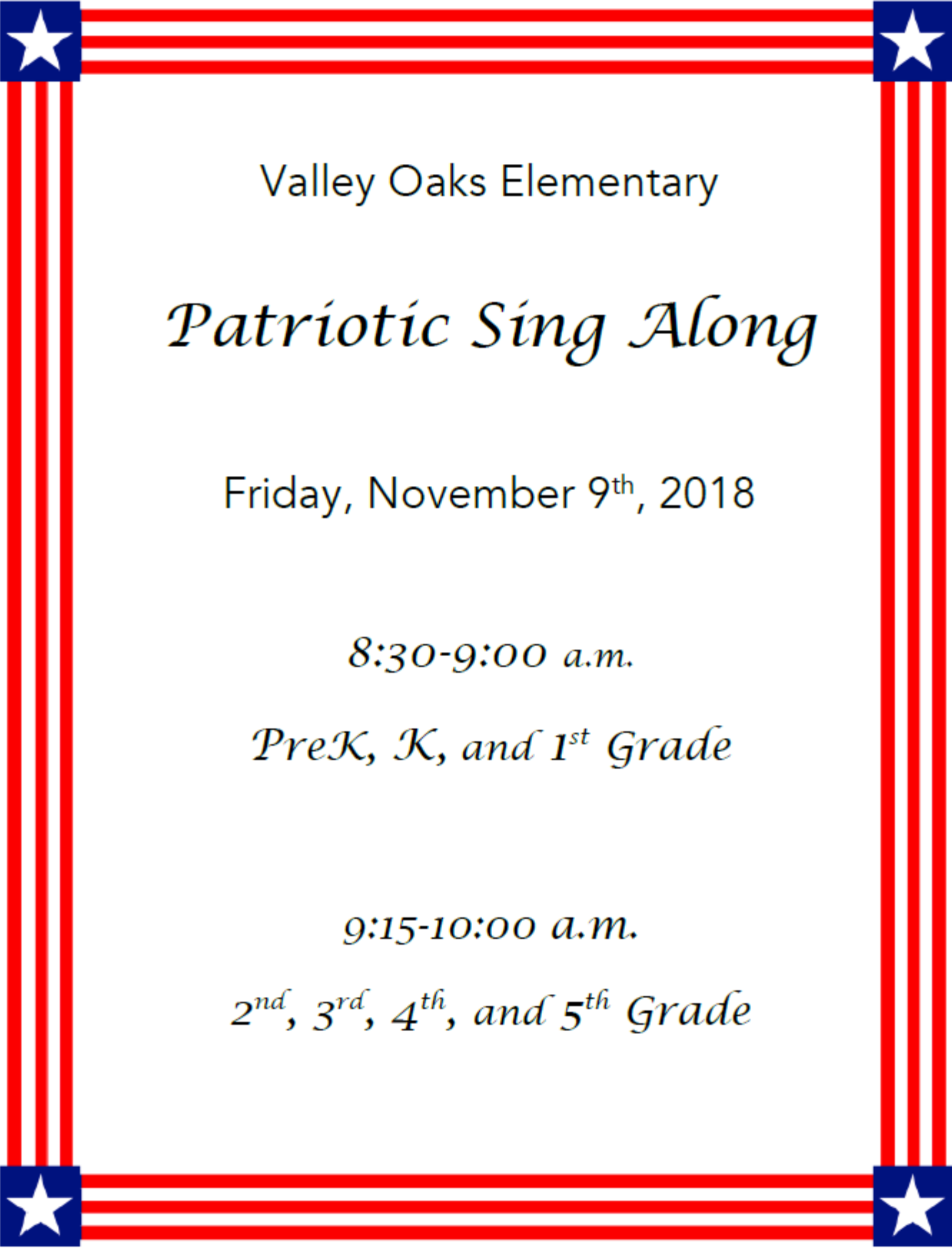
The 5th graders are now learning about the 13 original colonies. Their early settlement test has been postponed until Nov. 15.

Dina:

5th Period

Students will finish learning about historical figures who have exemplified good citizenship, such as Benjamin Franklin, Francis Scott Key, and Eleanor Roosevelt. Next, they will learn about state and national patriotic symbols including the United States and Texas flags, the Liberty Bell, the Statue of Liberty, and the Alamo.





Valley Oaks Elementary

Patriotic Sing Along

Friday, November 9th, 2018

8:30-9:00 a.m.

PreK, K, and 1st Grade

9:15-10:00 a.m.

2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade