

Spring Branch Academic Institute



November 12th, 2018

Issue 13



SAVE THE DATES

SBAI Parent Night – Naviance VOE Library 5:30-6:30 pm	12/12/18
Lego Competition-Travis Elem.	12/15/18
PTA General Meeting – 2 nd Grade Performance	12/18/18
5 th Grade Colonial Day	12/20/18
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	
Winter Holidays	12/24/18-1/4/19
Classes Resume	01/8/19
SBAI Spelling Bee	01/10/19
Report Cards go home	01/11/19
Student/Staff Holiday	01/20/19

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Upcoming Events

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

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

VOE Spirit Day – Chick-fil-A – Silber Rd.

Science Fair Movie
SFMS Auditorium 5:30 pm

Progress Reports go home 11/16/18

 Thanksgiving Holiday 11/19-11/23/18

VOE Book Fair 11/26-30/18

VOE Spirit Night 11/28/18



A Note from the Director

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to tell all of you how thankful I am to be a part of the amazing SBAI family. Thank you for your support as I've transitioned into the Director role. I've loved getting to know you, and I so appreciate the partnership we have. Whether it is something small or big, I know I can reach out and – within minutes – have responses filling our need (or even just a simple want). I can't imagine a more wonderful group, truly working together for the best of all of SBAI.

Thank you for trusting me with your children. They are incredible! They make me laugh and think every single day! Whether we are doing community "oval," interacting via flipgrids, or just chatting in lunch or between

classes, I can't help but smile at their great personalities and brilliant brains. The joy they bring are truly the reason I come to work each day.

I am also thankful for the fantastic staff we have at SBAI. Their dedication and enthusiasm is without bounds. They love their jobs, and it shows! Always up for a new idea or challenge, while continuing to respect the "SBAI way," their professionalism and passion is the foundation for all of the amazing learning that happens at SBAI with our Dragons. They love your children and do everything in their power to make their education experience the best it can be.

I hope you have time over the Thanksgiving break to reflect on those things for which YOU are thankful. As Aesop said, "Gratitude is the sign of noble souls." Happy Thanksgiving!

Please Note

- We have received more bumper stickers. They can be purchased for \$1 each which will cover the cost of the printing. **CASH ONLY!** Contact Mrs. Butorka if you wish to purchase one. **THANK YOU AMANDA DAVISON** for getting more bumper stickers printed!
- **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.

For those of you who were not able to attend the SBAI High School 101 Presentation at Valley Oaks the PowerPoint Presentation is below.



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Young Women Energized for Houston - high school females; free STEM event, Nov, 13, 2018; 5-9pm @ Houston Baptist

<https://www.womensenergynetwork.org/houston/community-initiatives/young-women-energized/>

Parents: We are learning after the fact of many wonderful events in which our SBAI students are participating outside of school. Though we can't promise to always attend, we would love to know in advance so we can support our kiddos! Please let us know if your child is performing, etc., in a special event. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

★Please Note Subjects rotate weekly

LANGUAGE ARTS:

Dina:

2nd-3rd Grades

Students completed their posters about personal change and shared with the class. They have also improved their linguistic competency by exploring diamante poems. (They are written in the shape of a diamond and show change!) Next, they wrote a paragraph about how they have changed following the Hamburger Model. They were introduced to self and peer reviews of their writing. Next up: Students will explore the

concept of change through the art of M.C. Escher and David Wiesner. They will use symmetry and tessellations to create images of change along with more development in editing skills in writing.

ELA 6-7

Students have begun developing their skills in working with sources and taking notes as they research the issue of censorship. Students will take the role as editor of a city newspaper and take a position on censorship. A persuasive editorial and speech explaining and defending their point of view will be completed in class. Next up: Students will consider music as a means of persuasion as they read and discuss "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

1st-2nd Grade

Students will complete our class novel *Frindle* by Andrew Clements this week. This novel explores the idea of changing language deliberately as a fifth-grade boy does everything possible to get a new word accepted and added to the dictionary. Students will note how the characters also change. Next up: Students will be introduced to the Japanese poetry form of haiku. This form of poetry develops their understanding of figurative language in context.

Wilson:

ELA classes are wrapping up their Fiction units, finishing their skills projects, and starting our new unit of informational text next week. In addition, students will be able to present their skills projects for SBAI Academy next week.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Craddock:

2nd Grade

The 2nd graders have been discovering and sharing facts about Earth's different oceans. They also had a digital citizenship lesson about how to avoid leaving digital footprints.

3rd Grade The 3rd graders are concluding their study of the U.S. government. **HOMEWORK:** Study for this Thursday's government test. The study guide will be sent home today, and has been posted on itsLearning: <https://sbisd.itslearning.com/craddock/>

4th Grade

The 4th graders are learning about the "Father of Texas": Stephen F. Austin. Their field trip to Taste of Texas is this Thursday.

5th Grade

The 5th graders are working on projects about the 13 original colonies. **HOMEWORK:** Study for this Thursday's Early Settlement/13 Original Colonies Test. The study guide has been sent home and is posted on itsLearning: <https://sbisd.itslearning.com/craddock/>

Dina:

5th Period

Our unit on government and citizenship is complete. Students will now spend the remainder of this semester learning about geography and culture. They will locate places using the four cardinal directions. They will also locate their community, Texas and the United States on maps and Globes. Lastly, they will describe and explain the importance of various beliefs, customs, language, and traditions of families and communities.





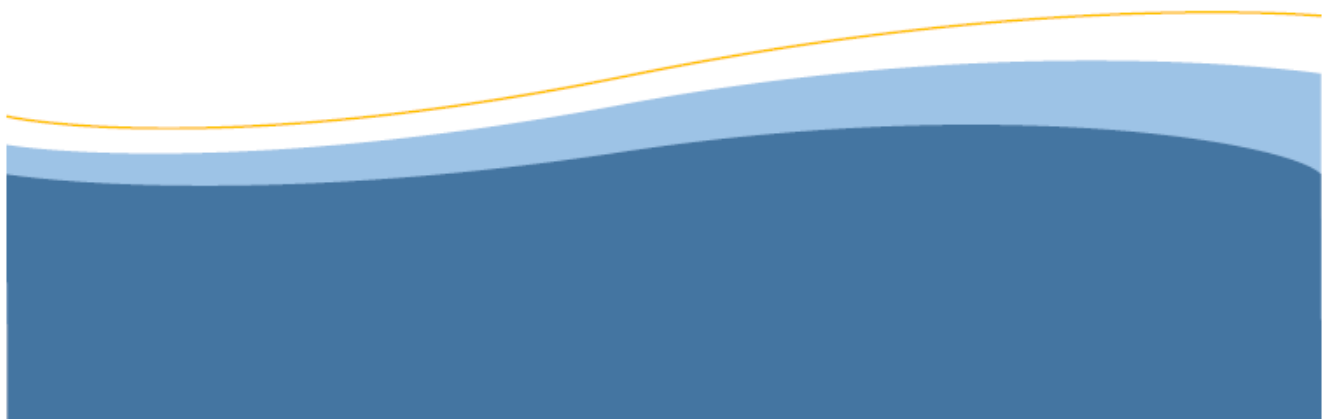
NAVIANCE

An overview for SBAI Parents

- * Naviance is a comprehensive college and career readiness platform to which all SBAI middle and high school have access. Naviance helps connect academic achievement to student's long-term goals through career exploration, college and career preparation, self-discovery, and more. Join us as we welcome SBISD's **Donna Handlin**, who will guide us through Naviance, explaining all it can do for our students!

December 12, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

Valley Oaks Elementary Library



"Ms. Barry and our beloved teachers have some fantastic ideas for innovative enrichment for the students.

Already a grade level parent volunteer may have contacted you to follow up with instructions on how to support the field trips, speakers, and equipment that are on the SBAI "wish lists."

Please consider a tax-deductible contribution to support SBAI and these dreams to take our school to the next level.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are grateful for SBAI and the critical role it plays in the learner's journey for our children!

Many thanks,

Carrie Butler, Amanda Davison, Susan Fargason, Paige Larrabee, Christine Ussher
Grade Level Parent Volunteers

p.s. if you prefer to use the referenced PayPal link, go to

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=JJC38QKSSL466

Pre-stamped, SBEF- addressed envelopes will be available in Mrs. Butorka's office. If you would like one please contact Mrs. Butorka and she will see that one gets sent home with your student.





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