

Spring Branch Academic Institute



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Issue 20



SAVE THE DATES


SBAI Field Trip (3 rd -5 th) Print Museum	02/21/19
Go Texan Day	02/22/19
District Spelling Bee	02/22/19
Choir Festival – 5 th Grade	02/27/19
Lego Robotics Competition	03/02/19
3 rd Grade Program for PTA 6:00 pm	03/05/19
Donuts with Directors at VOE	03/06/19
SPRING BREAK	03/11-15/19
Parent Night- Julie Hill – Discover your Passion – Spring Forest MS/Multi-purpose Room	03/21/19
3 RD Grade Field Trip Houston Museum of Natural Science – Sugar Land	03/22/19
VOE Jamboree	03/30//19
Donuts with Directors @SFMS	04/03/19
Parent Night - SFMS/SHS 101 – Parent Panel and Q&A	05/05/19

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Upcoming Events

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

Parent Night- Tracy Guidry -Duke Tip VOE Library 5:30-6:30 pm	02/05/19
Donuts with Directors @ SFMS	02/06/19
Random Acts of Kindness Week	02/11-15/19
 Valentine Party (see attached information)	02/14/19
Early Dismissal Days 11:30 am	02/14 & 15/19
Student Holiday	02/18/19
Spring Pictures	02/20/19



A Note from the Director

A **random act of kindness** is a non-premeditated, inconsistent action designed to offer kindness towards the outside world. Tradition has it that it all started in a Sausalito, California restaurant in 1982 when Anne Herbert wrote “practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty” on a place mat. Since that time, Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) week has been established as a world-wide celebration, promoted by the RAK Foundation. Though RAK week takes place the second week of February each year, spreading kindness wherever you can on a daily basis is the ultimate goal.

This week, our elementary students discussed puts downs and appreciation, using Ms. Wilson’s analogy of a full cup of water versus a cup with holes in it. Each hole represents a put down. Once water seeps out of the holes, what remains is what is “left” of that person. We want our students to be “cup fillers,” rather than poking

holes in others. (Often this is called being a “bucket filler.”) We have a great opportunity to do this during RAK week February 11-15. Each day, SBAI students will be asked to practice random acts of kindness by “filling the cups” of specific groups. This could be through a kind word, sweet note, small treat, etc. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, February 11:	Teachers
Tuesday, February 12:	SBAI peers
Wednesday, February 13:	Host campus peers
Thursday, February 14:	Family members
Friday, February 15:	Community members (including bus drivers, crossing guards, etc.)

Thank you for promoting daily random acts of kindness!!!

Donuts with Directors

Amanda Davison has put a sign up genius together to help with supplying food and drinks and we have a few more spots to fill if anyone is able to help. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49aaa62aabfa7-sbai>

Valentine Party

See attached information at the end of this newsletter.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

***Please Note Subjects rotate weekly**

MATH:

Kim:

3rd Grade:

Students will solve one- and two- step problems.

4th Grade:

Students will use the 4 operations to represent multi-step problems.

5th Grade:

Students will learn how to simplify expressions containing parentheses.

Algebra 1:

Students will learn and review about exponents and exponential functions (exponential functions, growth and decay, and geometric sequences as exponential functions).

Sirianni:

1st/2nd Grade:

We will continue our study of polygons, digging deeper into all of those quadrilaterals. Is a rectangle always a square, or a square always a rectangle?

3rd Grade:

We are jumping from 2 dimensions up to three! We will start by discussing the difference in a pyramid versus a prism, and go from there.

6th/7th Grade:

Now that we know the relationship with the volume of a prism versus a pyramid, it's time to discover a formula, a trick if you will, to calculating the volume of any (well, almost any) three dimensional shape.

Pre-Algebra:

Just when they thought they were done with squares and exponents... Studying square roots of perfect squares is easy. Irrational numbers and divisibility rules with square roots can be a tougher challenge.

SCIENCE:

King/McIver:

Primary science is very busy raising frogs, crabs, and millipedes. We have focused on their similarities and differences in size, shape, color, habitat, and survival methods. We love our newest friends and have enjoyed studying them.

Intermediate science is using microscopes to discover a world beyond the one we see with a naked eye. Students are learning how to create a wet-mount slide and focus a microscope up to 400x magnification. We have also begun working on a science fair project. Students will work primarily in class on this and they have just begun thinking about what question they want to investigate. More details to come soon!





Valentine's Day

Already making Valentine's Day plans? Bringing valentines is optional, but if your child does bring them, please make sure that:

- ♥ valentines arrive at school on February 14 (not sooner)
 - ♥ there is a valentine for every student on your child's grade level **OR** every student at SBAI (we want everyone to feel loved and accepted)
 - ♥ this year, children are allowed to bring candy **without nuts**, but the candy must be eaten at home with parent supervision, not at school
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Students are encouraged to bring a container from home to serve as mailboxes to hold the valentines they receive. They may use the same containers they used last year, if they would like. Here are some examples:



Guidelines for student-made mailboxes:

1. Make sure your container is big enough and sturdy enough to hold a lot of mail.
2. Make sure your name is on it and is easy to see.
3. Make sure the opening is large enough for items to be placed through it (or make sure the top can be removed easily).

Our party will be during the last hour of the school day on Feb. 14 (early dismissal day). The students will open their valentines at that time, and receive a bagged cookie from SBAI to be eaten at home.

Please email Mrs. Butorka if your child is **NOT** allowed to have a cookie and/or candy.

SBAI Valentine's Day List

Girls	Boys
Kindergarten (4)	
Joy	Asher
	Leejay
	Ian
1st Grade (5)	
Lyra	Zaid
Kathryn	
Grace	
Spencer	
2nd Grade (12)	
Clara	Kyle
Addie	Ephraim
Charley	Arthur
Anne	Mason
Madelyn	Benjamin
	Raymond
	Finn
3rd Grade (11)	
Emerson	Jackson
Aubrielle	Richard
Alice	Liam
Caroline	Aditya
	Evan
	Jonah
	Sean

Girls	Boys
4th Grade (11)	
Abbey	Morgan
Esme	Roman
Virginia	James
Julia	Kitt
Sarah	Kellen
	Ryan
5th Grade (17)	
Zoe	Ronin
Saige	Alex
Stephanie	Will
Lauren	Ben
Valerie	Jaeho
Kelly	Vincent
	Maddox
	Julio
	Justin
	Bryan
	Aaron