


Spring Branch Academic Institute



September 9, 2019

Issue 3

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

Free TAGT Parent Webinar on 9/10

Nurturing Gifted Kids' Passions
September 10, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Presented by Ben Koch, NuMinds Enrichment

Passion changes everything. This is the hypothesis proposed by educational philosopher and researcher Sir Ken Robinson in his book, *The Element* (2009). Quite simply put, "The Element is the point at which natural talent meets personal passion. When people arrive at the Element, they feel most themselves, most inspired, and achieve at their highest levels." In this webinar, we'll learn why identifying, acknowledging, and nurturing your gifted child's passions can be the key to guiding them toward not just super achievement, but a more fulfilling and rewarding life in their "element."

Sign up at: <https://www.txgifted.org/webinar>

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**.

SBAI Open House

Open House is on **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.

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Upcoming Events

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

Donuts with Directors	09/12/19
TWE 8:00-9:00 am	
Kendra Scott Gives Back Party	
City Center 6:00-8:00 pm	
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	
Spirit Night	3:00-8:00 pm
Chick-fil-A Dairy Ashford	
SBAI Open House	09/19/19
SBAI Classrooms – Library 6:00-7:30 pm	
Scholastic Family Night	
TWE Library 4:00-8:00 pm	
Advanced Movers	09/20/19
Stratford HS football game (TWE & SBAI) Meet at TWE 6:00 pm	

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

There will be a table set up to promote the program at the Open House on September 19th. TWE & SBAI dads will have the opportunity to sign up to become Watch D.O.G.S. 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 official kick-off/pizza night will take place sometime in October with a date and time to be determined.

Inclement Weather Pickup Information:

In the event of rain or storms, elementary SBAI car riders and walkers will be released from the covered patio area right down from the current tree area. This will provide our children and staff shelter.

Please remember that inclement weather will create longer, slower lines in the car rider line, so we ask for your patience and vigilance. Ensuring our children's safety at dismissal is everyone's responsibility.

2nd Annual SBAI Pathways Event:

Planning for the 2nd Annual Pathways event in January 2020 is underway! Pathways is a two-day experience that allows SBAI learners to **explore careers in an enjoyable and engaging way**. If you're interested in contributing to this body of work, please contact Susan Fargason at susan_fargason@yahoo.com.

Grands' Evening at the Book Fair

Tuesday, September 17 Thornwood Library 5:00-7:00

calling all:

GRANDPARENTS, GRAND UNCLES AND AUNTS, and GRAND FRIENDS

Please take this great opportunity to shop the book fair with a Thornwood Tiger or SBAI Dragon!

From Laquesha Spivey – A Fun Family Activity!

Opening **October 7**, at the Houston Museum of Natural Science: The Art of the Brick -- actual ART, with Legos...not just stuff built from Legos like those displayed in Lego stores, but Legos as an artistic medium. I saw this 10 years ago at one of its first stops, before it was well known, and I highly recommend it because Nathan Sawaya manages to put emotion, whimsy, and creativity into Legos, more than you would think possible!

From HMNS's website:

Named one of CNN's Top Ten "Global Must-See Exhibitions," THE ART OF THE BRICK exhibit by artist Nathan Sawaya takes LEGO® bricks from child's toy to sophisticated art form and beyond. The world's largest display of LEGO art ever features original pieces of inspiring artworks as well as re-imagined versions of some of the world's most famous art masterpieces made exclusively from LEGO bricks.



Volunteer Opportunity!



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/30e0b4caee2aa7f94-twelibrary>

Thank you so much for loving the library!
Natalie Lopez

Information from Amber Reynolds – Health & Fitness

On **September 20th** we (**TWE & SBAI**) will be participating in Advanced Movers with SBISD. We will all go to the Stratford High School Football game. We will all meet at the front of the school at 6:00 pm and will then all walk over to Tully Stadium together, teachers, families, kiddos. We will need to make sure to arrive at the stadium at 6:30 so that we can line students up on the field. If family members are joining in, they will need to enter the gate with all of us at 6:30 for **free** admission. All of the students will get to go onto the football field and greet the football players as they come onto the field. After they greet the players, all the kiddos will reunite with their families to watch and enjoy the game.

Your student will be coming home with a permission slip that will need to be returned prior to September 20th. Below are answers to questions you may have. This should be a fun night for EVERYONE!

-Who pays for the student tickets? **They are free to all TWE and SBAI families.**

-Do the parents need to pay for their own ticket? **No**

-Do the students need to wear anything special (Spirit shirt)? **Yes, please have them wear their spirit shirt. We will all meet in front of the school (TWE) around 6:00 pm, take a school wide picture, a SBAI group picture and one with TWE as well, and then we all walk over to Stratford together.**

SBAI Middle School students and families are invited to participate.

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

www.facebook.com/cfamemorialanddairyashford

UNLEASH YOUR

creative potential



There is NO LIMIT on the number of entries per student

For Program Rules And Student Entry Forms
Visit:

<https://www.txpta.org/reflections-participation>

Each entry must be accompanied by an official entry form.

Guidelines and requirements must be met or your entry will not be judged (see the program rules above).

Entry Deadline: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST (11/1/19)

Please email me with any questions at yanva.karia@att.net

SPECIAL NOTE: Reflections is a Current PTA member benefit. All entrants **ADVANCING TO STATE** must have at least **one current PTA member** in their household for **this** school year.

"LOOK WITHIN" is the theme for the 2019-2020 school year. Create original works of art in as many of the categories as you choose.

**BE RECOGNIZED
FOR YOUR
CREATIVITY!!**

**Remember
to reflect the
theme in the
work!**

**look
within**

ABOUT REFLECTIONS

Reflections has been a staple arts program in many schools for 50 years. Through the efforts of our Local PTAs, millions of students have found a creative outlet in the areas of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts.



Link to Reflections Contest Student Entry Form: [Student Entry Form TX_PTA](#)



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