

# Spring Branch Academic Institute




October 7, 2019

Issue 7



## SAVE THE DATES

TWE/SBAI – No School – Staff Development Day	11/01/19
STEAM Night – TWE/SBAI – 5:00-6:30 pm	11/07/19
Advanced Academic Studies Parent Ed Night- Parenting Gifted Kids	11/13/19
 Donuts w/Directors 8:30-9:30 am – SFMS Library	11/14/19
Thanksgiving Break	11/25-29/19

## Kids Heart Challenge

### Message from Our Health Fitness Coach

Today, TWE kicked off its Kids Heart Challenge, formerly known as Jump Rope for the Heart. For the next three weeks, until October 24<sup>th</sup>, the students will raise money to go to the American Heart Association, to help kids and adults with heart disease or illnesses. They will get to earn different prizes for amounts raised, that I will pass out in HF class. I will be teaching the jump rope unit, and we will have a jump-a-thon at the end of our unit, where the last students jumping will earn a jump rope.

On October 25 at 2:15pm, we will have Slime Time... So we will have the whole school come to the cafeteria at 2:15. If a student raises \$40 or more, they will get a chance to slime myself or Coach Gio. I will have a list of the students, and send it out to you on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and they will come to the front of the cafeteria to slime us. After all of the students who raised \$40 or more slime Coach Gio or myself, we will hopefully then have the opportunity to slime Mrs. Lullo, Mrs. Lim, Mrs. Kassir and Mr. Lefebber! If we reach our goal of raising \$3,000.00 or more as a school, then the coaches will get to slime the principals. Last year we raised \$1,900.00, and I'm sure we can get to our goal of \$3,000.00 or more. So encourage your kiddos to raise money for a good cause, and hopefully get the chance to see the principals slimed. ☺

## SBAI Elementary Emails

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## Upcoming Events

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

Kids Heart Challenge	10/07-24/19
Fall Individual Photos	10/08/19
<b>Student Holiday/Staff Development</b>	<b>10/11/19</b>
<b>Student/Staff Holiday</b>	<b>10/14/19</b>
Watch D.O.G.S. Pizza Kick-Off Night TWE Cafeteria	10/16/19
Early Dismissal 12:00 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	10/17 & 18/19
Book Character Dress Up Day	10/31/19

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay Healthy!  
*Amber Reynolds*  
*Health Fitness Coach*  
*Thornwood Elementary*  
*Spring Branch ISD*

## **Additional ways to help support our Thornwood Community**

**At Kroger** – Use the link below to enroll in the “Community Rewards” program. Once you link your Kroger account to Thornwood Elementary, Kroger will donate a percentage of your purchase to the school – it’s just that easy! <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>

**Box Tops** – Collect box tops for Thornwood Elementary! Box tops has just introduced a more convenient way to help schools in real time.

1. Download the App
2. Create an account (or log in). Select Thornwood Elementary (14400 Fern Dr., Houston, TX)
3. Scan your receipt with 14 DAYS of purchase
4. Earn cash for Thornwood

## **Parent Conferences – Early Dismissal**

SBAI will hold conferences on October 16, 17 & 18 all day each day in order to fit in all conference times. If you have not already done so, please be sure to confirm your conference time with Mrs. Butorka.

These conferences are not required. **Please do not try to switch times with other parents.** These times are based on specific teacher combinations. Different times will not have the teacher combination needed for your child’s information. If you are unable to attend your assigned conference time, you will need to contact your child’s teachers. Most teachers are available to meet before or after school or during their conference period.

The teacher portion will last 15 minutes which will allow an additional 15 minutes for parent questions.

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

The official kick-off/pizza night will take place **October 16<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-7:00 pm in the TWE cafeteria.

## **Texas A&M Chemistry Open House!**

Celebrating National Chemistry Week

**Saturday, October 19**, 10am - 3pm, at Texas A&M College Station's Chemistry Department

The Chemistry Open House features the popular Chemistry Road Show, guided lab tours, hands-on and computer activities, door prizes and science goodie bags...recommended for all ages and includes demonstrations of popular science.

Get tickets for the popular Chemistry Road Show as soon as you arrive, at the Welcome tent, those shows will fill up! The Open House event gets very busy in the middle of the day, *so arrive early and/or plan to stay until 3pm*, for the most hands-on opportunities.

<https://www.chem.tamu.edu/openhouse/>

## **STEAM Night – TWE & SBAI Students**

**November 7** from 5:00-6:30 pm students can come and experience hands-on activities, sponsored by Shell Oil. More information regarding vendors and hosts will be announced soon.

## Advanced Academic Studies - Parent Night

Parenting Gifted Kids

November 13, 2019

Presented by Kristin Graham - Facilitator, Advanced Academics

11am-12pm OR 5-6pm

Administration Building - Room 275, 955 Campbell Rd., 77024

**LET'S GO 'STROS!!  
TAKE IT BACK!!!**





# APPLICATION

(Application Window: October 1 – 25, 2019)

The Spring Branch Board of Trustees proudly announces LeadSBISD, a new program to encourage, engage and develop leaders across our school district community. The year-long program will focus on all aspects of our school district, with bi-monthly meetings giving cohort members information and insights regarding SBISD operations and initiatives.

Growing Community Leaders

First Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP)\* \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phon\*e: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoned Middle School\*:

- Landrum Middle     Memorial Middle     Northbrook Middle     Spring Branch Middle
- Spring Forest Middle     Spring Oaks Middle     Spring Woods Middle

I am... (Select all that apply\*):

- Parent of current SBISD student(s)     Parent of former SBISD student(s)
- SBISD Community Member     Former SBISD student

(Note: LeadSBISD is not open to persons currently employed in SBISD schools and facilities.)

I understand the goals and purpose of LeadSBISD, and commit to fulfilling the program attendance requirements.\*

- Yes     No

Signature

\*Required

Date