

# Spring Branch Academic Institute



November 4, 2019

Issue 10



## SAVE THE DATES

<b>Cup Stacking Event – TWE Gym</b>	12/2 & 3/19
Early Dismissal 12:00 pm	<b>12/20/19</b>
<b>Winter Break</b>	<b>12/23/19-01/06/20</b>
<b>Parent Evening with Mike Postma, Executive Director of Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) 5:30-6:30 pm TWE Library</b>	<b>01/06/20</b>
Classes Resume- ALL SBAI Pathways Event- More information coming soon!	<b>01/07&amp;08/20</b>

## Message from Our Health Fitness Coach

American Heart Association just shared with me that we have reached a school record for the most money Thornwood has ever raised!!!!

The most we have ever raised was in 1999 and it was \$3, 439.00....

And this year in 2019 we raised.....

**\$4,310.51!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Go TEAM TWE AND SBAI! Way to help save lives!

Amber Reynolds  
Health Fitness Coach

## SBAI Elementary Emails

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## Upcoming Events

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

STEAM Night 5:00-6:30 pm	11/07/19
Advanced Academic Studies	11/13/19
Parent Ed Night – Parenting Gifted Kids	
Donuts w/Directors	11/14/19
SFMS Library 8:30-9:30 am	
Family Library Night 4:00-5:30 pm	11/18/19
TWE – Enter through Library Doors	
THANKSGIVING BREAK	11/25-29/19

# Electro-Magnetism Presentation at EPO by Will Maze

Saturday, November 9, 2019, at 12 noon at Electronic Parts Outlet (EPO)

Come out and see Mr. Maze demonstrate Oersted's Experiment, the Lenz effect using various magnets, tubes, and rods. He will also show homemade homopolar motors (first demonstrated by Michael Faraday) in an amazing display of electricity and magnetism (Lorentz force, right hand rule).

A simple electro-chemical example of electrolysis will use a pH indicator to graphically see what happens as water is separated into hydrogen and oxygen. You will see how stainless steel can change magnetic property as a function of crystal structure.

This workshop is sure to be inspiring for the creator who is interested in motors, compasses, stopping roller coasters, and making things move in unconventional ways using the mystery and magic of electricity and magnetism. The workshop is open to everyone, from the upper elementary to middle school student to the post-graduate hobbyist, Coaches and Science Teachers. There is no charge to attend. **Your RSVP is appreciated as it helps us to know if we need to schedule a second class to prevent overcrowding. It would help us to have your RSVP at [operations@epohouston.com](mailto:operations@epohouston.com) by 6pm Friday, Nov 8.** We hope to see you here!

Electronic Parts Outlet  
3753 Fondren Rd,  
Houston, TX 77063  
713-784-0140  
[www.epohouston.com](http://www.epohouston.com)

## 2019-2020 Yearbook

This is normally a PTA driven thing at most schools....so we're getting creative. Susan Fargason and Megan Sakkal have created a Google Shared Album where anyone invited to the album can submit photos.

We want everything! First day of school, field trips, lunch with your child, science lab, Fun Fridays' activities, drop off/pick up in the morning, your child and friend having fun in the library. **Anything!**

We decided to do more of a Shutterfly-type book as to avoid the cost and layout restrictions that go along with the typical yearbook companies. We'll try it this year and see how it goes. The Google Photo app is super easy!

**First**, join the Google Photos link here.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/LikkjHiPwy47XWDZ6>

Please download the Google Photos app to your smartphone. (This can also be accessed via computer.)

Click the picture you want to add

Click the top right corner 3 dots in a row

Select "Add To Album"

Select "Shared Albums"

Select SBAI Elementary 2019-2020

**\*\*\*THIS IS THE IMPORTANT PART-** please add a short comment to your picture and tell us where or what event or activity is happening in the picture. (ie. lunch, science lab, field day, etc.)

This will help us organize.

If you do not have a smart phone, please feel free to email pictures to THIS EMAIL... [SBAIElementaryParents@gmail.com](mailto:SBAIElementaryParents@gmail.com) with the above mentioned information and I will add it to the album.

The amazing outcome of this book is dependent on the parents! **PLEASE** help make this awesome! Yearbook ordering will occur in the spring. If you have questions or need help with the app., please reach out!

Thanks!  
Megan Sakkal  
c-832-527-2281



### SBAI Luggage/Backpack tags

We still have SBAI Luggage/Backpack tags available. If you'd like to purchase one, they are \$1.00 and available in Mrs. Butorka's office.



### 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.

Volunteers are being asked to help with:

Houston Museum of Natural Science exhibits (Bugs on Wheels, the Art Bike, the Dinosaur Exhibit, etc.)

The Houston Public Library table

SBAI Science Fair Displays

Samsung table with VR headsets

...And the list goes on!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c4ea9ab29a2fb6-steam>

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sirianni at [Julie.Sirianni@springbranchisd.com](mailto:Julie.Sirianni@springbranchisd.com)

### Help Support the SB NJROTC

We received this information from TWE teacher Selma Prewitt-Johnson.

We are supporting our Spring Branch NJROTC students as they collect money for the **Wreaths Across America** project. Please see the information below and consider helping by buying a wreath - \$15 each (or more ☺) to support the kids and honor the veterans at the Houston National Cemetery. The SBNJROTC students will place the wreaths during a ceremony December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sponsor a wreath for a specific person at the Houston National Cemetery, please send me a paper with the name when you send your donation and I will make sure it is turned in correctly.

You may send your donation directly to Ms. Selma Prewitt-Johnson or bring it to Mrs. Butorka and she will see that Selma receives your check.

Thank you for your support with this project.  
Selma Prewitt-Johnson

## Wreaths Across America Remember, Honor, Teach

Our Goal: to provide a live Maine wreath for each of the 70,000+ fallen heroes at the Houston National Cemetery on December 14, 2019

WAA is a 501c3 non-profit charity. All donations are tax deductible.

Last year close to 80,000 wreaths were placed with the help of 18,000 volunteers. Wreaths are \$15 each – you can sponsor a wreath for a specific person at the Houston National Cemetery.

You may purchase wreaths from any Guthrie NJROTC cadet or contact the Guthrie-SB NJROTC @ 713-251-1351 or via e-mail @ [jerry.coufal@springbranchisd.com](mailto:jerry.coufal@springbranchisd.com). Wreaths will be placed by the Guthrie-SB cadets during the ceremony on December 14.

## Support Our Fallen Heroes and the Spring Branch NJROTC!



Help honor the  
Houston men  
and women  
who protected  
our freedom.

**\*\*You may give your cash or check (payable to Spring Branch NJROTC) to Mrs. Prewitt-Johnson by the end of the day Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for supporting our Spring Branch students and our local heroes!

### 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

# Fall for a good book with Family Library Night!



November 18, 2019

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Enter at Library Doors

You're in for a fall treat!

We'll be reading

*How to Catch a Turkey*  
and building turkey traps.

