



Spring Branch Academic Institute

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME BACK!

SAVE THE DATES

5 th Grade Visit to SFMS 8:30 am-12:30 pm	02/05/2020
5 th Grade Field Trip – Houston Symphony	02/25/2020
Parent Education Night – Enrichment for your Gifted Child – Adrien Moshenberg, SBAI Enrichment Coordinator/Teacher TWE Library 5:30-6:30 pm	02/26/2020

Note from the Director:

A new year and a new decade provide the opportunity to reflect on the past and set goals for the future. At SBAI, the coming semester will be filled with lots of opportunities to learn and grow. As parents, there is much that we can do to support our children in their journey. Please visit this link for concrete strategies to build your child’s executive functioning skills.

<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/activities-guide-enhancing-and-practicing-executive-function-skills-with-children-from-infancy-to-adolescence/>

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Upcoming Events

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

Iowa Testing, Grades 2-5	01/14-16/2020
Family Fitness Night 5:00-6:30 TWE Gym	01/23/2020

Pathways 2020

The Pathways 2020 event was a great success. SBAI students in grades 1-8 had the opportunity to connect with a group of dynamic and engaging speakers on January 7 and 8. Our SBAI Dragons learned about various industries, and got advice about the power of education and forging their own pathways in life. Since gifted children typically have multi-potentiality, it is useful to see the pathways that others took on their journey and that every life experience can teach us something, and strengthen us along the way. **Check out the speakers’ bios on the attached PDF document.** We are so grateful to the many individuals that helped coordinate and plan this two-day event. The thought and time to build out this experience was well worth the investment for our children. Thank you!



Iowa Testing for grades 2 – 5

SBAI will be administering the Iowa exams to second through fifth grade students **January 14, 15, and 16.**

The Iowa Assessments measure student growth & progress from year to year, to help teachers identify a student's strengths & identify areas that may need additional emphasis, produce information that enables sound decision making & provide a focus for teachers to evaluate their instruction. It also provides information about your child's performance relative to the nation.

The tests range from 10 to 40 minutes and cover aspects of reading, writing, math, science, and social studies. We will be testing in the morning during the three non-block periods. Students will attend their block sessions all three days.

Please encourage your student to do his/her very best, get plenty of sleep, and have a nutritious breakfast.

On testing days, please send snacks removed from noisy packaging and place them in a re-sealable plastic bag (Ziploc or similar).

Note from the Thornwood Health and Fitness Coach:

Hi,

I just wanted to give you an update on a fun upcoming event that I started here at Thornwood 4 years ago. On January 23rd from 5:00-6:30pm, we will have our annual Family Health Fitness Night.

I will have giveaways for the first 50 students who come in. There will be a raffle ticket for some TWE/SBAI students to win a bike, equipment, pedometer, etc. There will be vendors from around the community giving away goodies, and informing parents. There will be just dance in the gym, either Zumba or 9 square in the gym, and yoga in the library. There will also be a special performance from our Drum Fit team.

It's a super fun event and would love for you to encourage your kiddos to come and I would love any volunteers if possible.



Thornwood's 4th Annual Family Health Fitness Night

Come join us for a free night with health and fitness information, goodies, and some active movement together as a family! Wear your tennis shoes and get ready for some zumba, 9 square, yoga and more!



January 23rd, 2020 from 5:00-6:30pm

It's a family free event with raffle prizes of equipment, a bike, and more!
(Students must be accompanied by an adult)

5th Grade visit to Spring Forest MS

SBAI fifth graders will visit Spring Forest MS with Thornwood and other elementary students who feed into SFMS on **February 5th, 2020**. Students will ride the bus to SFMS at 8:30 am.

After the tour, SBAI students will stay at SFMS and have lunch with many of the SBAI middle school students then ride the SBAI bus to Stratford. Students will see the SBAI pod and have an activity with the middle school teachers and students. Students will be walked back to Thornwood by a SBAI elementary teacher at 12:30 pm.

Permission slips will be coming home soon.

A meeting for parents of incoming 5th grade students will be held in the SFMS auditorium on **February 5, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**.

Mark your Calendars!

Parent Education Night: Enrichment for your Gifted Child

Wednesday, Feb 26, 2020

5:30-6:30 pm at the Thornwood Library

Presented by: Adrien Moshenberg, SBAI Enrichment Coordinator/Teacher

Enrichment is an important component of educational programming for gifted students. But, what exactly is it? This session is geared for parents and educators of gifted children who want to learn more about the Renzulli model of enrichment. Learn about the different types of enrichment experiences our students receive at SBAI and ways you can enrich your child's learning outside of school.

To attend this session, please RSVP with Lynnda Butorka at Lynnda.Butorka@springbranchisd.com