

BOOKSIN BEAT



MARCH 14, 2024,

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Upcoming Events

March

- 14-15 Minimum Day, 8:10am-12:05pm
- 22 Spirit Day, Lots of Socks
BESCA Hapas Night
- 28 Principal's Picnic, Garden, Students Only

April

- 3 BESCA General Meeting
- 5 Principal's Coffee, Virtual, 8:30am
- 8-12 No School, Spring Recess
- 16 BESCA Dining Night Out
- 19 Spirit Day, Anything but a Backpack
SJ Giants Night, Fireworks Show
- 23-26 5th Grade Science Camp
- 25 Principal's Picnic, Garden, Students Only
SSC Meeting, Library, 3:30pm

May

- 1 BESCA General Meeting, Virtual, 7:00pm
- 3 Principal's Coffee, Virtual, 8:30am
Family Fun Night (FFN)-More Details to
Come
- 14 Open House-More Details to Come
- 17 Spirit Day, Red, White and Blue
- 23 Principal's Picnic, Garden, Students Only
- 24 5th Grade Golfland Trip
- 27 No School, Memorial Day
- 31 5th Grade Promotion, Cline Park, 9:00am
Minimum Day, 8:10am-12:05pm
Last Day of School, Enjoy Your Break!

PBIS-This month's focus is

Attendance for Fall 2024-2025

Accurate enrollment numbers are important to us when making plans for next school year, 2024-2025. If you know that your child, or children, will **not** be attending Booksin, please return the form that will be coming home soon. You can also email Nicole at ntavarez@sjusd.org.

Principal's Corner

Dear Booksin School Community,

As we navigate through the month of March, I am continually impressed by the dedication and support of our educational partners, including our invested families like you. Your involvement plays a vital role in making Booksin School the amazing institution it is.

At this time of year, as spring parent-teacher conferences are in full Baby effect, I want to remind you of the importance of connecting with your child's teacher. These conferences provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and address any concerns or questions you may have. Your active participation is key to ensuring the success of our students.

Additionally, I'd like to take a moment to highlight an opportunity for involvement within our community for the 2024-2025 school year. We are still in search of a dedicated individual(s) to lead our BESCA Walkathon (WAT) committee. This role is crucial in organizing and overseeing this beloved Booksin tradition, which not only brings families together for fun and memorable experiences but also raises funds for our BESCA-funded programs.

We are seeking someone with event planning or project management experience, or anyone who is passionate about making a positive impact in our school community. Without the Walkathon, many of the enrichment programs that our students love would not be possible.

If you are interested in taking on this important role or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to Michelle Pilling at volunteers@mybesca.com. Your support in this endeavor will greatly contribute to the success of our school and the enrichment of our students' educational experiences.

Thank you for your continued dedication and involvement in making Booksin a thriving community for our students.

Warm regards,

Felicia Tan, Principal



Booksin BEAT Secret Word

Every month we will be featuring a hidden secret word somewhere in the BEAT. Email the secret word to Holly Cloern at hcloern@sjusd.org and your name will be entered in a monthly drawing for a Starbucks gift card! We will be choosing one winner each month. Our next drawing will be on April 5th. Good luck!

Minimum Day Schedule 8:10am-12:05pm

TK-2 Recess 9:50-10:05

Lunch 11:00-11:35

3rd Grade Recess 10:20-10:35

Lunch 11:00-11:35

4-5 Grade Recess 10:20-10:35

Lunch 11:30-12:00

No Electronics

Please keep in mind that no personal electronic devices are to be in use by students during the school day. Smart watches or cell phones should be turned off until the end of the school day. Remind your student that if they are not feeling well, they most certainly can tell their teacher or another staff member and go to the nurse's office. Our nurse will then notify a parent or guardian if it's necessary to come to school to sign out the student. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Message from BESCO

BESCA has a critical need to fill several vacant board roles and two additional critical lead roles. Candidates need to be identified by March 31, 2024. At Booksin, we count on families' support to make sure students receive all the programming they deserve. Whether you are a veteran volunteer or have never volunteered at all, we are asking for your help.

Many families may not be fully aware of BESCA's contributions to Booksin. This year's BESCA operating budget was more than \$340,000! Fundraising through BESCA partially or fully funds significant programs and activities that would not otherwise exist, including art@Booksin, garden, Cornerstone, field trips, and fifth grade activities. Unfortunately, without the following open roles being filled for the 2024-2025 school year, these programs are at risk of being cut.

Candidates need to be identified by March 31 in preparation for formal elections at the April 3 BESCA General Meeting. If these positions are left vacant, the 2024-2025 budget (which will be voted on at the BESCA General Meeting in May) will include drastic cuts to many of the programs mentioned above.

We need these positions to fill the following critical gaps:

- BESCA's VP of Technology
- BESCA's VP of Volunteers
- BESCA's Income Treasurer
- Booksin's Cornerstone Lead
- Booksin's Walkathon Event Planner/Lead

The request for volunteers started in November, yet we still have these openings. With a deadline fast approaching, it's now up to the Booksin community to determine if BESCA will be able to continue providing students the enhanced learning opportunities and fun events that they've enjoyed for so many years.

Please contact Michelle Pilling, VP of Volunteers, at volunteers@mybesca.com to find out how you can make a difference and/or if you know of potential candidates. Many of these positions can also be shared with a friend. Current BESCA Board members and program leads are willing and available to speak to anyone with specific questions about the job openings. Let's prove to our kids that the Booksin community spirit is alive and well!

Alyssa Takigawa-2023/2024 BESCA President