



BOOKS IN BEAT

September 10th, 2026

Booksin Elementary 1590 Dry Creek Rd., San Jose, Ca 95125 — (408) 535-6213

Important Dates

September

- 11 BЕСA General Meeting, Café, 8:30am
- 16 BЕСA Hosts Dining Night Out (DNO), Jack Holder
- 18 Spirit Day, Show Your Colors
TK-Red, K-Orange 1st-Yellow, 2nd-Green, 3rd-Light
Blue, 4th-Dark Blue, 5th-Purple
- 23 BЕСA Hosts DNO, Icicles
- 24 Principal's Picnic, Garden, Students Only
- 28-30 NO SCHOOL, Fall Recess

October

- 1-2 No School, Fall Recess Ends
- 5-9 BЕСA Costume Collection
- 6 BЕСA Hosts DNO, Giorgios
- 12 BЕСA Costume Shopping
- 12 SELAC Meeting, Rm. 20, 8:20am
- 16 Spirit Day, College Wear
- 17 WAT, Main Field, 9:00am-2:00pm
- 21 BЕСA Hosts DNO, Nick the Greek
- 22 Principal's Picnic, Garden, Students Only
SSC Meeting, Library, 3:20pm
- 26-30 Minimum Day, 8:10am-12:06pm
- 30 Halloween Parade, Spirit Court, Families Welcome,
Begins at 8:45am

Upcoming School Events!!!! (Students Only)

- 9/25/26 Bubble Party @ Lunch
- 11/12/26 Bubble Party @ Lunch
- 11/23/26 Dance Party @ Lunch
- 11/24/26 Dance Party @ Lunch

New Teachers/Staff Introductions

Christina Youk (Kinder)

Hi Booksin families! I'm Christina Youk, the new kindergarten teacher here at Booksin. This is my 20th year of teaching, where I've spent the last 19 years teaching at Rachel Carson Elementary, another school in SJUSD. I've taught grades K-4, with most of my teaching experience in kindergarten and first grade. My son is in 1st grade here at Booksin, so I am very excited to be teaching here where he goes to school. As a family, we love Disneyland, travelling, spending time in nature, and spending time with friends and family. I am looking forward to a great year here at Booksin!

Heather Maguire (RSP)

My name is Ms. Maguire, a new RSP teacher here at Booksin. I have spent the past few years gaining experience in special education having received my special education credential in 2022. I have taught RSP, SDC at all grade levels. I am a parent of a senior at Pioneer and a sophomore at West Valley. I enjoy theater, music and spending time with friends and family. I am excited to be here at Booksin and look forward to being a part of such a great community.

Share the Road & Watch for Our Bikers

As our students travel to and from school, please remember to **share the road and be mindful of our young cyclists**. Slow down, give bikers plenty of space, and stay alert—especially near school and in our surrounding neighborhoods. Together, we can help make the journey to and from school safe for all of our students!

Message From The Principal

Dear Booksin Bulldogs,

Last week we celebrated our first Bulldog Friday of the school year. Students had a blast looking for little Louies scattered throughout the campus. Louie, our mascot, made a guest appearance himself to give hugs and high fives to students who came and claimed their prizes at the end of the day.

As we move through this first month of school, we want to remind our families about the incredible power of consistent school attendance. Showing up every day is more than just a routine—it's a habit that sets our students up for lifelong success. When students attend school regularly, they:

- Build strong connections with teachers, mentors, and friends.
- Stay on track academically, making learning easier and more enjoyable.
- Develop vital life skills like routine, dependability, and confidence.

We know that life happens, and sometimes getting to school can be a challenge. Whether your family is navigating health concerns, transportation difficulties, or personal obstacles, please know that you are not alone.

We are here to support you! If your student is struggling to attend school regularly, please reach out to our admin and office team. Together, we can find solutions and work toward a great school year for your child."

Shout out to our 11 classes who have had **0 unexcused absences** for the month of **August**:
Ms. Christiansen, Ms. Rebustes, Mr. Law, Mrs. Pottenger, Ms. Mora, Ms. Niemann, Mrs. Kekare, Mrs. Tran, Mrs. Codianne, Ms. Ordaz

Keep it up, and **Go Bulldogs!**

Felicia Tan, Principal



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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 \$5 Starbucks gift card! We will be choosing one winner each month. Congratulations to Max Siegel, our September winner! Our next drawing will be Monday, October 5th, Good Luck!

Drop Off/Pick Up & Parking

Please be aware of the traffic and safety rules when dropping off and picking up students. Remember to pull all the way forward at drop-off/pick up. Please DO NOT PARK in Staff Parking! Please use crosswalks, be aware of neighborhood driveways, no parking signs (grey zones and red zones). Please no U-Turns on or around the surrounding streets of the school. If you live close enough, consider walking or biking. Please be patient and kind with teachers and staff helping with drop-off/pick up as we navigate the school year.

Student Nutrition

Breakfast and fun lunch are served daily, Monday-Friday to all students for free. Breakfast service begins at 7:40am. Breakfast must be eaten in the cafeteria or at the green tables. Free breakfast and lunch are for current Booksin students only. Please check sjusd.org, student nutrition services for menus or the display case by the main office for both breakfast and lunch.

Halloween Parade

Booksin's annual Halloween Parade is Friday, October 30th at 8:45am in the spirit court. Students should arrive to school in costume. Costumes must be age appropriate. NO blood or gore, violence, simulated weapons or revealing costumes. When choosing your costume for school, please keep in mind the very young age of our TK's and kindergartners. If ever in doubt, please check with your classroom teacher and/or administration. We want everyone to have a fun and memorable experience! Parents/Guardians are welcome to watch.

Minimum Day Schedule~8:10-12:06

TK-2	Recess 9:50-10:05
	Lunch 11:00-11:35
3 rd	Recess 10:10-10:25
	Lunch 11:00-11:35
4 th /5 th	Recess 10:10-10:25
	Lunch 11:30-12:00

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For questions or complaints, contact Equity Compliance and Title IX Coordinator Michelle Reghitto, Director of Student Services, Complaint@sjusd.org, and Section 504 Coordinator Chris Metcalfe, Director of Special Education, 504@sjusd.org 855 Lenzen Avenue, (408) 535-6000.

Message From BESCA

Are You Ready for Booksin's Roar Back in Time? The 39th Annual Walkathon is on Saturday, October 17th! The Walkathon is Booksin's biggest fundraiser and community event of the year and we need everyone to help make it a success. There are lots of ways to participate:

Be a Sponsor: Family and business sponsorships are still open! Sponsorships directly support programs like garden, music & movement, and grade-level field trips. Businesses also gain visibility with our engaged Booksin community.

Collect Student Pledges: Students will soon bring home instructions for Pledgestar, our online pledging platform. Reach out to friends, family, and neighbors to support your student. Our goal is \$300 per student but every pledge makes a difference. Give what you can!

Corporate Match: Many Bay Area employers match employee donations to schools and nonprofits. Check whether your company participates and submit a match to double your impact for FREE!

Donate, Bid & Have "Fun with Friends": Donate an item to the Silent Auction or host a "Fun with Friends" event. Hosts choose the activity, date, time, and price – and the money raised goes back to Booksin!

Volunteer: Walkathon is a BIG event and needs a lot of volunteers! Adult and middle/high school youth volunteer signups for set-up and Walkathon day will open on Konstella soon! We ask every family to volunteer for one shift. It's easy, fun, and a great way to help ensure a successful event.

Visit www.mybesca.com/walkathon and stay tuned to Konstella for more information and all the details. Thank YOU for helping make Booksin such a special community, we're looking forward to a great day together on October 17th!

Emily Fuehrer
BESCA President
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