

# Report to The Community

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# San Bruno Park School District

*Schools with Tomorrow Inside*

## Important Reminders

- August 22: First Day of School and Early Release Thursday



# MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Staff, Parents, and Members of the Community:

I came to San Bruno Park School District eager to roll up my sleeves and dedicate myself to addressing the challenges the District was facing. You joined forces with me to begin moving the District forward, supporting a vision for San Bruno children to give them Schools with Tomorrow Inside. The vision has required you to understand and support change necessary to ensure success for today's students and those yet to be served by our school. Such things as the school consolidation of El Crystal, the recruitment and hiring of new leadership in the areas of instruction and special education; and, importantly, change to accomplish fiscal recovery all have happened in the past two years. Indeed, there is no better example of what a school community can achieve when working together on behalf of children than the November 2018 election results demonstrating the overwhelming support of Measure X to transform facilities.

Likewise, educational transformation in the District requires that same energy of commitment to support the District's values, vision, and mission. We have just completed a rewarding process of developing a Portrait of the Graduate that will become a beacon for guiding transformation work – a collaborative effort that involved educational leaders, parents, students, and the corporate sector who contributed thoughtful input on student competencies the workplace of tomorrow.

We have attracted hundreds of thousands of dollars from community donors and the corporate sector to implement new and sustain existing educational programs. We are garnering honors and awards. We have a new website and branding. and professional development for staff is underway.

In short – together – we have come a very long way in moving the District forward in the past 22 months that I have been Superintendent. This momentum must continue.

An opportunity, which does not come around often, has presented itself to me to lead a comprehensive district where I can apply my training and passion for educating the whole child from ages Pre-K through 12th grade. Effective July 1, 2019, I will serve as the new Superintendent of the Santa Clara Unified School District, which serves 15,500 students in 26 schools plus another 6,000 enrolled in preschool and adult school.

San Bruno Park School District is richly blessed with strong community partnerships that have supported change in our District. It has been a distinct honor and privilege for me to work with all of you to lay a foundation for the School with Tomorrow Inside vision for 21st century schools in San Bruno that supports student success now and for generations to come.

I will look forward to joining you for the ground breaking of the new Allen Elementary School – just the beginning of the new chapter you will write together, which has the potential for placing San Bruno Park School District on the map among the best of the best in the Bay Area.

Appreciatively,



Stella M. Kemp, Ed.D.  
Superintendent





# SCHOOLS WITH TOMORROW INSIDE

## Facilities Update



Much action has been taken since the election in November 2018 with the approval of Measure X, the \$79 million bond to rebuild and modernize San Bruno Park Schools. The selection of the project manager and construction management pool, architect pool, and architect for Allen Elementary School has been completed.

The planning for the first phase of the project, Allen Elementary is underway with the formation of the District/site design team. To address the braided funding for the remaining projects, the sale of the El Crystal site is on track, with an anticipated property transfer in Fall 2019. The Board is reviewing the disposition of other surplus property in a manner that will yield the most revenue for the District, while preserving for future needs. For more facilities updates, visit [sbpsd.org](http://sbpsd.org).

## Educational Transformation Update

The District just completed the work to establish the foundation for educational outcomes for the students. This project, called the Portrait of the Graduate, outlines the skills and qualities for each student who promotes from the District to high school. Over the course of four months, a team of community stakeholders, including businesses, met to identify and develop these qualities.



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# TRANSFORMING OUR SCHOOLS



## Education Services Department Update

Summer break presents an opportunity to strengthen our site and District leadership teams all around. Our teacher orientation on August 16 will be a time for us to welcome new teachers and familiarize them with the District's curriculum committee. Following the teacher orientation, we will be hosting our annual welcome back convocation, where teachers and staff from the District gather in celebration of a new school year and receive special training that will strengthen their instructional routines and strategies. Our 6th to 8th grade history and social studies teachers will also attend a training for the new textbook adoption.

2019-20 presents a year full of building and strengthening our mission to better prepare our students for a future of life-long learning. Throughout the course of the new school year, teachers will:

- Assess TK/Kinder and second language English learners for language proficiency
- Participate in professional development for expanding mathematics instructional routines
- Implement the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM)
- Expand and implement Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) model to include 2nd and 3rd grade

Also, this upcoming year, our history and social sciences teachers will begin implementation of their newly adopted curriculum. A science textbook adoption committee will be formed with representation from each school to pilot state approved science textbooks and make a recommendation for the adoption of the new curriculum. Lastly, we are excited to begin planning the next Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) cycle to develop our goals, actions, and services for the 2020-23 LCAP.

A special thank you to all of our dedicated teachers and staff!



# INCLUSIVE PROGRAMS

## Special Education Department Highlights

2018-2019 was a challenging yet very rewarding year when it came to our Special Education Department. We are happy to share the following achievements with you!

### Parent Meetings/Speaker Series:

- This year, the Special Education Department held monthly parent meetings to provide an opportunity for the community to learn about programs and services.
- During our parent meetings, our team members addressed several important topics, including behavior intervention strategies and working with children with anxiety.
- A speaker series designed for parents provided information and strategies on a variety of issues, and the opportunity to network with other parents within the community.



Parents Helping Parents  
*Building Bright Futures  
for Children with Special Needs!*

### Community Agency Partnerships:

- SBPSD has continued to foster its relationship with the Star Vista Agency, a tremendous resource to the District. Through Star Vista's work in securing a grant, Belle Air Elementary was able to have a full-time counseling intern, who provided mental health services and support to the Belle Air community.
- Star Vista also provided Parent Workshops at Allen Elementary School, covering topics identified through parent feedback and requests.
- The Family Resource Center is a local partner that enthusiastically participated in our speaker series.
- Parents Helping Parents also provided a Saturday workshop, which was open to the entire San Bruno community. This workshop focused on the basics of special education, providing information on the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process and parent rights.

### Therapeutic Special Day Class (TSDC) Development:

The Special Education Department has worked hard to develop a Therapeutic Special Day Class for students needing intensive embedded mental health and behavioral support to meet their educational needs. In opening up this program, SBPSD will be able to serve more special education students within the District and meet their needs on a comprehensive general education campus.

### Inclusive Preschool Grant:

SBPSD has received a grant to begin developing an inclusive preschool program, allowing for special education students to be served amongst their typically developing peers. This inclusive model is one that the Special Education Department supports, and we are excited to share more soon.





# MAKING LEARNING FUN

## Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Fair

We innovate, motivate, and educate!

Our first annual STEM Fair was a huge success thanks to our grant from the San Bruno Community Foundation, our staff, and families! The STEM Fair was an opportunity for our students to showcase their talents, innovations, and hard work through student projects and demonstrations.

Congratulations to our STEM Fair winners and all our young scientists and engineers who were thrilled to share their work after hours dedicated to research, project preparation, and presentations.

We would like to also thank our volunteer judges - Steven Seymour, Skip Johnson, Bob George, Monina Salazar, Carol Leslie, and Tony Aranda.



## Children's Day and Book Day



Children's Day and Book Day was a smashing success! Our day was full of giveaways, fun, creative activities, and a free health fair. Our kids were able to explore police cars and fire trucks, participate in fun games, and enjoy entertaining presentations. We would like to thank our community partners who came out to join us and support us as we celebrated our wonderful children and the magic of reading!



# UPLIFTING OUR COMMUNITY

## Big Lift Community Collaborative



San Mateo County is one of the wealthiest counties in the nation, yet 50% of our children are not reading proficiently by third grade. San Mateo County - realizing that the educational status quo is no longer an option - launched The Big Lift to advance a bold new vision for early learning to address the literacy gap for our children.

The Big Lift Community Collaborative, which we are a part of, is a steering group whose purpose is to develop three areas for the Big Lift project: (1) addressing the issue of high quality preschool programs for every child in San Bruno; (2) informing, building partnerships, and marketing to the community the existing programs; and (3) establishing a seamless, pathway between the early learning and K - 8 programs. The

Collaborative meets four times per year, with the three working groups meeting monthly.

The Big Lift funding has enabled the San Bruno Park School District early childhood education program to provide tuition free spaces for full day, year-round preschool and the hiring of additional staff which included a bilingual parent liaison to assist with parent engagement and attendance.

## Summer Programs

With the 2018-19 school year now behind us, we are so excited for what's to come this summer! Summer is the perfect time to brush up on your learning, pick-up new skills, and discover new interests. From our Elevate Math, to Big Lift Inspiring Summer and SEAL Summer program, we are offering these special opportunities as part of our mission to continue to build and inspire our students.

Every summer, we are proud to have The Big Lift Inspiring Summer program which provides a four-week, tuition free (for income eligible families), full day academic and hands-on activity opportunity, originally for entering K students, but now expanded also to include entering first and entering second graders. Most of the teachers in Inspiring Summers are on staff so there is continuity for our students with their summer school teachers going forward into K-2nd grade, which is of tremendous benefit.

In the future, we hope to establish new programs that will further advance our students learning, such as but not limited to the following: Elementary Music, STEM/Robotics Opportunities, Elementary Physical Education, SEAL Expansion, Afterschool Programming, Early Education, Districtwide Events ( i.e., Kindergarten Roundup, Trunk or Treat, 5K and the Summer Music Program.)





# TEAM BUILDING



## Staff Appreciation Event

This year, we held a phenomenal team building event for staff across the District. It was set to mimic the Amazing Race reality TV show, and we had five participating members from each school in our District, including our District Office. Each team had to locate clue cards to guide them to six different locations throughout San Bruno and perform an activity per site. Each site determined their team's theme, and designed matching costumes.

The team that came in first place received a trophy, and awards were presented by three judges to those teams who demonstrated the most spirit. All staff cheered for their colleagues at the starting and ending points of the race in demonstration of their support and school spirit.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our local sponsors:

- 7-Eleven on 2020 Rollingwood Drive
- San Bruno Public Library
- San Bruno Salvation Army
- JC Bruno Restaurant





# STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Congratulations to New Employees and Promotions!

In order to continue growing and providing the very best to our students, teachers, parents and communities, San Bruno Park School District has welcomed a few new members to our family. As part of that commitment, we are also pleased to announce key promotions within the District to help build and support existing schools and programs.



### Monina Salazar

Monina Salazar, a previous assistant school principal at a Parkside Intermediate School, will now be the principal at Allen Elementary School. Monina brings over 10 years of teaching experience. Some of her accomplishments include being named Teacher of the Year and Rotary Educator of the Year, as well as she has received thousands of dollars in grants.

### Michelle Mehl Graham

This fall, Michelle Mehl Graham will be principal at John Muir Elementary. Michelle has over 26 years experience in teaching, directing, and improving student services programs and departments. She has been a teacher, director, principal, and vice principal at various schools. Her work has helped implement positive systems, plans, and curricula that have improved test scores, placements, and classes school-wide.



### Carlos Sevilla

Carlos Sevilla has been part of the San Bruno Park School District family for the past 5 years, and has been promoted to Network Manager. He has always had a strong interest in technology and was previously part of the Anthropology Department Tech Team. He expanded his knowledge in technology by working for a voice application development company that encompassed the hospitality and higher education fields. Carlos is looking forward to guiding the Technology Department through the District's vision of Schools with Tomorrow Inside.

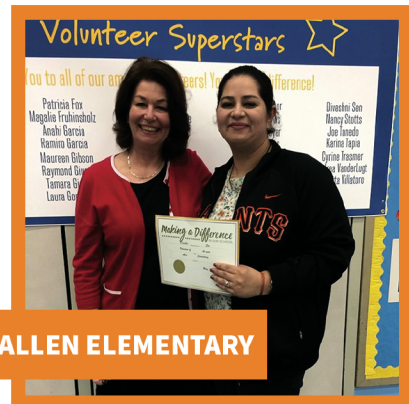
### Ana Zambrano

Ana Zambrano is a Program Specialist for the Special Education department with a background in moderate/severe and mild/moderate. She started her career as a paraprofessional, continued to work in the classroom as a teacher and now supports teachers and specialists with improving student learning. Her passion projects include serving the community through service work with Rotary and collaborating with the Department of Rehabilitation. We are excited to have her as part of our team!





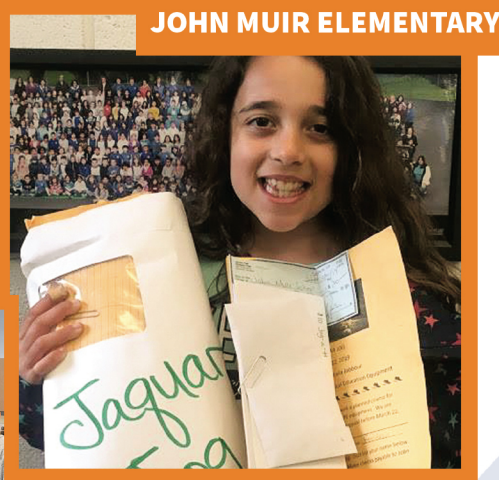
# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



**ALLEN ELEMENTARY**

Allen Elementary School held a Volunteer Appreciation Celebration on May 20th. Thank you to our wonderful Allen volunteers!

Congratulations and thank you to one of John Muir students for proposing the John Muir Jaguar Jog which raised over \$3,000!



**JOHN MUIR ELEMENTARY**

Here is a picture of some of our Belle Air volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!

**BELLE AIR ELEMENTARY**



**PARKSIDE INTERMEDIATE**

We wish all the very best to our Parkside Intermediate graduates! We will miss you!

**PORTOLA ELEMENTARY**



Our Portola Elementary families are very generous! They donated over 10 large laundry baskets full of books to the Latino Family Literacy Project at Belle Air Preschool.



**SAN BRUNO PRESCHOOL**

Our San Bruno preschoolers had the best time visiting the San Bruno Police Department! Thank you to all of the officers and staff who made it such a memorable experience!

Congratulations to our 4th grade winner of the 79th Annual Posy Parade Poster Contest! Bravo!



**ROLLINGWOOD ELEMENTARY**



# CONNECT WITH US

Would you like to hear about all of the exciting things happening at our schools every day? By connecting with us on Facebook, you can enjoy the latest activities on a daily basis.



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We have several new videos you can watch on the following topics:

- About our District
- TK/Kinder
- Parkside Intermediate
- STEM Fair
- Children's Day



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## Our Mission

The San Bruno Park School District educates and empowers all students to thrive academically, socially and emotionally and be contributing members of society.

## Our Vision

The San Bruno Park School District will engage and inspire our students to be productive critical thinkers who embrace diversity, curiosity and innovation throughout their lives.



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