

# The Briones Banner



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## Pizza Chicago Night

Mon. Sept. 30, 5:30-7:30  
BUY/USE Scrip!

## Briones Harvest festival

Sat. Oct. 5, 3-7pm  
Come for the fun and  
stay for dinner

### Calendar

Mon., Sep. 30, 5:30 PM	Pizz'a Chicago Night
Sat., Oct. 5, 3 - 7 PM	Harvest Festival
Mon., Oct. 14	Picture Day
Mon., Oct. 14	PTA Meeting
Fri., Oct. 18	No School

### "It's elementary" Notes from the office

Did you know that parents are required to notify the Office when their child will be absent from school? Since the beginning of school, the office staff, in addition to their required work, have been doing YOUR job. Each day there has been a list of absent students whose parents did not call the school. So Maria and Sharon have had to call you. Notify the school at 856-0877 ext. 201 (at anytime) to report that your child will not be at school.

Also, when you need to take your child out of class, you MUST stop by the office to personally release your child from the school. Please abide by this common sense requirement. Your child's safety is of utmost concern to the Briones staff.

### PTA President's Message

Thanks to our many involved parents and volunteers, we are off to a great start this year! We appreciate those of you who took time out of your busy morning to come to our first PTA meeting of the year on Monday, September

9th. The renovated teacher's lounge was packed and we had a very productive meeting followed by a discussion of our school's emergency preparedness plans, led by our principal, Gary Dalton. This year we plan to continue alternating morning meetings with evening meetings in the hope that we can include as many as possible. The lucky winners of our PTA membership drawing were: Ron Baker, who won a gift certificate to Borders bookstore; Pilar Badillo, who won a Briones sweatshirt; and Richard DiGiacomo, who won the PTA stuffed-bear. The next PTA meeting will be on Monday, October 14th, at 7:00pm. Childcare will be provided. More information will be provided in an upcoming Banner.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at Back-to-School night. We certainly are grateful to the teachers for their well-prepared presentations, which helped parents learn what goes on in the classroom and how they can help their child at home.

## Harvest Festival

You've seen the signs around campus painted by Robin

Boselli-Kao and her dedicated crew, so you know the Harvest Festival is



only a week away. Get ready for the pumpkin toss booth, the lollipop tree, the putting booth (and much more). Enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner grilled by our Briones dads, followed by square dancing into the night. This is one of our most popular events, and you won't want to miss it! Each grade level is responsible for staffing booths, so if you haven't signed up yet, contact your room parent, or festival organizers Cindy Ziebelman (852-9797) or Susan Voll (424-0395) on how you can help.

## Fund-Raising

Thanks to the hard work of Avivit Steinhart and Jeanne Chisholm, our Gift-Wrap sale is underway. You should have your catalog by now and your order is due Monday, October 7. This is the second of four fundraisers this year. Help support the school with your gift wrap purchase.

And if you haven't sent in your Direct Appeal envelope yet, please do-- every contribution helps.

## Pizz'a Chicago Night

Mark your calendars for the first Pizz'a Chicago Night of the school year, on

Monday, September 30th from 5:30-7:30pm. (Please note: we are changing Pizz'a Chicago Nights to



the LAST Monday of every month.) As always, our dedicated SCRIP volunteer will be there. We invite all Briones families and friends to join us on the last Monday of each month at Pizz'a Chicago for dinner. Use SCRIP to buy your pizza and stock up on scrip for other merchants. When you pay for your meal with Pizz'a Chicago scrip, 10% of the tab goes to the school. If you like, buy your scrip from Amy Christel ahead of time Wednesdays at school – you'll find her outside of Room 9. Looking forward to seeing you at Pizz'a Chicago.

—Lynn Kidder, PTA Co-President, 493-6575

## PTA News

### Join the PTA

If you haven't yet, don't forget to join the PTA! The class with the most PTA members **by Friday, October 4th** wins an ice cream party. Membership costs only \$10 per adult; envelopes are available from your child's teacher or the school office.

### Jobs Available

We still need volunteers to help with our new event this year, the (adults) Valentine's Day Party and Silent Auction. A mini-silent auction also will be held at the Harvest Festival, but we still need planners for the larger silent auction and party in February.

The City of Palo Alto Transportation Department is conducting a South Palo Alto Commute Safety Study, and Juana Briones is invited to send a representative. Please contact Lynn Kidder (493-6575) or Heidi Stein (494-8432) if you can help with either of these jobs.

### eScrip Earnings Update

Thanks to all of our eScrip users whose everyday purchases bring in \$\$ for Briones! Our eScrip earnings

(through July) amount to \$3,074.53. Our monthly numbers, however, reveal a depressing downward trend in earnings for Briones. In May, our net contributions were \$480.52, in June they were \$414.16, and in July they were down to \$352.13. We hope our August and September numbers come in higher. Here are a few simple ideas for our current supporters, to be sure they are using eScrip

effectively:

Check that your most used credit/debit/ grocery card numbers are registered with eScrip ([www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on my eScrip). Some card numbers/expiration dates may have changed since you last registered!

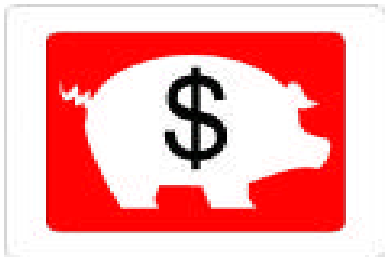
If you punch in your phone number at Safeway, (instead of swiping your Club Card), you need to be sure that phone number is linked to the Safeway Club Card that you registered with eScrip. Call 877-723-3929 (877-SAFEWAY) to check.

Remember to use your registered cards when you shop at eScrip merchants—especially grocery stores (Safeway, Piazza's, Draeger's, Andronico's, JJ&F Market, Mollie Stones).

If you haven't yet registered as a Briones eScrip supporter, or have questions about eScrip, call **Amy Christel at 852-9959**.

## S.O.S. from Briones Music Teachers!

The beginning strings class desperately needs your help. Music lessons at Briones are held on Monday from 11:20 – 12:00 and Thursday from 12:50 – 1:30. If you play the violin, viola, or cello and can spare some time to help tune instruments each week, please call Phyllis or Terry at 329-3944. Thank you in advance for sharing your time with the young aspiring musicians!



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