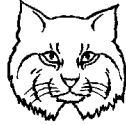


# The Briones Banner

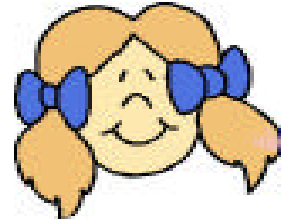
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## School Pictures

Don't forget Picture Day!  
Monday, October 14th



### Calendar

Mon., Oct. 14	Picture Day
Mon., Oct. 14	PTA Meeting
Fri., Oct. 18	No School
Thur., Oct. 31	Halloween Parade

### PTA President's Message

The Fall Harvest Festival was full of the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of our community coming together to celebrate and support our children. Many thanks to Susan Voll, Cindy Ziebelman, Jill Bibo, and Jeanne Chisholm for their great efforts!

Community events and fundraising are two very visible ways the PTA involves parents in the effort to enrich the educational experience. Parental involvement, however, is a year-round, everyday effort. The PTA supports the efforts of parents with two additional areas of focus: parent education and political advocacy. Juana Briones PTA will be joining the Duveneck PTA for a special opportunity to hear Trish Calvert, Ph.D., a nationally known consulting psychologist, speak about "High Hopes, High Stress". A dinner and brief PTA business meeting at Briones will precede this lecture. On the agenda for the meeting is a discussion of ballot measures related to child welfare that will come before voters in the upcoming November election. The California State PTA and the Palo Alto

Council of PTAs have taken a position on these measures. Juana Briones PTA will also have the opportunity to weigh in on important legislation affecting our children. More information about the dinner, meeting, and lecture is included in this issue of the Banner.

The Juana Briones PTA sponsors the Banner as a critical link in home/school communication. This issue is filled with information about the bustling activity throughout the fall at Briones. I hope you have found meaningful and satisfying ways to be involved. If you are still looking please contact me, Heidi Stein, at 650-494-8432 or Lynn Kidder at 650-493-6575 to discuss how you can be involved in your child's educational experience. Your membership in the PTA is a good way to start. Help us meet our goal of 100% participation and experience the satisfaction of making a difference in the lives of children.

—Co-President Heidi Stein, Co-President Juana Briones PTA

## PTA News and To-Dos

### Calendar Update

Mark your calendar. A date has been set for the Annual Briones Ice Skating Party. Join us on February 1st for this Briones favorite!

### PTA Budget Highlights

The 2002-03 PTA budget was approved at the September General Meeting. Highlights of the budget include money for additional hours for aids at every grade level, and discretionary funds provided to teachers to support classroom enrichment. On the income side of the budget, five fundraisers were approved including a direct appeal, silent auction, gift-wrap sale, scrip, and the Juana Run. Our ability to provide financial support for the teachers and classrooms is dependent on the success of these events. The funds raised from these events directly support **your** child's classroom. Please be as generous as you can.

### Thank You to Our Many Volunteers

Juana Briones PTA is a vibrant organization serving the entire school community, thanks to the hard work and dedication of volunteers. I would love to publicly thank by name each volunteer, but in addition to being hardworking much of what they do happens quietly behind the scenes. So I will try to capture the wide variety of events and activities from the past month that so enrich the lives of Briones students. If you are one of the individuals who contributed to the success of these events, thank you. Also, I am sure you know someone who has helped. Please let them know how much their efforts are appreciated!

Library – PTA Meetings – Field Trip Drivers – Classroom Helpers – Noon

Activities – PTA Membership – Scrip – Banner – Way2Go – Emergency Preparedness- TB Testing

### Subscribe to eNews!

Home/School communication just got a little more high tech at Briones with the inauguration of eNews. This weekly calendar and community update will be delivered directly to the e-mail inbox of all subscribers. To subscribe send an e-mail to:

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Items for eNews must be submitted by noon on Thursday to be included in the weekly Friday bulletin. Send information to Marilyn Putney at mputzini@yahoo.com.

### Family Resource Ambassadors

The City of Palo Alto Family Resources Program provides information to Palo Alto residents in a very personal way, through Family Ambassadors. The city trains volunteers to familiarize them with the wide variety of resources available in the community. These volunteers then keep the Family Resource kiosks up-to-date and are a great asset in their own neighborhoods and schools as a wealth of information. If you are interested in becoming a Family Resource Ambassador, call Heidi Stein at 650-494-8432.

Items included in the Briones Banner are presented as a community service. The Briones PTA and PAUSD do not necessarily endorse any of the programs mentioned here. For more information about any item, please check to see if complete flyers are available in the school office or are posted on the bulletin board just outside the school office

### Safety Alert from the Office

Do you pick up your child after school? If so, please make sure that he or she waits for you **in front of the school** (by the flag pole outside the school office) and not in the Maybell (back) side of the school grounds. There is **no supervision** at any time during the day on Maybell. School is dismissed at 2:40 pm every day, except on Wednesdays, when students get out at 1:30 pm. For your child's sake, please be prompt.

### A Personal Plea from the PTA President

The city of Palo Alto is convening an advisory group to study school commutes in South Palo Alto. I think this is a critical issue for Briones and for our community, as well as an issue I am personally very interested in. Unfortunately I am not able to serve on this committee at this time. I am sure there are others of you out there who are equally concerned about traffic, safety, environmental, and quality of life issues, but you were hoping someone else would step up to do this important work because you don't have time to do one more thing. I fully understand; however, no one has stepped up. So I am now asking you to please reconsider if you are able to devote some time to this very important issue.

Thank you to everyone for all of your work on behalf of the students at Juana Briones. I am confident we will find a Briones representative for this important project. For more information about it, please call me at 650-494-8432. —Thank you, Heidi Stein

# FYI

## Annual Costume Sale Is Coming Up

The Palo Alto Children's Theatre and TheatreWorks are co-hosting the annual Costume & Etc Sale on Saturday, October 19th, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Lucie Stern Community Center at 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. The Costume & Etc. Sale is held annually just before Halloween with a large collection of costumes, collectibles, and vintage clothing from past performances that won't be used on



stage anymore. The collection is ideal for dressing up on Halloween, costume parties, dress-up boxes, and celebrations. Children's costumes range from size 8 through high school. Costumes and vintage clothing are also available in adult sizes. New this year, TheatreWorks joins with the Palo Alto Children's Theatre for an even greater variety of costumes.

Sale proceeds will benefit the Palo Alto Children's Theatre and TheatreWorks. There will be no pre-sales or early birds. For more information, call the Palo Alto Children's Theatre at 463-4930 or TheatreWorks at 463-1950.

## Reading Roundup: Lasso a Great Book!

Barron Park School will be having its first "Literacy Festival" book fair with 40% more titles! There will be lots of hardcover gift-worthy classics available for your selection. This is an exciting opportunity to do some early-bird holiday shopping.

The book fair will run for a whole week this year from Monday, October 21st to Friday, October 25th. This year's family event, "Stories for a Starry Night", will be on Friday. Hey cowboys and cowgirls, there's no school the next day so get on your PJs and cozy on down for some great storytelling, cookies, and hot chocolate. See you there, Neighbor!

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## Monday October 14th

Join us for dinner and a short business meeting at Briones from  
6:00 - 6:40

We will depart for Duveneck School at 6:40 so as not to miss a special speaker sponsored by  
SHARE & PTA Council

Trish Calvert, Ph.D.,  
a nationally known Consulting Psychologist and expert  
will speak on the important topic  
**High Hopes, High Stress**

*This event is free of charge including dinner and childcare!*

Childcare will be provided on-site at Briones  
Carpools to Duveneck are encouraged. We will return to Briones by 9:00 pm

Advance registration would be helpful. Please contact  
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