# The Briones Banner

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## 7th annual juana run

Sat. March 1st
Come and join the fun

## Calendar

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| Sat, Mar 1st | 7th Annual Juana Run |
| Tue, Mar 4th | Racial Prejudice Awareness Program, at 7:00pm, Barron Park School |
| Sat, Mar 8 | PAFE Gala and Auction 6:00 p.m. – midnight |
| Wed, Mar 12 | Juana Briones Birthday Celebration |

***The Briones Banner is now also available on the Briones web site at www.briones.palo-alto.ca.us/***

## *PTA President's Message*

Concern for others, community activism, a constant striving to learn more and leadership are all highly valued qualities in the Briones community. The array of activities you will read about in this issue of the Banner demonstrates how our community puts our commitment to these values into action.

♦ We are joining efforts with our neighbor, Barron Park PTA, to sponsor two great community events. The Juana Run is on March 1st and an outstanding speaker on racial prejudice awareness, Dr. Edmundo Norte, will be at Barron Park on March 4th at 7:00 pm.

♦ Students, teachers and parents alike will join together on Wednesday March 12th at 3:00 pm to celebrate the birthday of our namesake, Juana Briones.

♦ Briones 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have the opportunity to receive safety training from the American Red Cross on April 4th at 2:45 pm.

♦ Briones parents are invited to join other PAUSD parents for a follow-up to the lecture by Mel Levine. "Learning My Way" will be presented on Monday March 10th at 7:30 pm at 25 Churchill.

This is an overwhelming number of events in a short period of time. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities that appeal to you most!

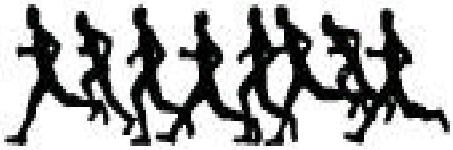
We are very lucky to have parents in the Briones community willing to take the lead on such a diverse range of activities. I hope you will be inspired to share your interests and talents as well when the PTA nominating committee calls you about the upcoming school year. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 650-494-8432 or heidi_stein@hotmail.com.

—Heidi Stein, PTA co-president

## *PTA News and To Do's*

### The 7th Annual Juana Run

Saturday, March 1st, 1 mile and 8K adult races, 1/4 and 1/2 mile kid races. This is a community event sponsored jointly by Briones and Barron Park PTA's. There are many



ways to join the fun. Come and run, cheer, volunteer! Race day registration is available.

### Racial Prejudice Awareness Program

Mark your calendar; Dr. Edmundo Norte will be speaking on Racial Prejudice Awareness, Tuesday, March 4th from 7:00 to 8:30pm over at Barron Park School. This is a joint Parent Education event sponsored by both the Juana Briones and Barron Park PTAs. For more information contact Laura Baldschun at 650-493-9216 or laurab83@aol.com

### Juana Briones Birthday Celebration

Wednesday, March 12th, from 3 to 5pm, Halimah's 4th grade class will be celebrating Juana Briones' birthday and they would like to invite the whole school community to come help celebrate. They will be singing songs in her honor and performing a skit for all to see. If anyone can help to set up for this "PARTY" please contact Halimah Van Tuyl in room 13.

### American Red Cross Safety Class for Kids

American Red Cross Safety Class is coming to Briones on Friday April 4, from 2:45 – 5:00pm. A health and education specialist will present a class to interested 3rd, 4th & 5th graders on a variety of age-appropriate topics. Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited. Fee is $10 (scholarships available through the PTA). Contact Robin Boselli-Kao 650-949-4315 or rebos@sbcglobal.net

### PTA Nominating Committee

Thank you to this year's volunteers for the PTA Nominating Committee.

They are currently at work recruiting

volunteers to fill jobs for next school year's PTA. Please be supportive of their efforts when they call you. If you are interested in helping with the PTA next year and you have not received a call, please contact Suzanne McKenna at 650-856-4192 or mckennafamily5@aol.com

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

# *FYI*

### PAFE is proud to present its March fundraising extravaganza: Celebrate Our Kids!

· March 8th Gala at the Sheraton Palo Alto Hotel - 6pm to midnight (Buy tickets now! www.pafe.org)

· * Online Auction ** March 1 - 14 (Register now for this first ever online auction to benefit our schools! www.pafe.org)

· * Win the Raffle! (Buy tickets now to win Apple iPod, iBook or exciting summer camp opportunities! www.pafe,org)

· Call the PAFE office (329-3990) with any questions or to request an invitation be mailed to you. Email Retta Koch (jackekoch@earthlink.net) to volunteer at the event!

PAFE extends HUGE thanks to Auction Co-Chairs Margaret Toor, Lisa Malloy and Mary Goodspeed! We are tremendously grateful for their capable leadership, dedication and many hours of hard work. PAFE invites you to Celebrate Our Kids! Participate in the fun and support our schools!

### Children's Theatre Auditions

Tryouts for the 25th Annual Summer Children's Theatre Conservatory will be held over the months of March, April and May. The auditions are open to young people ages 10 through high school. This is a fee program. For more information please contact Michael Liftin at 650-463-4933.