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

February 1, 2016

Dear SBPSD Families,

We have a lot going on in our district this winter. Be sure to check your school calendar and district calendar regularly so you don't miss out on anything! We love the participation of our families and enjoy seeing you at the events, meetings, and other gatherings.

Currently our district is celebrating the fact that we received the **\$50,000 Peninsula Health Center Grant** to help keep the Health Center open for our district families. This grant enables support to families signing up for insurance, to receive free dental and vision screenings, free referrals to agencies for services, cooking classes, and many other things. We are grateful.

We are also **writing a proposal to be accepted as a Big Lift grant recipient**. The proposal is due the end of March. We are excited about what this grant would offer our community, but we need support from many agencies, businesses, and also monetary support from an outside agency. If you have ideas or suggestions, we would love to hear from you! This is a comprehensive grant that focuses on ensuring all students read at grade level by third grade!

Our **English Language Arts Committee**, made up of two or three teachers from each site, is busy researching new state approved materials. We will be piloting the top two programs this spring, in time to vote and secure the materials for fall of 2016. Our **Math Committee** is also hard at work to create a list of materials needed with our new math program, as well as securing supplementary materials for enrichment and intervention.

***I'd like to share an exciting opportunity you can take advantage of at home for your child grades 3-12. It is a collaboration between Google and Kahn Academy. It is an online academic contest from JANUARY 29<sup>th</sup> through APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> which will motivate students to build and deepen their skills in math. Your child can participate at home for FREE! Awards and prizes are earned along the way for mastery, growth, and "grit" or perseverance! It is a neat way for kids to familiarize themselves with FREE***

online math support, through the Kahn Academy, and also lead the way for exploration in other academic areas. All you have to do is go to [khanacademy.org](http://khanacademy.org) to sign your child up so they can earn rewards and recognition for themselves. For more information, resources to share, and ideas for how to support your child, take a look at: [www.learnstorm2016.org/bay-area/overview](http://www.learnstorm2016.org/bay-area/overview) and go directly to the Parent Signup Page.

**Key points about the program:**

- It builds confidence in students. It rewards growth and diligence as much as achievement, so every student has opportunity to be recognized for hard work.
- Strengthens CC math skills – students work on Khan Academy’s adaptive learning platform with thousands of interactive exercises, with step-by-step hints, and supporting videos.
- Rewards individuals along the way
- Is easy to sign up and participate from ANYWHERE – all your child needs is an internet connection and a free Khan Academy account.

**This project promises to be stimulating and rewarding for students.**

I would love to have our students participate in this opportunity!

Lastly, I would like to remind you of the opportunities available to chat with me. **The Chamber of Commerce graciously hosts monthly chat times for the community at the Entrepreneur Center on San Mateo Avenue. Those dates are as follows:**

*Wednesday, February 10 from 10:30-11:30*

*Wednesday, March 30, from 10:30-11:30*

*Wednesday, April 13, from 10:30-11:30*

*Wednesday, May 11, from 10:30-11:30*

**To provide opportunity for parents who work during the day, we are also offering a chat time in the evening at our district office on the following dates:**

*Thursday, February 18, from 6:00-7:00 pm*

*Thursday, March 17, from 6:00-7:00 pm*

We hope to see you at one or more of the chat sessions. I enjoy getting to know families better in this way.

Have a wonderful February. If I can help you in any way, please feel free to email me or call me. I am here to serve our students, families and staff.

Most Sincerely,



Cheryl Olson