

Dear Families of Brunswick Acres Elementary School,

Welcome to the Brunswick Acres School Community. As Brunswick Acres PTO board members, we would like to give you some information about our organization, invite you to become a member, and more importantly, encourage you to get involved in our school. This is an unprecedented year, and we rely on your engagement to make this one successful for our kids!

We are an independent parent/teacher organization whose membership includes all parents, legal guardians, and teachers/staff at the Brunswick Acres School. **Our Mission** is to foster relationships and promote open communication between parents and staff of the Brunswick Acres School. It is our belief that the team effort of a parent teacher organization offers the best possible learning environment for our children.

The BAS PTO:

- Organizes fund-raisers to purchase supplemental educational and technology related materials.
- Sponsors after-school events/programs that promote physical or educational experiences for our students.
- Sponsors author visits and school assemblies that promote academic and cultural enrichment.
- Provides grants / assistance to teachers to supplement classroom materials and supplies.
- Offers scholarships for BAS alumni entering college.
- Fosters school and family social interaction.
- Provides an open forum for sharing information on issues that impact our children.
- Subsidizes field trip costs for our students.
- Provides assistance for members in need.

All of this is made possible through your membership contributions and participation in fundraisers that take place throughout the year.

Please go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/BASPTOmembership> to contribute your family's yearly membership dues.

By becoming a member, you help us offer programs to our students at lower entry/registration pricing. We also offer several opportunities for parents to volunteer and participate.

We encourage all parents, guardians, teachers, and the entire community to get involved, volunteer and support our students through our many activities during the year. It is our children that will reap the benefits of our involvement.

- *We are on Facebook – Join our **Brunswick Acres School PTO** page on FB <https://www.facebook.com/groups/359140511632> to get updates on our various events.*
- *We also have a website <https://brunswickacrespto.weebly.com>*
- *We send most communications through <https://www.konstella.com>. Find our school and sign your child into their classroom.*

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- **Virtual Back to School Night: September 30th at 7:00 p.m.**
Zoom details coming out shortly from building administration.
- **1st PTO Zoom Meeting: October 6th at 7:00 P.M.**
Meet the PTO Board, BAS administrators, and teacher reps. Learn about our events this year, and get grade-level insight into what your students are doing in school!
- **Walk-a-Thon: October**
Ties those laces and pulls those Velcro straps tight! Time to put in some miles to fundraise for school technology purchases.
- **Scholastic Book Fair: October 12-25th**
Enjoy the same great Scholastic Books experience from your home while still supporting the school.

On behalf of the BAS PTO, we would once again like to extend a warm welcome to all our BAS families and best wishes for a successful school year! Please contact any of us with questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Brunswick Acres PTO Executive Board (baschool.pto@gmail.com)

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