

# Bessie Carmichael School/FEC

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## BESSIE FAMILY BRIEF

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### Message From the Principal

Dear families,

*I can't believe we are already closing out January! Time is moving quickly, and as we step into the rest of the school year, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the times we are living in. There is uncertainty in our nation for many right now, and I know that many in our community may be feeling the weight of it.*

*Through it all, please know that Bessie Carmichael remains a place of strength, unity, and love. As a school in a sanctuary city, we are committed to being a safe space for all, no matter immigration status or background. Every child, every family—everyone—belongs here. Please find additional resources below.*

*Thank you for your continued partnership and trust in us. Together, we will remain strong, united, and focused on the success and well-being of our students.*

In Community,  
Ms. Bell

#### Dates to Remember

2/3-7: National School Counseling Week

2/11: AAPAC Family Meeting (4-4:45pm)

2/11: ELAC Meeting (5-6pm)

2/14: Valentine's Day

2/17: Presidents' NO SCHOOL

2/25: BESSIE SSC MEETING (5-6:30pm)

2/27: Middle School Science Fair! (Big Bessie)

## NEED TO KNOW

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month! A beautiful time for us to recognize and celebrate the achievements and contributions of our African Americans throughout history.

### NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Dear all, my name is Oscar Pena, a San Francisco Native. I am very excited to have joined this wonderful community here at Bessie Carmichael School. Fun facts: I love to travel, I'm a father, I love to play sports, I love to read, I love all cultural, and besides English I speak Spanish, and other languages. Come by and say Hi, I will be in the Parent Room at Little Bessie. Hope to meet you all soon.

## **NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK**

"School Counselors: Helping Build Better Humans," will be celebrated from Feb. 3-7, 2020, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. Please reach out and recognize your school counselors and counseling interns for all the work they do!! Some suggestions on how to acknowledge and appreciate your counseling team include give appreciation not in mailboxes, shout-out in overhead announcements, balloons and appreciation sign at counseling office, cover office, so that the team can take a lunch break together, have students/teachers write thank you notes in classroom, collect and deliver to counselors.

## **SCHOOL PLANNING PROCESS**

We are entering our school planning process where we engage in getting feedback from families, students, staff, and community members to inform our decisions for next year. Please be on the lookout for information about how to ensure your voice is heard! We will be sending out a community hopes and needs assessment on 2/7th.

## **CELL PHONE POLICY**

As a reminder at Bessie we follow the district's Cell Phone Policy, Off and Away from the Morning Bell through Dismissal. Please support us with this by not communicating with your child via text/phone calls during the school day. We have seen an increase in cell phone usage during the school day - even with some of our youngest scholars. This has resulted in several distractions and impacts their ability to stay engaged throughout the day. Please remind your child to keep their cell phone away in their backpacks for the entire day. If a student is seen with a cell phone out it will be confiscated.

## **AAPAC & ELAC MEETING**

Save the date for the next AAPAC, February 11, via Zoom 4pm

<https://missiongraduates.zoom.us/j/72231492358?pwd=HX1Jx4HiARqldNjlVu4RWKbjDsbNeF.1>

& ELAC Meeting on February 11, 2025! Join us at 5pm via Zoom. <https://bit.ly/3zE5Ku4>

## **VALENTINE'S DAY**

On February 14, 2025 is St Valentine's Day, an annual festival to celebrate romantic love, friendship and admiration. Every year on 14 February people celebrate this day by sending messages of love and affection to partners, family and friends. If your child plans to bring cards to school please be sure they have enough for their entire class. Please refrain from sending candy in alignment with the district's nutrition policy.

## **BESSIE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING (ZOOM)**

Please join our next SSC meeting on February 25, 2025 at 5:30pm - <https://tinyurl.com/BESSIESSC>

## **SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL NOMINATION**

You can nominate any or yourself to the seat at SSC. There is only one parent vacancy currently. We encourage everyone to participate as the SSC which is an important council amongst. Just fill out the google form and that's it.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejAAJH14eBqrGmXTXP1qj2IEITn-TLa93ycLoGYkXGBp3nvQ/vie wform>

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR**

On February 27, 2025 at the Big Bessie campus we will have our Middle School Science Fair. There will be judges from the community during school hours and parents are welcomed to attend. All middle school

students will be able to participate, 6th through 8th grade. Location will be at the BIG BESSIE cafeteria. Winners of the science fair will be able to participate in the Annual SFUSD Middle School Randal Museum Science fair in March. Students have been working on the science project for the past month, and each group of students have created a tri-fold poster documenting their experiment.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

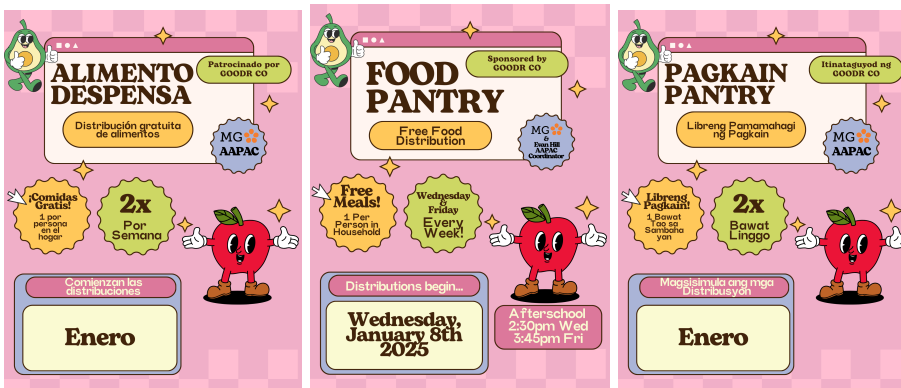
### IMMIGRATION OFFICER (ICE) INFORMATION

California, San Francisco, and SFUSD are and will always be sanctuaries committed to standing up for immigrant communities. We want all of our students, caregivers, and staff to be prepared and know their rights. Find additional resources below,

- [https://www.sfusd.edu/services/family-supports-services/immigration-policy-resources?search\\_api\\_fulltext=immigration%20policy%20resources](https://www.sfusd.edu/services/family-supports-services/immigration-policy-resources?search_api_fulltext=immigration%20policy%20resources)
- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/140J\\_BuuLgkXhsLutL0ZaxsVbpHCm4rgpatmVX2XgDY/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/140J_BuuLgkXhsLutL0ZaxsVbpHCm4rgpatmVX2XgDY/edit?tab=t.0)

### FOOD PANTRY

If you are in need of food resources, please join us every Wednesday and Friday at Little Bessie After School on Cleveland Street for our food pre-packaged meals.



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