



## Happy Earth and Arbor days



While March in Sacramento likes to keep one foot solidly in winter while dipping its toes into warmer weather, April has no problem proudly declaring itself spring. Spring is such an exciting time for us. We start to emerge out of winter as the days get longer and warmer which brings with it a certain anticipation for what summer and the rest of the year might bring. This year, in addition to the normal turning of the seasons, we are emerging from a year long winter of sorts. The long semi-hibernation of the pandemic makes this Spring even more special.

While it is easy to dwell on the many challenges and hardships created by the pandemic this past year, I have been returning lately to a thought I had early on about what a unique opportunity for self-reflection and planning was provided by this strange moment in time. We have been amazed at how many new ideas have come to us and how quickly we were able to develop them when the whole world around us slowed to a crawl. We are not the same organization we were when we first entered the pandemic. We were forced to make changes to our methods, plans, and strategy for the future. Yet, in many ways, we are better and stronger for it. Just prior to the pandemic we were excited to start implementing our after-school program with a unique Social Emotional Learning curriculum that we had written. But now we're opening a school with a cutting-edge evidence-based academic curriculum that has our Social Emotional Learning embedded within it.

I think there's a lesson here that we can all take with us into the "after times" (is that a term yet?). Like in swimming, it can be better to 'go slow to go fast'. So,

this has been a long “winter” of planning and waiting for Spring  
**Now, Spring has definitely sprung BEAS Academy into action!**

We have been busy setting up classrooms, planning classes, and getting our safety plans approved by the county and state. But, something feels very missing still. And that’s you!

A school can’t just be the principal and teachers. A school is a community of students, parents, and community members with gifts to share. **We want to start forming the BEAS Academy community this spring.** We are planning several events for fun and for volunteer opportunities in the next several months in hopes of getting people back together again. So, if you’re a student, or parent, or interested community member; we’d love to meet you and for you to **help us build BEAS Academy together.**

Pete Stirling, Principal

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### **Name our BEE contest!!**

April is a great month for BEES. The flowers are coming out and there's so much to do! The BEAS Academy BEE has been really busy helping us build BEAS Academy by putting classrooms together and spreading the exciting news about Sacramento’s newest school all while still making his rounds to all the flowers and trees. In all the excitement our beloved BEE left the hive before the Queen Bee could even give it a name.

This is really a bummer for our little bumbler because, back at the hive, everybody else has a name. But they only call the BEE, Buddy.

So, we thought an awesome way to thank the BEAS Academy BEE for all its help building the school would be to give it a name. We think the fairest way is to hold a contest to choose the best name. We are asking elementary age kids to help us come up with a name (parents can help too). **Send us your naming suggestions for a chance to win \$50!**

We'll let the BEE choose which name it likes best and we'll announce the winner at our Arbor Day celebration at BEAS Academy (which will also be fun). **You can Facebook message us your suggestions or email us at [director@beasacademy.org](mailto:director@beasacademy.org)**



## Our Mission

BEAS Academy provides support to families and helps students improve academic performance, close achievement gaps, enhance social-emotional well-being, and increase lifelong potential for success through our elementary school, after-school program, and parent education.

## About Us



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