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MEET BRISBANE'S LASH QUEENS

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Left: Tat Ichiyasu, Right: SueAnn Sarmiento

For most of my life the space at 337 Visitation was a laundromat. I'm sure other businesses came and went after the laundromat was no more but early last year curtains were installed and a new name graced the window—Saint Studio. I had wondered for some time what Saint Studio looked like behind those curtains and a few weeks ago I had the opportunity to find out.

Saint Studio specializes in lash extensions, lash lifts, lash and brow tinting, brow lamination, and facial waxing. One would never know a laundromat used to occupy the space. Inside, Saint Studio's serene bohemian environment is ready to greet clients. Four beds are generously spaced inside and glass globe light fixtures dot the walls. Soaring ceilings and a concrete floors create an industrial feel which is juxtaposed and balanced by a cozy waiting area decorated with bouquets of dried flowers, plants, and candles.

To learn more about Saint Studio, I sat down

with owners SueAnn Sarmiento and Tat Ichiyasu. I asked each of them to describe their journey into the lash industry and what brought them together to open a business in Brisbane.

SueAnn started her career in the tech space but after three years, the company she worked for wasn't performing and ultimately her job was eliminated through a series of layoffs. Looking back on this experience, SueAnn notes this was the catalyst that motivated her to pursue something that brought her joy. She enrolled in esthetician school at the Cinta Aveda Institute. While taking her courses, an alumna came and did a lash extension demonstration and something clicked within SueAnn. Her school did not offer extensive training in lash extensions so after graduation, SueAnn enrolled in a separate course to master lash services. She then worked for Malaya Skin Studio in Pacifica and became known for her lash artistry.

Tat initially worked in property management in San

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THE ULTIMATE BRISBANE GIFT GUIDE

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This year, more than ever, spending money at our local businesses is incredibly important and impactful. Many of our businesses have struggled in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and supporting them during this time helps ensure they can stay open. As you plan your holiday gift giving, consider seeking out items from businesses in town. Below are some ideas. Please note, some of these businesses may not offer gift cards or certificates but we encourage you to inquire:

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MAYOR'S Message



FINDING PERSPECTIVE

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E Pluribus Unum.

Pull out a couple coins and you'll see this phrase. It's also on most U.S. currency. Check it out.

Ever see the Presidential seal? The phrase is there. Same goes for the seals of Congress, and the Supreme Court.

If you have a passport you'll find it there as well.

Turns out this motto has been around for a long time, 1776 to be exact. But why? What does it mean, and why should you care?

The phrase is Latin, and the words translate to: "Out of many, one".

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SUPERVISOR'S Message



COUNTY INCENTIVIZES SHOPPING LOCALLY

By: DAVID J. CANEPA, President of the San Mateo County Supervisors, dcanepa@smcgov.org, 650-363-4572

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has been able to enjoy the holidays and spend quality time with family and friends in safe settings as we continue to move past the pandemic.

COVID and its variants have caused many of us to change our daily lives including the way we shop. Shopping online has been an increasing

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To the 13 separate colonies that formed the United States, it was an affirmation of their new nation and a pledge to work together.

This seems a fitting time to revisit this motto. I've been chosen by my colleagues on the City Council to be your mayor in 2022, so in essence, "out of many, one". And all of us on the Council were elected by you, so again, "out of many, one".

Looking at the state of our country, this might be a good time to ponder this motto of trust and unification.

Chapman University did a study of American fears. The survey started in 2015 and has been updated every year since. For the sixth year in

a row, the top fear reported by respondents was "corrupt government officials". This was chosen over a myriad of important topics including the environment, Covid, natural disasters, terrorism and more.

Chapman professors even published a book called "Fear Itself" that discusses some of their findings. One of their conclusions is that fear is harming communities and society. It erodes social trust and civic engagement. Fear causes anxiety, depression, and even affects physical health.

I found this both sad and alarming. It seems to indicate a serious disconnect between the "many" and their government.

I'm not trying to depress you, but instead to inspire you.

Here's the good news. We're Brisbane, hyper-local, where Government is tangible. Please follow what your City Government is doing and be involved.

Watch a Council meeting and participate if you have something to say. Write to the Council with your ideas or comments. We read all those emails and letters.

City Government also includes our Committees and Commissions; apply for a position! Sitting on the sidelines can be frustrating, but serving is your opportunity to personally make a difference in our City.

Committees investigate matters of interest to our

residents and forward recommendations to the Council. We have the Complete Streets Safety Committee and the Open Space and Ecology Committee.

Parks and Rec Commissioners, like their name, plan our community events and organize recreation opportunities.

The Planning Commission reviews commercial and residential applications along with things related to our General Plan and City Ordinances. They also make recommendations to the Council.

We have a new City Committee, the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accountability (IDEA) Committee. You have ideas about Inclusion and Diversity? We need you, eleven of you.

And like the motto..."out of many, one", good government starts with the "many" — how we relate to one another in our community. We need to start by talking, and breaking the ice with neighbors we don't know. This is how we build trust and community.

2022 promises to be an interesting year. Brisbane will have a first look at several large commercial development proposals and Sierra Point is actually reaching the potential that was foreseen decades ago.

There will be discussions, disagreements, and decisions. But we're Brisbane. We can do this.

E Pluribus Unum.



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trend even prior to the pandemic but I'd like to encourage you to get out and shop at our small mom and pops brick and mortar retail businesses as they are the economic engine of our local economy.

To incentivize shopping locally, the Board of Supervisors approved funding for an app called Choose Local San Mateo County that can be downloaded to your phone for Apple and Android devices.

We are asking shoppers to support local small business and rewarding those that do through a new points-based mobile app that lets them earn cash discounts at participating locations.

The Choose Local San Mateo County program established by the Office of Sustainability is a way for both shoppers and businesses to benefit while helping the post-pandemic recovery.

Supporting small businesses is supporting our economic recovery. COVID-19 has decimated too many small businesses across San Mateo County. Supporting small businesses is supporting our economic recovery. As you shop during the holiday season, or return to activities, we encourage you to visit local businesses — many of which are minority- and women-owned — and participate in our collective economic recovery ahead.

The easy-to-use Choose Local San Mateo County mobile app enables shoppers to earn rewards automatically at hundreds of participating local businesses, which include restaurants, cafes, spas, boutiques, yoga studios and more.

This initial launch includes participating businesses from seven pilot areas: Daly City, Half Moon Bay/Coastside, Millbrae, Redwood City and North Fair Oaks, San Carlos, San Mateo, and South San Francisco, with plans to expand to additional cities including Brisbane in 2022. To date, over 334 businesses are participating in the Choose Local San Mateo County program, with new businesses joining daily, according to the Office of Sustainability.

One point equates to \$1, which can then be redeemed as cash discounts at select businesses. All rewards are reimbursed by San Mateo County

through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding at no cost to the small businesses or consumers.

So, get out and shop locally and happy holidays from my family to yours. And please protect your families by getting vaccinated, getting your children vaccinated, getting boosted and continuing to wear your masks indoors until the county's Health Officer says they are no longer needed.

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FINANCIAL Focus

WHAT ARE YOUR FINANCIAL RESOLUTIONS FOR 2022?

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As you know, 2021 was full of challenges. We were still feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic when supply chains shut down and inflation heated up. So, if you're like many people, you might not be sorry to see the year come to a close. But now it's time to look ahead to a brighter 2022. And on a personal level, you may want to set some New Year's resolutions. You might resolve to improve your health and diet, and possibly learn some new skills, but why not make some financial resolutions, too?

Here are a few ideas to consider:

- **Prepare for the unexpected.** If you haven't already created an emergency fund, now may be a good time to start. Ideally, you'd like to have three to six months' worth of living expenses in this fund, with the money kept in a low-risk, liquid account. (If you're retired, you may want your emergency fund to contain up to a year's worth of living expenses.) Once you've got this fund established, you may be able to avoid dipping into long-term investments to pay for short-term needs, such as costly home or auto repairs or large medical bills.

- **Boost your retirement savings.** The pandemic caused many of us to reevaluate our ability to eventually enjoy the retirement lifestyles we've envisioned. In fact, 33% of those planning to retire soon said they started to contribute even more to their retirement savings during the pandemic, according to a study from Age Wave and Edward Jones. This year, if you can afford it, increase your contributions to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

- **Reduce your debt load.** The less debt you carry, the more money you'll have available to support your lifestyle today and save and invest for tomorrow. So, this year, resolve to cut down on your existing debts and avoid taking on new ones whenever possible. You can motivate yourself by measuring your progress – at the beginning of 2022, record your total debts and then compare this figure to your debt load at the start of 2023. If the numbers have dropped, you'll know you were making the right moves.

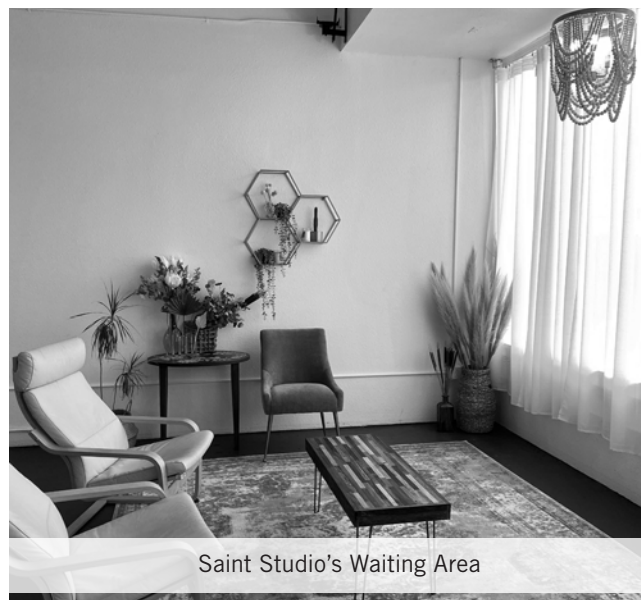
- **Don't overreact to the headlines.** A lot can happen during a year. Consider inflation – it shot up in 2021, but it may well subside in 2022. If you changed your investment strategy last year to accommodate the rise in inflation, would you then have to modify it again when prices fall? And inflation is just one event. What about changes in interest rates? How about new legislation coming out of Washington? And don't forget extreme weather events, such as wildfires and floods. Any or all of these occurrences can affect the financial markets in the short term, but it just doesn't make sense for you to keep changing the way you invest in response to the news of the day. Instead, stick with a strategy that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. You may need to adjust this strategy over time, in response to changes in your own life, but don't let your decisions be dictated by external events.

These aren't the only financial resolutions you can make – but following them may help you develop positive habits that can help you face the future with confidence.

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Francisco. After dealing with a big bed bug issue in the Tenderloin she had enough and enrolled in Skyline College's Esthetics Program. Upon graduation she focused mostly on waxing until she learned about lash artistry and applied for a position at Lashfully in San Francisco's Marina district. Eventually she too worked at Malaya Skin Studio which is where she and SueAnn met. The two became fast friends and when Tat decided to open her own business in San Bruno, SueAnn joined her. Unfortunately, the building Tat rented was scheduled for demolition to make way for a housing project and repeated issues with homeless individuals caused her to start quickly looking for other spaces. One day, SueAnn's sister-in-law JoAnn Boo, co-owner of Beauty Fix, called to let her know a space up the street was available for rent. After taking a look at the unit, Tat and SueAnn knew it was the perfect fit.

This was January 2020. In their business' infancy the pandemic forced them to close just as things



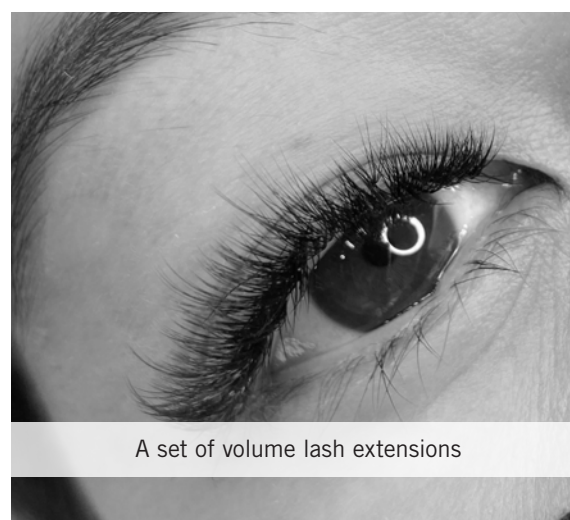
Saint Studio's Waiting Area

were getting off the ground. When Saint Studio could re-open, Tat and SueAnn explained that their clients couldn't wait to get appointments scheduled. "They wanted to return to a sense of normalcy. When you feel good on the outside, imagine how you feel in the inside? Having your lashes done is such a transformative service," explained Tat. Tat and SueAnn noted that the nature of their services are

rather intimate and can take 75 minutes to 2 hours. That's a lot of time to chat and as a result, SueAnn and Tat have developed extremely close relationships with their clients. "We have built a community among our clients. Sometimes we are the first person they tell that they're pregnant. Moments like that are so special and one of the reasons we love what we do," said SueAnn.

While I'm somewhat familiar with lash extensions, I've never had them done before, and asked for a description of the service. Tat and SueAnn explained that depending on how much volume the client is looking to achieve, 8-15 false lashes are adhered to one real lash. Color, length, volume, and desired shape are completely customizable. When a new client books an extension service, the lash artist will consult about the look the client wants to achieve and will review inspiration photos to make sure they're on the same page. Saint Studio has three lash artists each with their own speciality: glam, natural, and volume. The client is paired with the lash artist that specializes in the desired style. The service costs \$180-\$250 for a full set and \$85-\$150 for a fill which is recommended every 2-3 weeks. The service takes about 2-2.5 hours. Lash extensions are perfect for the person that doesn't want to wear a lot of makeup as the lashes will have a similar impact. Having lashes allow for a get-up-and-go routine.

In addition to extensions, Saint Studio also



A set of volume lash extensions

offers other services. A lash lift is a popular choice for people who want to enhance their natural lashes. This service creates the effect of using a curler on your lashes and lasts 6-8 weeks. The service takes about 50 minutes-1 hour and costs \$100. Similarly, brow lamination lifts the brow hairs and holds them into a desired shape. This runs \$75, lasts 4-6 weeks and takes about 50 minutes-1hr.

Tinting is another great option for those who want a low maintenance beauty routine. Semi-permanent dye is applied to the lashes or brows which is ideal for those with lightly colored brows/lashes. Both brows and lashes can be tinted for \$15-\$20 and last 1-2 weeks.

I decided to try three services so I could better understand the process and results. I scheduled my appointment with SueAnn for a brow lamination and an eyelash lift and tint. I was pleasantly surprised with how dramatic the results were. The lash lift and tint gave me the effect of false lashes and the brow lamination made my eyebrows more manageable and easier to pencil in. I can see how falling asleep is a common occurrence during these appointments. The bed had a heat pad turned on which made me very relaxed and soft music played in the background.

I asked SueAnn to describe the experience of owning a business in Brisbane. She explained that her and Tat feel welcomed by the community and really enjoy having their business in a location free from parking woes and other annoyances that come with having a business in a larger city. In fact, SueAnn fell in love with Brisbane so much, she and her husband moved to town in 2020. In 2021 SueAnn gave birth to her first child, a son, and the two plan to raise him in Brisbane for as long as possible. She remarked that the Mother's of Brisbane have provided such a sense of community and support to her as a new mom and that living in Brisbane often feels like a dream. "Brisbane is like a unicorn, sometimes I can't believe it's real," she said.

I highly recommend stopping by Saint Studio at 337 Visitation Ave for a service. Tat and SueAnn are offering \$20 off of all full sets of lash extensions and \$20 off of lash lifts for Brisbane residents. They are open by appointment only. To book an appointment, visit their website: saint-studio.com. To view work from Tat, visit her Instagram: [@tat.jansen](https://www.instagram.com/tat.jansen) or her personal website: tatjansen.com. To view work from SueAnn, visit her Instagram: [@sue.saintstudio](https://www.instagram.com/sue.saintstudio). As always, if you visit this business, please mention reading about them in *The Luminary*!

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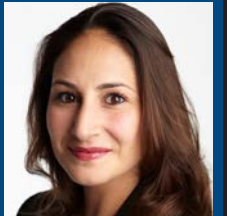
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- ❄️ Christmas trees will be recycled after the holidays!
 - ◆ Remove the stand and all decorations including lights and tinsel.
 - ◆ Cut tree in half if taller than 6 feet.
 - ◆ Do not bag or tie your tree.
 - ◆ Place tree on or near the curb on your regular collection day before 5 am.
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- Saint Studio- New Brisbane business offering lash, brow, and waxing services

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Midtown Market- Grab a bottle of wine or champagne and a card and you're done! Midtown Market may also carry small gifts, pop in and see what they have. They also have stocking stuffers such as small toys or candy for kids and lotto scratchers for adults.

Mission Blue Nursery- For the gardener in your life, consider gifting them a native plant! All proceeds benefit San Bruno Mountain Watch. Volunteers can give you recommendations about which plant to purchase if you are unsure, or purchase a gift card and allow the recipient to pick their own plants!

Brisbane Farmers' Market- While many of these vendors may not live in Brisbane, they are still small business owners. We recommend purchasing a jar of honey, artisan handicrafts, or a bag of kettle corn for a gift basket.

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OUR LOVE LETTER TO CEDRUS DEODARA

By: William & Ruby Seawell, 5th Grade Students at Brisbane Elementary School



High up in the Himalayas there is a species of tree called the Cedrus deodara. The tree in our park is a Cedrus deodara. These trees can live up to 1,000 years! Sadly our tree won't live that long. It is 35 years old to be exact. Since our Cedrus Deodora tree is fading away, we decided to share how much we loved it!

The tree was a project of the Lions Club, so we would like to say thank you to the Lions Club, for planting this beautiful tree. Every time we went to the park we would climb on its long branches. We would sit and look out from the highest point we could and enjoy the view. It was a part of growing up in Brisbane. We know losing something is hard, especially if it has been a part of your life for many years, as we once saw on a wall at the SPCA, "Don't be sad that its over be happy that it happened." We will always have fun memories of playing without friends on that tree.

Thank you Cedrus deodara, our tree, for bringing so much love and joy to our town. And thank you for letting us play and climb on your branches! So please, send a love letter to our beautiful Deodara Cedar tree, to send it off knowing we love it.

Happy Holidays!

BRISBANE BUSINESS BULLETIN

"The Brisbane Business Bulletin" allows Brisbane Chamber of Commerce members to communicate brief bits of news to the public such as change of hours, new product offerings, upcoming events, etc. If you are interested in listing a news item next month, please contact Madison Davis at madison@brisbanechamber.org

20th Annual Artists' Evening of Sharing- Deadline to Submit is Jan. 5th

Calling all Brisbane Artists: If you are interested in showcasing your talent at this event, apply by January 5th, 2022. For more information visit brisbaneca.org/AES

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BLAST FROM BRISBANE'S PAST

By: MADISON DAVIS, Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, madison@brisbanechamber.org, 415-467-7283

The following article is written by Dorothy Radoff and was printed in *The Bee-Democrat* on Thursday, December 6, 1973

December, 1940: During this Yuletide season all ye faithful townspeople read Logan Franklin's "Brisbane Star," mailed greeting cards for 2 cent postage and traded at "Butch" Mudersbach's Brisbane Market, here one-dozen grapefruit sold for 20 cents...The local basketball team won the first game of the Peninsula Pioneer League. Star players included a young lad who became our Mayor twenty-six years later— Eddie S. Schwenderlauf... Down at Dick's Tower on Saturday nights, merry pop-ins relished barbecued

in serving on various Council Commissions and Committees. The deadline to apply is 5pm on Friday, January 14, 2022, and the applications are available at brisbaneca.org/open-seats or by contacting the City Clerk at (415) 508-2113 or cityclerk@brisbaneca.org. New this year is the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accountability (IDEA) Committee (7-11 seats for terms until 2024 & 2026), where Brisbane residents and people who work in Brisbane are welcome to apply.

San Mateo Credit Union

Join representatives from San Mateo Credit Union on Tuesday, January 11th from 1pm-5pm at City Hall. Representatives are happy to answer any questions you may have about banking with SMCU, and will also be available to help you open an account on the spot. With an SMCU account, you'll be able to take advantage of their new ATM at City Hall.

Join us for our Holiday Mixer @ The Mad Moiselle

Let's close out the year in style! Join us for our holiday mixer and a ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 15th at The Mad Moiselle at 345 Visitacion Ave from 5pm-7pm. This is the perfect opportunity to network with other business professionals and community leaders while taking care of some last minute Christmas shopping! This is one you don't want to miss!

spareribs, buttered toast and coleslaw for half a dollar, then two-stepped round the dance floor to the tune of "Flat Foot Floogie with a Floy Floy"...Chairman Dick Schroeder of the Civic League announced a \$25 award for the best holiday lighting of a home or business...The silent night became shattered when some "innocent looking" San Franciscans rented the Fire Hall. Guess what they proved to be? A nudist group! Drape up or zip out, ordered our volunteer firemen. The rude nudes ignored the order and continued their merry-making. But after getting turned off by turned on fire hoses, they fled down San Bruno Avenue in their dripping cars and birthday suits.

Dia de los Muertos is a holiday celebrated on November 1 & 2 throughout Mexico, Latin America and in places with large Latinx populations, like here in the Bay Area. It is a holiday to honor the dead and celebrate their life, rather than mourn their passing.

BES' Kaboom! grant for a new playground is still underway. Since the summer 2020 Kaboom! playground was put on hold due to covid, the company and Abbvie are supplying the school with 300 play-kits that focus on STEM activities for students to use at home. These will be distributed in December to families! In addition to this, they are scheduled for the new playground build tentatively on June 21, 2022!

Thank you to PTO at each school for the fundraising that you have done at our school. It was so fun to do the LAP-A-THON this year. It was almost like old times and we all look forward to events like this returning at full strength.

We were delighted that our 6th graders could attend Outdoor Education, which they missed out on as 5th graders. The 6th grade students and teachers spent a week among the redwoods hiking, singing, dancing and exploring and learning about nature, food waste management, environmental impact and so much more.

The after-school program, Club Lipman, is in full bloom with many exciting activities and offerings. Leadership Club, Chess, Comics, Jr Lifeguarding and Yearbook are some of the clubs this trimester. Participation has been exceptional!

The Lipman school production team is at it again! The roles have been cast and students will perform Into the Woods during the first week of March. Stay tuned for more updates and information about the performances.

Our young learners continue to amaze us with their tenacity, adaptability and courage to return from distance learning and fully engage in school and learning this year. The pandemic challenges continue to be real and present, and our students have learned to advocate for themselves, give and receive support and stay the course. We are so proud of them!

BRISBANE School District News

BRISBANE SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: RONAN COLLVER, Brisbane School District Superintendent, rcollver@brisbanesd.org

Distance Learning is far in the rearview mirror for the Brisbane School District. For most of us it seems like a lifetime ago as our attention has focused on creating our new normal at school. I would like to share some of the wonderful activities that have occurred so far this school year in BSD. There is not enough room in this article to have a complete account of the goings on in the classrooms, however, I hope that I can paint a picture for you.

Although visitors must be limited at our schools, we have incorporated what we learned during Distance Learning to bring virtual guest authors into our classrooms. TK - 2nd Grade: Virtual Author's Visit with [Andrea Beaty](#), author of [Ada Twist, Scientist](#), and special guest [Dr. Theanne Griffith](#), a neuroscientist and author! Students listened to a Storytime by the author and then completed a science experiment with Dr. Griffith. 3rd-5th Grade: Virtual Author's Visit with [Gale Galligan](#), author and illustrator of [The Babysitters Club](#) graphic novels. Students listened to a presentation by Gale then created their own minicomics. 4th-8th Grade: Author's Visit with Omar Mohamed and Victoria Jamieson. Omar and Victoria created the critically-acclaimed graphic novel [When Stars are Scattered](#) about Omar's life in a refugee camp. Victoria Jamieson is also the creator of the graphic novels [All's Faire in Middle School](#) and Newbery Honor Book [Roller Girl](#). K-2 Grade at BES: Joanna Ho is the author of [Eyes that Kiss in the Corners](#), [Playing at the Border: A Story of Yo-Yo Ma](#), [The Silence that Binds Us](#) and [One Day](#).

Playworks at Panorama School: Our Junior Coaches are back in action at Panorama School. These school leaders participate in monthly trainings to learn about how to facilitate safe, inclusive, and fun play during recess. They are doing a great job and taking school responsibility very seriously. Thanks to the Junior Coaches, there are recess games being played that are accessible to all students. <https://www.playworks.org/about/why-play/>

Halloween was celebrated in near standard fashion at all 3 schools with costumes worn, parades, contests and some traditional games. Events like this cannot be duplicated in a remote world and it was fabulous to see the kids dressed up and hear the occasional joke about this being the first year kids can wear masks on Halloween. Ms. Caplan created an ofrenda to celebrate Dia de los Muertos at PAN while the PTO created an outdoor ofrenda at BES. Students added pictures or mementos of loved ones who have passed, or just took a moment at the altar for thoughtful remembrance.



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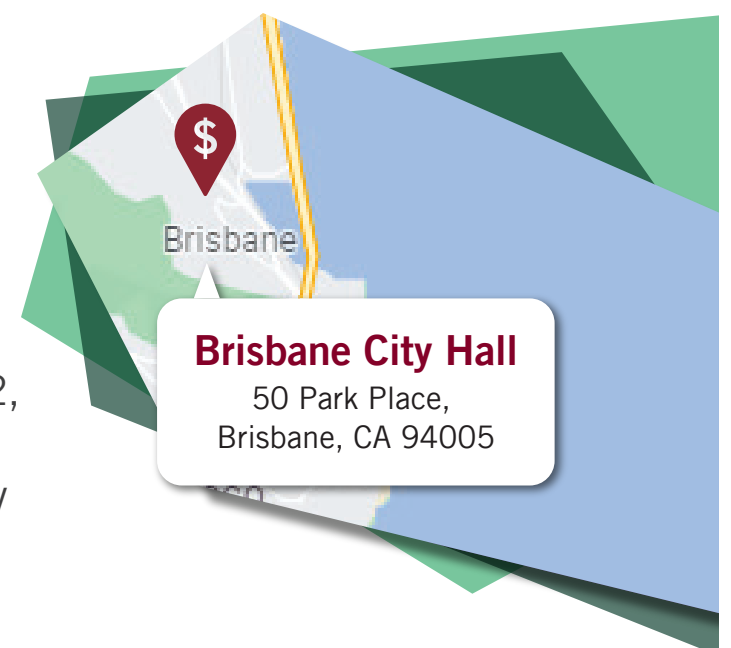
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