



Tucson Unified School District
Augustus Brichta Elementary School

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Principal's Letter

Dear Families of Brichta Students,

It's hard to believe that the end of the first quarter has come so quickly!

Our 21st CCLC classes and SES tutoring classes began yesterday. We appreciate your patience as we juggle the schedules of more than 200 students who are enrolled in one or both of these programs. Our next SES tutoring session will begin on October 24th. If you are interested in having your child receive tutoring services from one of our outside vendors, please contact the front office.

The Cross Country team has also gotten off to a "running start". These students continue to make us proud on and off the field.

We do want to send out a small request from the office: Please refrain from checking your child out during the last ten minutes of class if at all possible. Just as a student's late arrival to class disrupts the learning process for that student and the rest of the class, a student leaving early has the same impact. Students who are pulled just five minutes early miss out on instruction as well as directions for homework and socialization time with their friends that may not happen during more structured times of the day. In addition, if a teacher has to stop to quickly explain an assignment to one student rather than the whole class, learning time is lost for the large group. Thanks for considering this before pulling your child out early.

Although many government offices are closed on Monday for Columbus Day, we will have classes. However, next Friday, the 14th of October there are no classes. On this day, teachers will be discussing student progress with their colleagues, reflecting on how to continue to differentiate instruction during the next quarter as a result of this progress and preparing progress reports. These progress reports

will go home on Tuesday, October 19th. If you have any questions once you receive your child's report, please don't hesitate to call your child's teacher.

Sincerely,
Sabrina Cruz, Principal
Sabrina.Cruz@tusd1.org



We're happy you are here!

Our campus is a closed campus. All visitors to Brichta **MUST** sign in at the office and wear a "Visitor" or "Volunteer" badge. No one is allowed to enter in through any door but the front door. This is a TUSD Governing Board Policy and is meant to ensure the safety of our students. We appreciate your cooperation!

Brichta Calendar of Events

Wed. 10/5	International Walk to School Day Cross Country Reid Park
Fri. 10/7	4 th Gr. to Camp Cooper 9:20-4:15
Mon. 10/10	PTO Fundraising Meeting 6:00
Tues. 10/11	PTO Night at Bianchi's 4:00-8:00
Wed. 10/12	Cross Country Himmel Park
Thurs. 10/13	5 th Gr. to Pima Air Museum 8:15-1:30
Fri. 10/14	No School-Grading Day
Tues. 10/18	PTO Meeting 6:30 Preschool Night at McDonald's 5:00-7:00
Sat. 10/22	PTO Rummage Sale 8:00-2:00

PARENT PICK-UP, VANS, BUSES

We need your help in ensuring that all of our students are safe! The following procedures have been established to keep students safe. Please model respectful behavior and good citizenship by observing these procedures. Please do not tell your





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child to meet you in the south parking lot. Parent pick-up is in the north lot ONLY!

BUSES

Buses leave 5 minutes after dismissal; please encourage your child to be prompt in getting to the bus bay. Students who miss the bus will need to be picked up by their parents or guardians.



VAN (Daycare)

Children have been instructed to go to the vans immediately after dismissal. If your child will not be riding the van on a given day, please notify the school office and the daycare provider.

PARENT PICK-UP

Parent pick-up is located at the north end of the school (circular drive near the cafeteria). We ask that all children be picked up in this area.



Students should be picked up by 2:25 p.m. unless they are in an after school club. If you are not able to pick your child up at this time, Happy Hours, located here on campus, does offer hourly rates for after school care. If you have been in our office after school, you know that Patsy uses the after school time to complete all of the paperwork that she is responsible for in order to devote attention to students during the day. Please help us to keep the school running smoothly by picking your child up on time or arranging for other after-school options.

THERE IS NO SUPERVISION AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS BEFORE 7:30 A.M.

From the Health Office



Wednesday, October 5th, 2011 is International Walk to School Day. Please walk or ride your bike to school and get a little prize. Check in will be at the front door of our school.

This week is our first Wellness Week of the school year. Your students are doing extra activities to promote their health and wellness. Ask them what they are doing.

Check out the Brichta Bear website's Health and Fitness page for some fun activities to do with your kids.

The health office takes gently used clothing to have on hand for those emergency changes needed. Please consider giving us your hand me downs. Thanks!

Thank you,
Cristina Furtado, Health Assistant

Wright Flight

Brichta 5th graders have been working hard to reach the goals that they set at the beginning of the school year, and Fly Days are approaching fast: November 5th or November 19th.

They have been learning the history of aviation, learning **boldface** (ask a 5th grader what this is), and working towards a goal that they set. It is a lot of work, but if they achieve their goals, they get to actually fly an airplane!

***Special thanks to our
Volunteers of the Month:
Andy Ramos and all of our
Reading Seed Tutors!***

**BRICHTA BEAR STUDENTS
FOLLOW THE 3 R'S:**



- Respect Yourself**
- Respect Others**
- Respect Property**





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PTO Corner

The PTO has been very busy putting together activities and fundraisers to help our school.

Our Star Party was cancelled due to rain. Stay tuned for a rescheduled date.

One of our primary goals is to help make a better learning environment at Brichta. How can you help? It's easy!

- Save Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup UPC codes and return to Brichta
- Use your grocery store cards (Fry's, Albertsons and Safeway)
- Link your Target charge cards to Brichta
- The Safeway receipt program is happening now, if your card is not linked to Brichta (and we hope it is) bring your receipts to the office.

All these programs provide money for schools with very little effort needed on our behalf. We are grateful for the support these merchants provide for education and appreciate your help!

New Opportunity with Compass Bank!

You can help the school is by opening a checking account with BBVA Compass Bank through the program Compass for Your Cause. We receive \$50 per account opened as long as there is a minimum amount direct deposited into the account. There is a branch in the Albertson's at Speedway and Silverbell, or ask Maryann Estrada for more details. Use the code - 96535 when opening the account.

Save the Date!

Oct 11th, Tues 4-8pm - Bianchi's Night. Don't cook, come join the Brichta family for a meal. Please see attached flyer. You will need to bring

flyer with you to Bianchi's for our school to receive credit for your order.

October 22nd, Saturday - 1st annual Brichta rummage sale. Save your household goods! They can be dropped off Friday, Oct 21st after 5:30pm.

Nov - compilation of care packages for military personnel deployed overseas in time for the holidays.

December 13th - Polar Express pajama party

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) always welcomes new participants. Our next meeting is **October 18 at 6:30 in the library**. We would love to have you join us and if you do your child receives special recognition the next day in the office.

Special thanks to Dr. Adelle McNiece and Karen May for their work in organizing our 21st Century Community Learning Center classes and SES Tutoring sessions! Great job, ladies!

After school programs *ROCK!*



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