



Tucson Unified School District
Augustus Brichta Elementary School

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April 2011

Principal's Letter

Dear Families of Brichta Students,

Our cottonwood tree at home has burst back to life. The sweet scent of lilac bush is once again blanketing our front yard. Ahh...Spring is here!

Here at Brichta, we're bursting with activity this month as well. Formalized assessments will take place this month for grades 2 (Stanford 10) and grades 3-5 (AIMS). These tests will take place during the week of April 11th. In order to give students all of the time that they are entitled to, **we will dismiss at 2:01 on Wednesday, April 13th rather than at 1:01.**

We'll also be offering several classes for parents and adult family members. These classes include Zumba instruction (Tuesdays from 4-5), Empowered Parenting (Thursdays 12-1:30) and Financial Peace of Mind (Thursdays from 4-5). In addition, Family Storytime will take place each Wednesday from 6:00-6:45.

Get involved! Join us for our Site Council meeting (Wednesday, April 13th at 3:00) and/or our PTO meeting (Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30). We grow with each new idea, concern and compliment!

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!



SNACKS FOR CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS

TUSD has established guidelines concerning snacks that can be brought to school for birthdays and other special events. This includes holidays. If you choose to send in snacks or a celebration treat, please refer to the List of Acceptable Snack Foods in the front office or in the student handbook. We appreciate your help with promoting healthy eating at our school.

Brichta Calendar of Events

April 5	Zumba classes every Tuesday from 4 to 5 in MPR
April 7	Empowered Parenting Classes 12 to 1:30 in Library
April 7	Financial Peace of Mind 4 to 5 in Library
April 10th	Brichta Bears Walk for the Cure- Join us at komensaz.org
April 11- April 15	Aims Testing
Wednesday April 13th	DISMISSAL AT 2:01 INSTEAD OF 1:01 DUE TO AIMS TESTING
	Site Council Meeting 3:00
April 19	PTO meeting @ 6:30 Library
April 21- April 25	Spring Break
April 28	Field Day Grades K-2
April 29	Field Day Grades 3-5

BRICHTA BEAR STUDENTS

FOLLOW THE 3 R'S:

Respect Yourself

Respect Others

Respect Property



From the Health Office

As the weather starts to warm up, please remember that Brichta has a dress code. Girls are not supposed to wear spaghetti strap style tops. Their straps must be at least 1" wide. Short shorts and skirts are not appropriate either. They must be as long as her fingertips reach down her legs. We HIGHLY recommend not wearing rubber flip flops, or other open toe/heel shoes. They are not appropriate for physical activity and make the feet prone to injury.

Students continue to arrive tardy. When they do, they have to check in at the front office, making them even more tardy. The first bell rings at 7:51. School starts at 7:56. Please help our Brichta Bears start their day on time!



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Brichta Bears "Join the Race for the Cure!"

On Sunday, April 10th, many of Brichta's students, staff, and families have registered to join the fight against breast cancer at the annual Susan G. Komen, "Race for the Cure." You can register to join the team, "Brichta Bears" at komensaz.org until April 5th. However, your packet will not be mailed to you; you will have to pick it up. We will meet as a team on the day of the race at 7:15a.m., just south of Ramada 22. The race begins at 8:00a.m. and shuttles from El Con start at 6:00a.m.

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Anderson (Katherine.anderson@tusd1.org) or Ms. May (Karen.may@usd1.org). We hope to see you at the race!

Congratulations to the 2011 SARSEF Winners from Brichta Elementary School:

Elianna Filivaa: The Fastest And Best Way To Grow A Flower, SciEnTeK-12 Foundation 3rd Place
Ivan Amparano: What Makes The Best Magnet? SciEnTeK-12 Foundation 3rd Place
Amerie Gaytan: Caffeine, Water, and Plants, SciEnTeK-12 Foundation 2nd Place

Help Save the California Condor

The California condor is endangered of extinction. 2nd Grader Maricela Peralta is collecting money to donate to the Peregrine Foundation in order to help the California condor. Donations can be made in the front office.

Special thanks to all of our volunteers- You are amazing!

SCPC

The School Community Partnership Council (SCPC) invites all parents, educators, and community members to attend the "**Kindergarten to College and Career: Supporting Successful School Transitions**" presentation on Mon., April 18, at 6:30 pm in the

auditorium at Tucson Magnet High School. A panel of experts will share advice about supporting your child's transition to the next educational level. If babysitting or interpretation services are needed, please advise your principal by April 15 of the number and ages of your children for babysitting, and/or the language for which interpretation is needed, so the appropriate arrangements can be made.

El Consejo de la Sociedad de la Comunidad Escolar (SCPC) invita a todos los padres, educadores, y miembros de la comunidad a que asistan a la presentación "**Kínder al Colegio y Carreras: Respalando las Transiciones Exitosas a la Escuela**", el lunes 18 de abril, a las 6:30 p.m. en el auditorio de Tucson Magnet High School. Un panel de expertos compartirá consejos acerca de como respaldar a su niño(a) en su transición al siguiente nivel educativo. Si se necesitan los servicios de cuidado de niños o interpretación, por favor avisen al director de su escuela, antes del 15 de abril, el número de niños que requerirán cuidado y sus edades, y/o el idioma en el que necesitan la traducción, para que podamos hacer los arreglos pertinentes.

How Can You Help Make the Brichta Elementary School 2011 Spring Social Spectacular?

Brichta PTO is seeking donations of everything and anything that might sweeten the celebration on May 6th 5:30-8pm

From food to fundraising, WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please donate or volunteer and show your support for our students and staff. Drop off items and contact information in the office or to teachers! We need:

- Small Carnival Prizes
- Goods & Services for our Silent Auction
- Paper products like Plates, Napkins & Cups
- Party Decorations, A Sound Systems or DJ Services
- Cool Stuff for Displays and Demonstrations
- Baked Goods for A Cake Walk
- Foods like fruits, crackers, chips and cookies
- Bottled water & Canned Beverages
- Games
- Face Paints & Arts & Craft Supplies
- Dance & Exercise Instructors



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