



Tucson Unified School District
Augustus Brichta Elementary School

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December 2010

Principal's Letter

Dear Families of Brichta Students,
How quickly this semester has gone by! I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. Our parent volunteer numbers have swelled this year. Parents and adult family members have found many different ways to make our school an even better place through their gift of time and talents.

We are planning a celebration in honor of Brichta's 50th anniversary on February 22nd. If you are interested in helping with this event, or know Brichta alumni who might like to attend, please call the front office. We'll be giving prizes to the alumnus who travels the furthest distance, the family with the greatest number of alumni and the oldest alumnus. We will be setting up more information on our Brichta website, including a space for alumni to record their memories of Brichta.

I want to wish you a happy, healthy holiday season. I hope that you will have the opportunity to share lots of warm, cozy moments reading and dreaming with your child/grandchild this season.

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

12/8	Site Council Meeting
12/14	Polar Express PJ Night 6:30-7:30 cafeteria
12/14	21 st CCLC Showcase and Last Day of Classes
12/17-1/2	No School-Winter Break
1/7	Breakfast with the Principal 8:00 a.m. in the Lounge
1/14 & 1/18	GATE testing for Kinder, 1 st , 2 nd

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 BEAR STUDENTS

FOLLOW THE 3 R'S:

Respect Yourself

Respect Others

Respect Property



From the Health Office

Parents and Guardians can help keep down the spread of disease by keeping students at home if they are sick. Watch for the following symptoms:

1. Temperature 99.6 or higher during the night or in the morning.
2. Nausea or vomiting.
3. Fatigue and vague complaints of "not feeling good".
4. Headache, dizziness or stomachache.





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- 5. Refusing breakfast.
- 6. Any body rash.
- 7. Persistent cough, red sore throat, earache.

A student with one or more of these symptoms should be kept home and his/her temperature checked during the day. If temperature persists or rises, call your family doctor for advice. Keeping ill students home until they are fever-free for 24 hours will protect your child and other students. Please notify the school office when you keep your child home because of illness.

If you have any concerns or questions, please call us.

Michele Bennett, RN
Cristina Furtado, Health Assistant
225-1117

Student Council

Student Council is collecting canned food and non-perishable food items for the Community Food Bank. Please help us to help our community by donating!

Around Our School

Students in Mrs. Valdez’s class, Mrs. Budak’s class, Ms. Anderson’s class and Ms. May’s class have been learning about healthy eating from Chef Amanda Lindquist. This month, they cooked Roasted Tomato Soup and Healthy Grilled Cheese. Parents and students also joined Chef Amanda for our second Cooking Meals Together Night. Chef Amanda demonstrated how to make Brussels sprouts, green beans and turnips that kids will actually eat and a healthy version of gravy. An article about the Chefs Move to School program at Brichta is set to run in the Arizona Daily Star on Thursday.

Michael Fullan, a leader in educational research and representatives from the Pima Regional Support System, visited Ms. Eddleman’s classroom. Students in this classroom are using Excel spreadsheets to help them analyze data and explore the impact that behavior has on systems.

The new Chief Information Officer of TUSD, Mr. John Gay, came to talk with students and see the amazing things that your children are accomplishing with technology. He was **very** impressed by what he saw! Go Brichta!

From the Family and Student Support Liaison

Hello Brichta Families!

Winter break is just around the corner – the end of 2010! The following is a list of activities you might want to consider participating in over the holidays, or, really, anytime.

*Story Time -- including Family Story Time (free): check your local library for days and times

* Story Time (free): Borders Book Store also has story time – call to find out exact times

* FREE HOLIDAY SWAP: The library is partnering with FREecycle™ and presenting a Free Holiday Swap. This is your chance to swap out your stuff that is in good condition and trade with your neighbors. For more information call 791-4010. (This information was taken directly from the library’s website.)

* Take a trip to the zoo.

* Winterhaven Festival of Lights: check drive through and walk-through times

* UA Museum of Art: it’s free, but small donations are accepted

* Center for Creative Photography – close to the UA Museum of Art: it’s free, but small donations are accepted

* Tucson Children’s Museum

* Mt. Lemmon and/or Sabino Canyon

You can also access more information about local events by going to the library’s website

<http://www.library.pima.gov> .



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Of course, some of the best activities are... * Read with your child. * Have your child read to you.
* Pop popcorn and watch a movie together. * Take a walk, walk the dog, or ride bikes together.
* Color together. * Bake goodies or cook a meal together – OR DO BOTH! * Play a game
*Go to the park * Talk with your child.

I wish you and your family a very safe, happy, and memorable holiday season.
Rhonda Smith

You can apply to have your child attend any district school through open enrollment. As long as there is room, your child will be accepted.

To be eligible for first-round selection for the 2011-2012 school year, you must apply between **Oct. 1 and Dec. 10, 2010.**

Applications can be found online at <http://tusd1.org/contents/distinfo/enroll.html> or are available from our office upon request.

Special Thanks to our Volunteers of the Month

Irene Peterson, Janie Simpson, Mary Ann Lujan

TUSD Governing Board:

Bruce Burke, Judy Burns, Adelita Grijalva, Miguel Cuevas, and, Dr. Mark Stegeman

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