



# Tucson Unified School District Augustus Brichta Elementary School

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**March 2011**

## Principal's Letter

Dear Families of Brichta Students,

Thank you to all who participated in our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration! With Alan Kaith serving as Master of Ceremonies and over 400 people in attendance, including more than 20 descendants of Augustus Brichta, the event was a huge success. One of the greatest joys I receive from my position is being able to meet with students to set goals and then being able to celebrate with them when they achieve these goals. If you have not already done so this year, I encourage you to spend a few minutes with your child/family member talking with them about their goals. What is it that they would like to accomplish? Would they like to be able to draw a dog better, hit a ball farther, read a book at the next level or make a new friend? After choosing a goal to work on, encourage your child to think about what they will have to do to reach their goal. Then, arrange a time when you will check in to see how this goal is coming along. I truly believe that there are few things that compare to celebrating with a student that has taken ownership of a goal and has mastered the self-discipline that it takes to accomplish that goal!

Please note that there will be no classes held on March 18<sup>th</sup> so that teachers can complete progress reports which incorporate some of the academic goals .

Our district leadership has solidified a commitment to full-day kindergarten in all K-5 and K-8 schools next year. In addition, district leadership has committed funding to ensure that there is a full-time office manager who can receive parents and the public in a way that is engaging, encouraging and welcoming. Finally, district leaders recognized the severe impact that further cuts to our budget would have on student achievement. We have been told that we will not have to make any further financial cuts to our budget for the 2011-2012 school year. Yeah!

Sincerely,

Sabrina Cruz, Principal  
[Sabrina.Cruz@tusd1.org](mailto: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

3/8	Chef Amanda Lindquist works with selected grades to cook healthy Corned Beef and Cabbage 5:30, cafeteria
3/9	Kinder Round-up at 1:00
3/9	Site Council Meeting at 3:00
3/10	Boys & Girls Club to Visit 11:00-12:45
3/11	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Harambee Field Trip
3/14	Track Meet 2-4
3/15	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Show 5:30-7:30
3/15	PTO Meeting 6:30 Library
3/18	Grading Day-No School
3/22	Spring School Pictures
3/22	PTO Star Party 6:00

### 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





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**From the Health Office**

The weather is prime for being outdoors! Use these simple activities to get your children moving:



1. Time to march! Pretend to have your favorite instrument and march as you play. Can someone guess what instrument you are playing? Bring real instruments outside and march in a band with friends.
2. Rainbow Run! As you name colors of the rainbow, run and touch 3 things that are that color.
3. Take a walk! First go in straight lines, then curvy lines, and then try to walk backwards.
4. Set up an obstacle course using things to jump over, go around, and go under. See how fast you can do it!
5. Pretend you are at the zoo. Identify an animal. Move and sound like that animal. Roarrrrrr!

Join us Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> for Walk n' Roll To School Day! This is a celebration of walking and biking to school. One walker/biker will receive a free scooter. Other prizes will be awarded to those who walk/bike to school. The check in table is located at the front of the school between 7:30 – 7:50.

Our Brichta 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in Jump Rope For Heart on Valentine's Day. They raised \$250 for the American Heart Association. Great job guys! If you are interested in making a donation, you can still turn one in to the health office.

Please remember that school starts at 7:51. Many students are still arriving tardy. Please help our Brichta Bears start their day on time.

Brichta's fabulous 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers Katie Anderson and Karen May are starting a Brichta walking team for the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. They are inviting all Brichta families, teachers and staff to participate. If you are interested, please register at [komensaz.org](http://komensaz.org). Click on the 'Komen Face for the Cure' tab and scroll down to "register". Be sure to register for our existing team-"Brichta Bears"

*Congratulations to Diane Padilla!!*

*Diane was honored at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for her 32 years of service here at Brichta. Thank you for all you have done for so many students and families over the years, Diane!*



***Special thanks to our Volunteers of the Month***

Veronica Sandoval-For organizing and orchestrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Patricia Small , Jennifer Schroeder ,Danielle Filivaa , Amanda Gaytan , Jenni Moreno, Kerry Hodgkinson , Liz Dalglish , Elma Alvarez , Ana Olivares, Bob Mickelson, MaryAnn Estrada-Lujan , Irene Peterson Dolores Furtado and Maria Pappas for thir work with the Scholastic Book Fair  
Special thanks to Patricia Small and Rosanna Cortez for helping to shelve books in the library!

**SPIRIT WEEK THIS WEEK!!**

- Monday-PJ Day
- Tuesday-Sports Day
- Wednesday-Dress up like your teacher Day
- Thursday-Storybook Character Day
- Friday-Neon Day

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