

May 2011

Brichta Elementary School

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Letter from the Principal

5/4-Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
5/6 Student of the Month Assembly
Brichta Social 5:30-8:00
5/9 Celebration with Chef Amanda from Chefs Move to Schools (Budak, Valdez, May, Anderson)
5/10-Student Council End of the Year Celebration
21st CCLC Showcase 3:00 Cafeteria
Last Day of 21st CCLC classes!
5/11 Site Council Meeting 3:00-4:30.
5/17-PTO Meeting 6:30
5/20-Student of the Month Assembly
5/23-1st Grade Showcase 6:00
5/24 Kindergarten End of the Year Celebration 1:00
5/25-5th grade Promotion 9:00-10:30
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

Principal
Sabrina Cruz
Office Manager
Patsy Moreno
Nurse
Michele Bennett
Health Assistant
Cristina Furtado

Dear Families of Brichta Students,

This time of year always brings a degree of sadness to my heart. In just a few days, we will be saying goodbye to our 5th graders, many of whom have been with us since kindergarten. As I pass them in the halls, many of them taller than me by now, I smile. I remember some of their faces from the first day of school or recall particular events that have happened during their time with us. Some of these events, they've probably forgotten. Others, I'm sure they remember even better than I do. I have cherished the relationships that I have been able to establish with each of these students and their families. As we continue to advocate for a 6th grade at Brichta next year, we still prepare for the possibility that these students will move on. I know that they will represent Brichta well as they move to the next level. We know that some of our students and their families will also be moving out of town. We wish all of these members of our Brichta family safe journeys and a hopeful, happy future!

We'll also be saying a temporary goodbye to Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith will be taking a leave to continue her education.

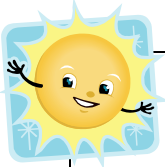
Fortunately, with the end of one school year comes the beginning of dreams for the next. And, as always, we have dreams! We do dream of adding a 6th grade next year and following that with 7th and 8th grade classrooms in the years to come. We are working to establish a Preschool program and a Birth to 5 group. We will continue to add classes and refine activities through our 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. We look forward to continuing our vision of preparing students through innovative learning tools.

The end of school also brings celebrations! Please join us in celebrating a successful year at our Brichta Social on Friday, May 6th. More information about other celebrations can be found in your child's/grandchild's class newsletter.

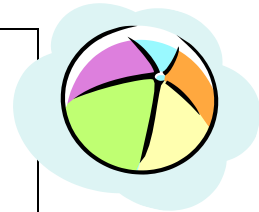
Thank you for your support of our school and our students this year. I hope that you have a peaceful, relaxing summer!

Sincerely,
Sabrina Cruz
Principal





Teacher Appreciation Day



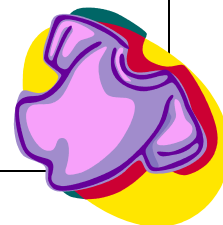
Brichta families, it that time of the year to thank our wonderful teachers for all they do for our children. On Wednesday, May 4th, we will be honoring them with a luncheon. We ask that, if you are so inclined, families bring a special dish (anything from salads, to main dishes to desserts are welcome). You may also attach a special thank you note to your dish so that your child's teacher will know that you thought of them. All food may be dropped off any time between 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in the front office. Please be sure to label your dish with your child's name so the dish can be returned to them. Thank you for helping to make the luncheon a success!



Dear Parents,

We are asking for donations of gently used children's clothes, pants, shirts, and dresses to help start off some students for next school year 2011-2012. If you have items to donate, please place them in a box or bag and bring them into the office labeled "donated clothes". Thank you for your help and support during these hard economic times.

Sabrina Cruz
Principal



Our first Wellness Week was a success! There will be four Wellness Weeks next school year. Be on the lookout for our newsletters for dates. Feel free to volunteer during those weeks to make them even more successful. We would like to thank the following people for all of their time, hard work, and energy last week:

Amanda Tellez, Jenni Moreno, Elisa Granado, Danielle Filivaa, Francis Contreras, Dolores Furtado, Cindy Martinez, MaryAnn Estrada, Veronica Sandoval, Marisa Coronado, Many fraternity members from Pi Kappa Alpha Our Brichta teachers, Albertson's, Safeway and Sunflower Markets.

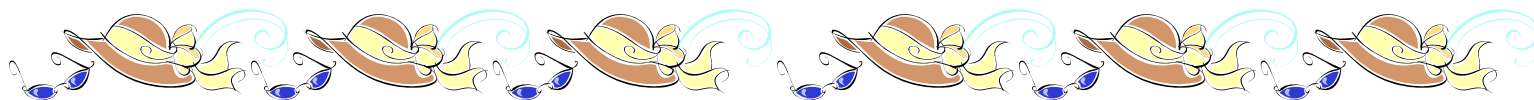


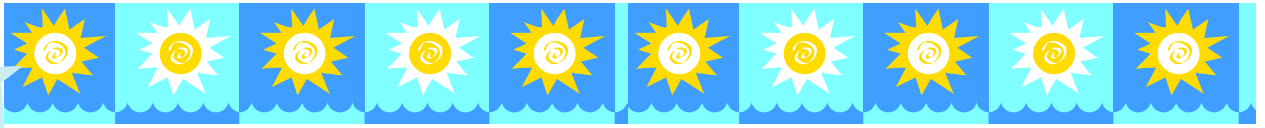
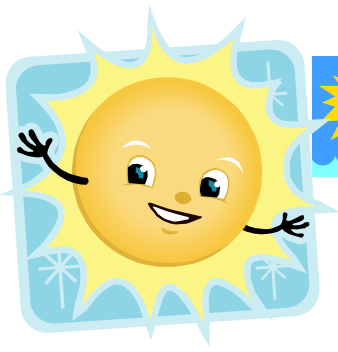
**Last Day of school is
Wednesday, May 25th, 2011
Have a great summer!!!**



**First day of school is
Monday, August 15th, 2011**

Lost and Found
Missing a jacket or sweater? Check out the "lost and found" box in the Brichta cafeteria. Parents and guardians are welcome to stop by to look through the box. The cafeteria is opened until 6:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Any items that are not claimed will be donated to the TUSD Clothing Bank.
Thank you!





Congratulations to our students with perfect attendance for the whole school year!!

Leanna Avitia
Araceli Cardenas
Cienna Kincade
Elijah Kincade
Erik Loya
Manny Loya
Jasmine Ma
Jason Ma
Diego Perez
Isaiah Sandoval
Jaden Sims
Alfred Soto
Annalisa Tirado



Please make sure to turn in your library books by May 13th, 2009.

Thank you!
Library Staff



5th Grade Parents!

Make sure your soon-to-be sixth grader gets their shots updated by age 11. They will need the MCV and Tdap. If they plan on doing sports in middle school, plan on getting a physical scheduled for them. We have "physical cards" here in the health office if you need one.

Summer Fun Tips

Check out you local movie theater for summer specials. These specials are for selected times and movies.

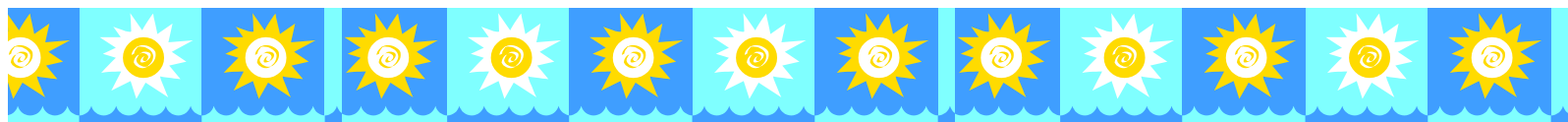
Joaquin Murrieta Park Northwest pool or other Parks and Recreation programs

Golden Pin Lanes and many other bowling alleys having specials this summer.

Check with your local libraries for reading incentive programs!

Also visit the Reid Park Zoo, International Wildlife Museum, and the Children's Museum.

Don't forget playdates!!



Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs

Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

Stay home when you are sick.

Stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. Keep sick children at home. You will help prevent others from catching the illness.

Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Wash your hands often.

Washing your hands and the hands of your children often will help protect you from germs.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

Practice other good health habits.

Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious foods.

Sabrina Cruz

Principal
Brichta Elementary School



UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA ATHLETICS is currently offering the opportunity for all
K-6 grade students to be
Arizona Wildcat Junior Cheerleaders

The Wildcat Junior Cheerleaders will debut at the NCAA football game verses Northern Arizona University on Saturday, September 12, 2009 when U of A Athletics hosts the first annual Halftime Spirit Extravaganza!

This is not only a phenomenal opportunity to visit a place of higher education, but also to showcase the talent of elementary students in front of approximately 50,000 Wildcat Football Fans!!

If you are interested in participating in this EXCITING event, please contact
Vicki@cheeramerica.org for more information and details.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 5TH GRADERS

Ms. Eddleman

Sarah Alvarez
Sofia Amparano
Leanna Avitia
Jorge Barcelo
Paulina Canez
BJ Esqueda
David Fahlsing
Amanda Fisher
Valentina Franco
Dominic Gallardo
Antonette Gomez
Desiree Gonzales
Isabella Gonzalez
Selena Guzman
Ryan Hadley-Nihiser
Luis Lugo-Valenzuela
Desiree Montano
Syanette Moreno-Lugo
Ian Pena
Isaiah Peterson
Elias Rodriguez
Samuel Sanchez
Frances Valenzuela

Mrs. Freitas

Elias Avenente
Keanna Bennett
Angelo Boswell
Trinity Furtado
Mark Gamboa
Rosedaly Garcia
Jacob Gaytan
Gemmia Gerald
Christian Gonzalez
Linda Gonzalez
Mykayla Gonzalez
Isaiah Gutierrez
Christian Jacquez
Bruce Manuel
Makayla McCarthy
Ruben Dalgleish-Morales
Mark Munoz
Jorge Rico
Christian Sahagun
Amber Soland
Jamie Thompson
Aaron Yepes

Mr. Gardner

Crystique Badilla
Christopher Barraza
Marcel Bowens
Jocelyn Cabrera
Taylor Casillas
Marie Deemer
Wyatt Dutton
Roman Garcia
Alberto Gonzalez
Maiah Hoover
Pedro Leal
Maya Leyva
Cheyanne Lopez
Drew Lytle
Jia Cheng Ma
Anissah Maldonado
Tevita Mokofisi
Elizabeth Moreno
Angel Quiroz
Gustavo Rubio
Anthoni Sanchez
Lucy Small
Vanessa Valdez

Mrs. Valdez

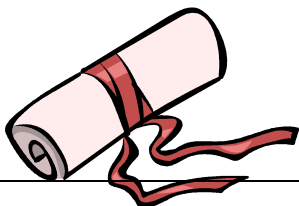
Juliane Douriet
Makana Gartin
Shiane Gartin
Ramiro Matus



5th Grade Promotion

Wednesday, May 25th, 2009

9-10:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria



Have a great Summer!

