



# BEAR FACTS

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## Calendar of Events May 2009

National Physical Fitness Month  
May 3 – 8 Teacher Appreciation  
Week

May 11 – 14 Book Fair

May 1 Volunteer Appreciation  
Celebration 10:30 – 12:00

May 5 **National Teacher Day**  
PTO Mtg 6:00pm Media Ctr

May 6 National Nurse Day  
School Nutrition Employee Day

May 7 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Smith Jr.

May 11 Music Assembly  
8:15am/9:00am

Band Concert 6:30pm

May 12 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip  
Orchestra Concert 6:30pm

May 14 Ice Cream Social  
5:00-7:35pm

May 15 No Ticket Celebration  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Luau 2:45-4:30pm

May 18 Student of the Month  
Pizza w/the Principal  
Talent Show Dress Rehearsal

May 19 Talent Show  
12:40 & 1:25PM

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Evening  
6:30 – 7:30pm

May 21 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bowling Trip  
Papa John's Night

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**HAVE A NICE SUMMER!!**

## A Great Year!

### ~A Message from our Principal~

Dear Brinton Families:

The end of the spring semester is rapidly approaching! But before we break for summer vacation, there are many events and assemblies to help us close the year. Be sure to check the calendar on this page so that you don't miss a single celebration.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the families and staff at Brinton for making my first year here a wonderful experience. I have enjoyed stepping into the leadership position here and becoming a part of this special learning community. I look forward to closing the year well and planning for the fall.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Estes

P.S. Did you know ...

**Class Assignments** - Due to pending state legislation and a variety of unknown budgetary factors, we do not believe that we will be able to release class assignments for students until late summer. If this changes, we will let you know. If not, you will be notified of your child's classroom teacher prior to school starting in August.

**Time Changes** - Revised school times for 2009-2010 will be as follows:

Regular School Day.....7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
Wednesday Early Release .....1:45 p.m.

**Shade Structures** - The front drop off and pick up area will soon have 2 new shade structures installed. The money to build the shade structures was provided by student council. In addition, the PTO funded seven benches to go under this newly shaded area. The shade and benches will help be wonderful for students and staff when the temperature rises!

**Dress Code** - The dress code is changing for next year. See page two of this newsletter for the information concerning closed toed-shoes and jewelry.

## Report Cards Class Placements Optional School Supplies

Report cards will be sent home with students the last day of school, however, class placements for 2009-10 will not be made official until late summer. You will be receiving a Student Data Form in the mail in July. Please check the information provided, make any corrections, sign the front and back of the form and return it to the Brinton office or mail it back to us. The teachers will be preparing an optional school supply list before they leave for the summer. These will be posted at Brinton and on our school web site [www.mpsaz.org/brinton](http://www.mpsaz.org/brinton) under the teachers section (after June 1).

## Summer Office Hours

The building will be open for summer school, June 1-25 (Monday through Thursday only) from 8-noon. Our Cafeteria will be open for breakfast from 7:30 – 8:00am and lunch from 12:00 to 12:30pm (Monday through Thursday, June 1 – 25) Beginning July 20, regular business hours will resume (7:15-3:15).

## Media Center

The Media Center will be open Monday – Thursday from June 1 – 25 this summer. Students may check out books after returning a parent consent form. Join us and the Tempe Library for Reading to the Ball Park summer reading program. Game boards will be available and prizes will be awarded to students who participate.

Last Day to check out books is May 8th. All Books are due by May 13<sup>th</sup>  
Thank you

All lost or damaged books need to be paid before school is out. If you received a note in the mail or your child has brought one home, please pay for or return the book(s)

**Winners of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Battle of the Books competition are:**  
**Emily Ruth**  
**Brett Dapster**  
**Steven Rossi**

## Pizza with the Principals

Throughout the month of April, school students were nominated by assistants and specialists for displaying acts of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Each student “caught in the act” was given a raffle sheet. Students from each grade level were chosen to eat pizza with the principals on April 20th. Those students drawn for April were:

### Kindergarten

Teya Sanchez

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

Jovi Devitt  
Jordan Suarez  
Isabelle Bacosa  
Alex Sommers  
Kassidy Faraci  
Briana Gonzales

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Austin Salzman  
Robbie Adams  
Lucy Compean  
Ivan Cheno  
Nicholas Kim  
Sarah West

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

Jackson Boyd  
Imani Long  
Ramon Rodriguez  
Nancy Nguyen  
Isaiah Long  
Adrian Martinez

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Kailee Boen  
Ariya Edwards  
Scott Kendall  
Andrew Wood  
Blayne Steinke  
Jade Villalobos

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Airique Mitchell  
Jordan Housand  
Esequiel Valles  
Amalia Guerra  
Abigail Mather  
Roselyn Valdez

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Kylie Krejmas  
Hailey Cornell  
Payton Quick  
Chris Hansen  
Vanessa Penuelas  
Kyla Slater



## NEW DRESS CODE REMINDER

Our dress code is posted on the Brinton website at [www.mpsaz.org/brinton](http://www.mpsaz.org/brinton).

Please take a moment to review it with your child.

### New for next year:

Students will be asked to wear only closed-toe and closed-heeled shoes. No slippers, sandals, flip-flops, Heelies, clogs, platform or skate shoes.

Nose rings, lip rings and body piercing are not permitted. Pierced ears are permitted but the earrings should be a stud or small hoops that do not extend longer than 1/2" in length. Body art and tattoos are also prohibited.

Spring safety reminders from the  
Mesa Police Department  
Lindy Marino, Mesa PD crime prevention officer  
(www.mesaaz.gov/police/literature)

Parents must monitor and safeguard their children's welfare during outdoor playtime in this wonderful weather. Children should:

- \*have adult supervision in your park or neighborhood, during the day and after dark
- \*have adult supervision every moment they swim and play in the pool
- \*wear properly fitted safety helmets when riding bikes, skateboards or motorized scooters
- \*respect their neighbors by not trespassing or damaging the property of others
- \*NEVER get close to a stranger
- \*If home alone, know how to call police in an emergency

### Testing Dates

Brinton students in grades 3-6 have successfully completed their AIMS testing for this school year.

Grades 1 & 2 will be taking District CRT's and students in grades K - 3 will be DIBELS testing  
April 27 - May 8.

Please help them be as successful as possible by arriving to school on time and being here every day.

## Fine Arts Night/Ice Cream Social Parking

Our Legion neighbors have graciously offered to help ease our parking woes for our annual Fine Arts Night on May 14th. They will open up their north gravel lot for families to park in so you do not have to park illegally or on a private street.

## Got Music?

### SUPPORTING OUR MUSICAL TALENTS

Please take some time to attend our Band and Orchestra concerts this year. More than 150 students participate in Band and Orchestra every year, not to mention that everyone gets to be in music with Mr. LaMonica. This year we were also lucky enough to have Mrs. Pitney directing our Chorus and had our first ever Brinton School play. We are looking forward to all of the talent that will be showcased at our Talent Show. Don't forget to attend our Ice Cream Social/Fine Arts night which will be held from 5:00 to 7:30 on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Our students have been practicing songs that they will be performing that night with Mr. LaMonica.

(Schedule is at the bottom of this page)

**Band/Orchestra Spring Assembly  
Monday, May 11, 8:15 & 9:00am**

**Band Concert  
Monday, May 11 6:30pm**

**Orchestra Concert  
Tuesday, May 12 6:30pm**

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything."  
PLATO

**You are invited to attend the sixth annual Brinton Fine Arts and Ice Cream Social, Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

There will be musical performances, a book fair in the Media Center, & our PTO will be selling ice cream, bottled water and raffling off theme baskets full of wonderful, donated items. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Be sure to add your name and phone number to the back of your tickets and place them in the can in front of the basket of your choice. Student Council will be selling Jamba Juice (strawberry & raspberry) \$2.00 for 8oz.

#### MUSICAL PERFORMANCE STAGE TIMES

KINDERGARTEN	5:15	6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	6:15	5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	7:15
2nd GRADE	5:35	4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	6:35		
1st GRADE	5:55	3 <sup>rd</sup> GRADE	6:55		

# Student of the Month

Two students from each class will receive the award each month. Guidelines for student of the month are:

A student showing continuous improvement academically, socially and emotionally.

- A student who is at the top of their class.
- A student who is a person of moral character and integrity.

The students who received the award on April 20<sup>th</sup> were:

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	<b><u>KINDERGARTEN</u></b>
Mrs. Nichols	2am Justin Cude & Alex Cervantes Huerta 2pm Kate Whitfield & Amahni Hunter-Williams
Ms. Dominis	1 Elijah Barba & Christopher Jaime
Mrs. Costa	3 Hayleigh Haycraft & Dustyn Wisnewski & Anthony Santana
Mrs. Hughes	5 Branden Coburn & Mia Garcia
	<b><u>K/1</u></b>
Mrs. DeAnda	4 Lucero Espino
	<b><u>FIRST GRADE</u></b>
Mrs. Scoggins	8 Shane McNulty & Tyler Blake & Kaien Grainger
Mrs. Calise	9 Saphirra Martinez & Jarom Gardner
Mrs. Kuhn	12 Justin Ruvalcaba & Taylor Rosales
Ms. Green	13 Anthony Vasquez & Jordan Suarez
	<b><u>SECOND GRADE</u></b>
Mrs. Ellsworth	14 Trevor Gritz & Tommy LeTourneau
Ms. Craglow	15 Warren Wilson & Sam Ruth
Mrs. Neuman	16 Kelby Demoss & Madison Barrios
Mrs. Hall	17 Kevin McDermott & Gabe Romero
	<b><u>2/3</u></b>
Ms. James	7 Eduardo Manriquez & Adrian Martinez
	<b><u>THIRD GRADE</u></b>
Mr. Wolf	30 Bailey Holmes & Anthony Brill
Ms. Wade	31 Alaura Torres & Kaity Lucas
Mrs. Berenter	32 Alyssa Gorman & Melissa Gonzalez
	<b><u>FOURTH GRADE</u></b>
Mrs. Miller	25 Genine Steneck & Cameron Martinez
Mrs. Wolf	26 Kody Meyers Smith & Sophia Jaqua
Mrs. Salomone	27 Chelsea Whaley & Myann Bradley
	<b><u>3/4</u></b>
Mr. Ortiz	29 Imani Long & Amber Paredes
	<b><u>FIFTH GRADE</u></b>
Ms. Radcliff	18 Micaela Blackgoat & Juan Vasquez
Mrs. Clack	22 Brady Shade & Shalee Habel
Mrs. Bader	23 Armonee Jackson & Meghan Hernandez
Ms. Racca	24 Samantha Kuraica
	<b><u>SIXTH GRADE</u></b>
Mr. Headley	34 Michael Soza & Ashley Kowlsen
Mrs. Reed	38 Nate Erickson & Rylan Bedolla
Mrs. Paterson	39 Angelica Tristan-Flores & Jasmine Contreras-Lewis

***Congratulations to our April Students of the Month!***

# Talent Show



Brinton's Talent Show will be on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:40 & 1:25PM (2 performances). Come see our talented students in a variety of acts!

# Coin Drive

A Big thank you to all students who brought in their coins for our Pennies for Patients Coin Drive. We were able to raise over \$1000. The classroom with the most donations will receive a free pizza party.

The winner was:

**Mrs. Bader's class**

Thank you for your generosity



# Book Fair

Buy one, get one Free  
May 11 - 14

Come and get all of your summer reading books for a good time and at a great price. The Media Center will be open from 8:00 - 2:00 and will also be open the evening of May 14<sup>th</sup> for the Ice Cream Social so that students can purchase books



