

O'odham Tohono Wackĭ A'al Mašcamakuḍ

Indian Oasis Intermediate Elementary School

August 2025

WELCOME  
Back to  
SCHOOL!



**Mission Statement: We empower our children to have a strong cultural identity to conquer challenges in their journey of life.**



**Vision Statement: Success, No Less!**

### Communicate

- 520-719-1240
- <https://www.busd40.org>
- Facebook: Baboquivari Education

### Reminder:

School does not start till 8:10 drop off starts at 7:40

Intermediate Families,

We are super excited and look forward to the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. More importantly, we look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential.

Our teachers will be using research-based teaching practices with an emphasis on preparing students for college and career readiness.

As a district, BUSD has many goals so that we can all be successful. They are:

Proficiency - 80% of the students will be proficient by reaching 70% mastery in each essential standard. Help us monitor your child's academic progress by checking the parent portal and keeping in touch with their teacher.

Attendance: 90% attendance in all classrooms. Attendance is crucial so that all students can be successful and on time. Last year, we reached 91%.

Increase math and ELA proficiency by 25% or higher by utilizing assessments and benchmarks to improve instructional practices quarterly. Teachers will provide fun and engaging research-based instruction using Beyond Textbooks, Kagan, AVID, and Success For All programs.

This year, we look forward to seeing ALL students, staff, and parents participation with our PBIS and house system. The house system has many positive outcomes from decreasing discipline referrals, positive relationships, better attendance, and improvement in academics.

Once again, welcome back! Let's work together to make this year magical and fun!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Begay-Lewis

Principal

House of Givers "Altruismo"





# Important Information

**NEW SCHOOL HOURS:**  
**8:10-3:10 P.M.**  
**FRIDAY: 8:10-12:30 P.M.**



## Morning Drop off:

- Gate opens at 7:40 a.m.
- DO NOT drop off students prior to 7:40 a.m. students will not be supervised until 7:40 a.m.

Please **DO NOT SPEED** near the crosswalk or on school grounds.

## Afternoon Pick Up:

- We will begin releasing students at 3:10 p.m. **(THIS IS A NEW TIME)**
- No bus changes will be accepted after 10 a.m.
- Place yellow cardstock on your window. (Will be given out on the first day of school)

## Attendance Challenges

Every month we will have attendance challenges, so make sure that you are here everyday and on time so that you don't miss the challenges. We will have individual prizes to group activities for students with 100% attendance at the end of each month.

**Goal: 90% Attendance**



## ATTENDANCE DATA

**JULY 2025:**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 92%**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 90%**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: 96%**

**THIS YEAR OUR  
 THEME IS: "WILDLY  
 ENGAGED &  
 THRIVING SUCCESS,  
 NO LESS!"**



## STUDENT DEVICES

- Student laptops and chargers will remain in the classroom at all times.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of any damage that may occur.
- Call technology department, if support is needed at 520-719-1200



## Student Handbooks

Student handbooks were passed out during the first week of school. Please read it with your child and return the last two pages signed by August 11th.

## DRESS CODE:

- Friday: House shirt (One will be given in August)
- Dress appropriately. No hats and hoodies in the buildings and classrooms
- No pajamas or items that display or suggest obscene language or symbols, presents undergarments, or exposes the back, chest, abdomen, midriff, genital area, or buttocks.
- Check the handbook for more details.

## NOT ALLOWED ON CAMPUS:

- GUM
- CELLPHONES
- TOYS AND BLANKETS
- UNHEALTHY SNACKS (do not send hot cheetos, takis, kool-aid, sodas, or energy drinks)





# GRADE NEWS

*-Capturing Ordinary Moments Become Extraordinary Milestones. -*

## Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome to an exciting new school year and to our Intermediate School Family!

We are delighted to have your child join our 4th-grade classes, and we look forward to a year filled with growth, discovery, and success.

This newsletter will keep you informed with important updates, upcoming events, and a preview of the engaging learning experiences your scholar will encounter throughout the year.

We're honored to partner with you on this educational journey!

## Your Amazing 4th Grade Teachers

## Your 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Dream Team



*Mr. Fuentes, Ms. Bringsplenty, Ms. Tuballa, Mr. Flores*

## What to Expect

In 4th grade, your scholars will engage in a well-rounded academic program & curriculum that includes Success for All (SFA) Reading Intervention, English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, Science and Social Studies, Daily Math Skills (DMS), and Getting Along Together (GAT) lessons—all designed to support their academic growth and personal success.



## Communicate

Kindly join our Class Dojo to stay updated on classroom announcements, events, and highlights. We encourage you to reach out to your scholar's teacher with any questions and concerns.



*"Dream big. Work hard. Stay kind. — Together we can turn the ordinary into extraordinary."*



**AUGUST EDITION**

# 5th Grade Newsletter

## Back to SCHOOL

"WORKING TOGETHER TURNS  
SMALL STEPS INTO BIG LEAPS—  
FOR EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY."

**Dear Parents & Guardians,**

We are so excited to welcome you and your child to an amazing new school year in 5th grade! Our team is looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and memorable experiences.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a valuable part of our school community. Together, we'll make this a successful and fun year for all our students!

*5th Grade Team*

### What to Expect

This year, students will grow as readers and writers through ELA and SFA (Success for All), focusing on comprehension, vocabulary, and writing across genres. In Math, students will strengthen their understanding of place value, fractions, and problem-solving, with daily practice through DMS (Daily Math Skills). In Science, students will explore exciting topics like ecosystems, space, and matter through hands-on activities and investigations. We're looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth!

### Communicate

Aside from calls, communication will mostly be done through Class Dojo, so please stay connected for updates, reminders, and messages.

### The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

We're a team of dedicated and passionate educators excited to support your child's learning journey this year!

Mr. Chris Cody  
Mrs. Cherry Ann Bulata-Belen  
Mr. Allen Francis Gilua  
Ms. Kimberly Danny (STEM)





"Keep learning. But, above all, keep having fun". **Greta Mae Evans**

# 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STORIES

## Your Monthly Dose of Classroom Updates

### NOTE TO OUR STUDENTS

Welcome to a brand new school year filled with endless possibilities and exciting adventures! We are so thrilled to begin this journey with each of you as we grow, learn, and achieve together. Let's make this year one of our best yet—full of curiosity, kindness, and success!

## Academic Highlights

### ELA

We've had a great start to the school year! Our first ELA standard, 6.R.L.10, focuses on reading and understanding a variety of literature (stories, dramas, and poetry) independently and at grade level. Students have been exploring different genres, making inferences, identifying key details, and discussing the author's purpose. They've also worked in teams and shared thoughtful ideas during class. Please keep encouraging your child to read at home, every page makes a difference! Here's to a strong year of reading!

### MATH

We have begun our first Math standard of the year: 6.M.NS.B.03, which focuses on fluently performing operations with decimals using the standard algorithm. Students have already engaged in some exciting activities and hands-on practice to build their skills. In the coming days, we'll be applying these concepts to real-life problem-solving tasks that connect math to everyday situations!

### SCIENCE/SS

We have started our Introduction to Science Processes, Routines and Procedure: Note taking, Science processing skills, measuring and graphing. In Social Studies we have started with our first standard 6.SS.AD.Y to use and construct graphs, maps and other representations to explain the relationship between location, places and regions. In coming days, we'll identify types of maps and its specific purpose.

### NOTE TO THE PARENTS

We warmly welcome you to a new school year! We are thrilled to partner with you in supporting your child's growth, learning, and success. Together, we can create a positive and meaningful experience that sets the tone for a fantastic year ahead!

Please be informed that Student Handbooks were sent home this week. We kindly ask that you review the handbook with your child to ensure understanding of school policies and expectations. Don't forget to sign and return the Student-Parent Agreement Form at your earliest convenience—your support is greatly appreciated!

### REMINDERS

Please make sure your child is getting enough rest each night so they can come to school refreshed, focused, and ready to learn! Consistent attendance is key to building strong habits and staying on track with learning goals.

## The TEAM



From left to right: Mr. Aguilar, Mrs. Gilua, Our Principal Mrs. Begay-Lewis, The Media Specialist Ms. Woolsey, and Mr. Jaruyan





**COME AND LEARN HOW  
YOU WILL BE  
SUCCESSFUL THIS  
YEAR!**

**COMIC-CON  
OF SUCCESS @  
INTERMEDIATE 8/8/25**



**GAMES &  
PRIZES**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
PARTICIPATE CONTACT  
ROMINA @ 520-719-1240**

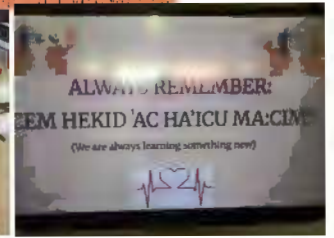
**ALL BUSD  
SCHOOLS  
3:30-6:00  
P.M.**

## STEM

Welcome back! For the month of August, students will learn lab rules and procedures. In addition, students will become familiar with laboratory equipment. In the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, we will focus on Earth and Space Science. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will focus on physical science.



## Himdag



In Himdag: We will be focusing the most on oral language, hands on activities and making Himdag fun!

## Library Media



Epic for Kids



Folett Destiny  
Discover  
District



Open E-Books  
District



Scholastic  
District

**curioso**

The Library Media Center welcomes the students back in the month of August with new literature to capture their interests! We will be focusing on books, laptops, and balanced media through engaging and interactive Digital Citizenship lessons. Students will refine their information skills to effectively navigate digital reading apps safely and with kindness. **REMINDER:** Students may check out 1 book at a time, please ensure they have a safe place to keep it at home and return it on time.

## P.E.

Engaging in sports like badminton and volleyball helps improve coordination, agility, and cardiovascular health. The fast-paced nature of these games encourages players to develop quick reflexes and strategic thinking. Moreover, these promote teamwork and communication skills, essential qualities that extend beyond the court.



# Counseling Corner

## PBIS



### WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

We are super excited to have students back at our campus. We have a lot planned for the school year, and want to make this a successful one. We have some returning staff, and some new individuals here at the campus. Do not hesitate to reach out to the counseling team and address any concerns. We are here assist with anything you need.

Howdy



### Morning Meditation

We are starting to do morning meditation for students to help start their day off right. There are many benefits to meditation, like reducing stress, improves focus, and can lead to better rest.

### Message Board

***"Please be on time."***

***"Wear your House Shirt on Fridays."***

***"Leave your pets at home."***

