



Biggs & Richvale Elementary School

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LaQuita Ulrich, Principal

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Re: Welcome and Induction Information - The School Year 2021-22

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Biggs and Richvale Elementary! I can't wait to hear from the students about their summer adventures! For returning families, I look forward to seeing you all and continuing to serve you, your children, and the entire Biggs and Richvale community. For families new to Biggs, I am excited to meet you and your student's, and know that we are all here to support your child in transitioning to our amazing schools. Our staff and school community are all committed to providing the best educational experience possible for your child. Let us know how we can help!

Our skilled and devoted staff is already planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering new families, ordering needed materials, and updating student files. Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. And, our much appreciated PAWS parent group is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

New Staff

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome the following individuals:

Fazila Afzal: School Counselor

Jessica Jensen: SDC Paraprofessional

Aaron Bayless: 2nd Grade Teacher

Ashely Nelson: SDC Paraprofessional

Hollie Byers: 1st Grade Teacher

Hokulani Wickard: General Ed Paraprofessional

Beth Chavez: 7th Grade Teacher

Nick Grubiss - Learning Center Teacher

Ensuring Success

We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
 - 3 unexcused absence or 10 total absence = chronic absenteeism
 - 3 tardies = 1 absence
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college

Thank you to all who are helping prepare for the new school year. Your commitment to ensuring that Biggs and Richvale Elementary School remains a celebrated and successful school is inspiring. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all students.

Warmly,

LaQuita E. Ulrich
Biggs & Richvale Elementary School, Principal

New Implementations for 2021-22	Why
Breakfast will be served between 7:45AM-8:10AM	To ensure that all students are ready to learn
All gates will be locked at 8:00AM, opened at 2:10PM, and locked again until 3:15PM	To ensure the safety of our students
All parents and/or visitors MUST sign in and have a visitor sticker before coming onto campus. PENDING COVID RESTRICTIONS	To ensure the safety of our students
Pick up & drop off will be airport style, eliminating pulling in and backing out. We will continue to call students out of classrooms at the 2:10 pick up. Alternative Parking: District office parking lot, street, back parking lot.	To ensure the safety of all and increase flow of pick up and drop off.
Implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions & Support Rewards	To recognize students for positive behaviors, exemplifying character traits, and following school wide expectations
Second year implementation of Character Strong	To build and reinforce strong character traits within our school and amongst students
No drop off and pick up in the bus loading zone Alternative: District office parking lot, front of school, back parking lot	To ensure the safety of our students
Please join us on Facebook - Biggs and Richvale Elementary School	To increase communication between school and home. To share all the positive things that are happening at BES and RES.
Sometimes we send out reminders, messages, emergency notifications by a contracted commercial phone system. We are excited to keep you informed about school activities and emergencies on this system. <i>The system will be used to call parents when students are absent. It is extremely important to write your current preferred phone number on the School Emergency Card or contact the office to update contact information. Thank you</i>	To keep parents informed and to ensure the safety of students.

Upcoming August Events:	Dates & Times:
Class Schedules Posted	August 5, 2021 Time: After 4:00PM Where: Front Office
First Day of School	Wednesday, August 12, 2021 Time: 8:05AM - 2:10PM (TK-6th) 8:05AM - 3:15 (7th & 8th) Richvale Elementary 8:25-2:35
BES Back to School Night Information: If COVID restrictions lift and you would like to volunteer in the classroom or go on field trips with your student you need to be fingerprinted. We will be having a mobile live scan service available at Back to School Night. Please remember to bring your Driver's License or State ID with you. Also, we will be available with applications and answer questions regarding our Free & Reduced Lunch program.	Thursday, August 19 , 2021 Time: 6:00PM-7:00PM Root Beer Floats to follow by PAWS (Please get your tickets after visiting your students classroom)
RES Back to School Night	Wednesday, August 18, 2021 Time: 5:30PM-6:30PM
First Early Release Day for 7th & 8th	Wednesday, August 25th Time: 7th & 8th 2:10PM
RES Picture Day	Tuesday, August 17th
BES Picture Day	Thursday, August 19th