TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECRIST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Loved Ones,

Thank you for a great first quarter of school. Our Scorpions have been busy this past month. This past quarter our students have been incorporated into sports, completing classroom assignments, and got ready for a much-needed Fall Break!

I have quite a few things to share with you about current school events and upcoming opportunities to get involved with our school for our 2nd quarter.

District Benchmark Testing: Our students have completed the District's Benchmark Testing. We are beginning to analyze the data and are celebrating our students' academic gains. Our students had taken a pre-test at the beginning of the quarter and there is great growth that has occurred. These important results will provide us the opportunity to see their academic growth and the difference between the two tests. This will allow for data driven instruction to occur and to ensure that we are meeting all students' academic needs.

Sports Update: Our Boys' Basketball and Girls' Volleyball Teams did a good job this season. Their games were very entertaining to watch, and the crowds had a fun time rooting them on. It has been a great season. Thank you to all families and fans for supporting our young athletes. Our Boys Basketball Team did advance to the middle school play offs, but unfortunately lost in the first round of the playoffs. We will have a Girls' Basketball Team and a Boys' Volleyball Team this quarter (Oct-Dec) and are quite excited about our awesome teams as they begin to prepare for this next season. Please plan on coming to our games this quarter! Our teams are going to be GREAT! Come cheer on the Teams! Go Scorpions!

Student Council: I am proud to announce that we have a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sargent of Arms! Our students have been meeting with their sponsor to begin the planning and organizing of fun and engaging activities that will be starting at the beginning of 2nd quarter. They have been planning their first dance, haunted hallway, and fun activities that all students will be invited to participate in!

Student Attendance: Thank you for continuing to transport our students to and from school. We appreciate them getting to the bus stop on-time as well. It is imperative that they are here every day. Also, when at school, our kids are expected to be on-time to all classes. This assists with decreasing the number of disruptions to our classes and teaching practices.

PTA/Site Council: Parents, guardians and loved ones, we need your help to support our PTA/Site Council meetings. We will be meeting shortly after our Fall Break. We will be sending out invites to all of you so that you can attend and support our school. Please contact our office ladies if you would like to be part of the PTA/Site Council.

One-to One Devices: We have rolled out our IPADS! If your student is experiencing difficulties with District platforms or teacher work pages, please contact Mrs. Andrea Lithgow by email for assistance. Mrs. Lithgow will be more than happy to assist you with problems or questions that you might have. If your student has not received a device, please send an email to Mrs. Lithgow to notify her of this. Mrs. Lithgow will be in contact with you to rectify this.



Go Secrist! Thank you, Miss Garcia