



# BLENMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Blenman Bulletin

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## Message From Ms. Mack

Dear Blenman families,

Students have just completed their quarterly tests in reading and math. We are excited to announce we had 134 students here on testing days to get rewarded with a popsicle party! We had 22 students who scored 80% or higher on these tests and they will be having a pizza party next week!

Last month we had 88 students play in our game room for having perfect attendance! Thank you, parents, for having your child here every day and on time!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mack-Outridge

### School Vision:

#### EAGLES are:

Empowering our students to be independent,  
Artistic, and creative thinkers with a  
Growth mindset through a  
Loving community while  
Encouraging cultural diversity amongst all learners in a rigorous and  
Supportive academic environment

### Kindness Pledge:

At Blenman, we are all about kindness, respect, and responsibility. We show kindness by having empathy for others. We show respect by treating others the way we want to be treated. We show responsibility when we are accountable for our actions. At Blenman, we are all about Kindness, Respect, and Responsibility.

Principal: Kelly Mack

School Office Hours: 8:00-3:30

Class Hours: 8:30-2:40, M, T, Th, F

Wed 8:30-1:40

Website: <http://www.tusd1.org/blenman>



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### Special points of interest:

- Message from Ms. Mack
- School vision and pledge
  - TUSD Parent workshops
  - GATE newsletter
  - Blenman parent workshop
  - Note from the Health Office
  - Oct/Nov calendar

# Tucson Unified Parents – Join Us on Zoom for this Two-Part Lunch and Learn Series

## **SESSION ONE: Friday, Oct. 20 • 12-1 p.m.**

### **Tired of Power Struggles in Parenting? We Got You!**

Does your 2 year old (or 12 year old) push your buttons? Act out in defiance? Are you tired of yelling, lecturing, or threatening? Join us as we learn 3 powerful techniques from the creators of Love and Logic® that will help you be more equipped and remain calm even during the toughest parenting moments – AND have more fun at the same time! Whether you are at home or at work on your lunch break, jump in and spend an hour learning and laughing – you will be glad you did!

#### **Presenter: Robin Blumenthal**

Robin is a trauma-informed trainer, parenting coach, speaker, and writer. She and her husband, Roger, have been married 32 years and have 6 daughters who call them mom and dad, including 4 biological and 1 daughter adopted out of foster care. She is a Trained Independent Facilitator of the Love and Logic® Curriculum (having taught well over 4,000 parents and educators these amazing tools.) She has a B.S. in Child Development and an M.A. in Human Resource Leadership.



## **SESSION TWO: Friday, Nov. 3 • 12-1 p.m.**

### **Power of Parents & RX360**

Mothers Against Drunk Driving's Power of Parents Program emphasizes that communication is KEY! Parents are a youth's leading resource when it comes to making healthy choices. This program helps parents use the power they have to keep their kids safe through ongoing, critical conversations with their children about alcohol and other drugs. MADD works with not only parents but grandparents, caregivers and school staff who raise and/or care for teens. This evidence-based program, when used with college-aged students, showed a 30% reduction in drinking compared to students whose parents did not use the program materials.

Rx360 is a research-based curriculum to raise awareness of the Rx problem, the risks of misuse, resistance strategies, and methods for proper storage and disposal of prescription medications. Other information shared includes the dangers of fentanyl and other opioids, how to reverse an overdose with Narcan, how to advocate for substance misuse prevention, and information on how trauma, toxic stress, and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) influence risky behaviors and can lead to substance use disorder.

#### **Presenters: Beverly Mason and Kellie Abeyta**

Beverly Mason found MADD the same way most people find MADD – after her 25-year-old brother Scott was hit by a repeat drunk driver in 1992. Since then, she has worked at MADD and is currently the Regional Grant Manager for three states and the Program Manager for Arizona. Beverly and her husband Mike love exploring the Old West and spending quality time with their seven grandkids.

Kellie Abeyta joined MADD in April 2023 and is already making a positive difference in the prevention department. She and her husband Tim have two adult children and a small furry child, Miss Pearl. Kellie loves anything outdoors, especially walks, and spending time with family and friends.



**For questions or more information, please contact 520-232-8684.**



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SCHOOL DISTRICT



Where is GATE taking us?



October GATE Standards

**GS1** Students will develop critical thinking skills unique to several disciplines in both cognitive and affective areas.

Curriculum

As this quarter winds down, our GATE students are gearing up with more leadership skills. At this point, they have learned the lessons of **Creativity, Self-Awareness, and Cooperation**. Students will be moving forward to focus on the **Power of Fairness and Logical Decision Making**. They will be thinking like mathematicians and recording data to determine if a game is fair and if it is possible to predict the probability of an outcome correctly. As decision makers, they will analyze alternatives, think about uncertainty, contemplate high risk consequences, consider interpersonal issues, and examine the level of complexity.

Don't forget, following Fall Break, GATE Services will pause for two weeks. All GATE teachers will be supporting GATE testing throughout district. We will resume classes the week of October 30<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, have your GATE student stretch their brain on a regular basis! Innovation often comes from seeing what already exists in the world and putting things together in new and different ways. So, get out there and stretch those brains, create something new!

GATE Strategy

**Fluency**

To brainstorm many different ideas



Developing lots of strategies to solve problems.

Adjusting your strategy to meet the plan.

**Flexibility**

To see things in new and different ways



**Originality**

To create ideas that are new or unique



Make it right for your situation.

Explaining in words, writing, or pictures your plan to your teammates.

**Elaboration**

To add details to your ideas



**6 Tips to Adopt Logical Decision Making**

- Widen your perspective & look at the big picture
- Brainstorm with your team
- Give decisions due time
- Define standards to make the process easier
- Learn from others
- Manage your emotions



**Wish List:**

We need some supplies for upcoming lessons.

- varied colored cardstock
- cloth remnants/swatches
- empty tape rolls

**JOIN US**



Mr. Warrior, 520-232-6531

Mrs. Millan, 520-232-6563

# FAMILY WORKSHOP



Attendance/Homework



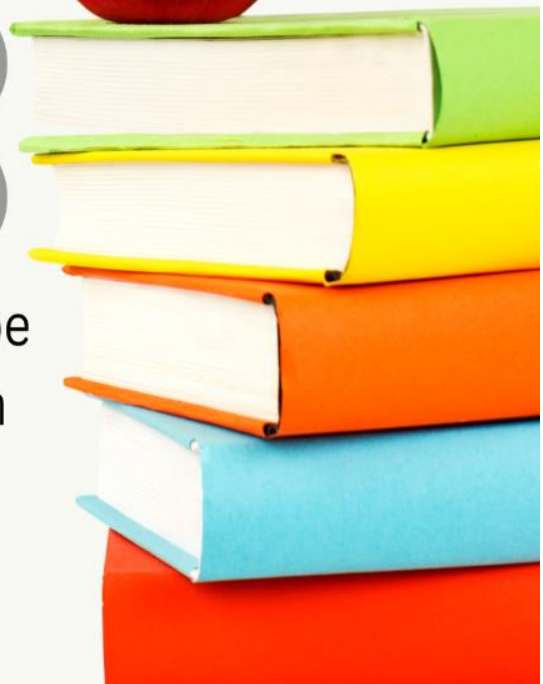
Cyber Safety



Tobacco and Vaping  
Prevention



Summer Enrichment



Attendance/ Homework will be

November 7th, 3:00-3:45 pm

Light refreshments will be  
provided.

Door Prizes

***From the Health Office:***

***We need gently used clothing for accidents!***

# October/November Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10/23  Mr. Warrior's bday -22nd	10/24  3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip	10/25  No School – District Learning Day	10/26  4 <sup>th</sup> grade presentation	10/27  Game room for perfect attendance  Eagles Club for 3 Be's!
10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3 Fall Festival – more info coming soon! 5 to 7:30pm
11/6	11/7	11/8	11/9  Fall picture retake day	11/10 No School – Veteran's Day
11/13	11/14 Site council mtg 3pm	11/15	11/16	11/17

## First 9-week Awards Assembly





