



CREW Friday Five

September 6, 2024

5 Updates for this week!

Families- we need your help!

CREW we need your help with students getting picked up early at the end of the day. There are many transitions that occur in the last 10-15 minutes of our instructional day and it can be challenging the the front office to make contact with classroom teachers as they are concluding their time with their classes.

If you need to pick up your student early, please make arrangements to come prior to 2:35pm so that we are readily able to call for your student with minimal disruption to the classroom's end of day procedures.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

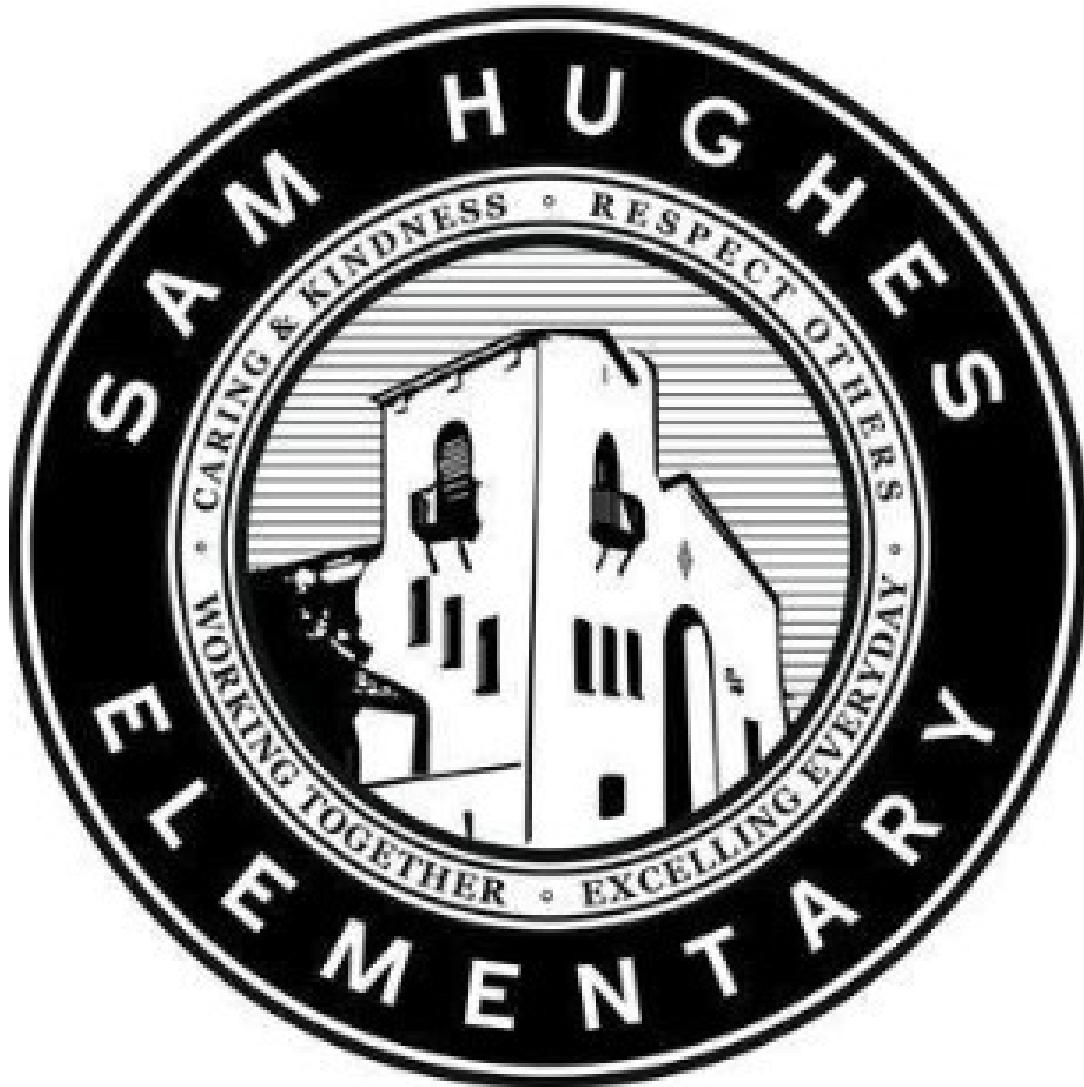
Student Drop off and Pick Up Reminders

Below are a few reminders to please consider during student drop-off and pick-up times:

•Please use drop-off/pick-up street. (Norton between 3rd & 4th St and Wilson in the south bus bay).

- 4th Street is not safe for students to be unloading or loading into cars. Please do not stop in the traffic lanes to allow a student to get out or into your car. Norton is the designated location.
- Please do not allow your student(s) to exit/enter the car in the middle of the street.
- Children should be ready to exit promptly.
- Children exit vehicle on passenger side**
- Stay off cell phones / electronic devices

- Be patient and courteous
 - Park in designated parking spaces (Keep circling if no space is available)- the City of Tucson will ticket parents that are parked in permit only areas
 - Watch out for pedestrians
 - DRIVE SLOWLY
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1. September CREW Assembly is Monday

We will be holding our September CREW Assembly on Monday morning at 9:00am in the courtyard. We will be recognizing students that have been demonstrating CREW behavior as well as students that had Perfect Attendance in August!



2. Cross Country Starts in Soon!

Hello Sam Hughes Families,

A few updates and more information about our Cross Country team this year. All grades (yes, even Kinder) can participate in Cross Country...**IF** we have enough volunteers (see below). Elementary Cross Country is all about fitness and team spirit rolled together with FUN. The actual distance at the elementary level is 1 mile. And whether your athlete walks, jogs or puts in a competitive effort we would like to support them in being active and healthy while being part of a team. Our season will begin on September 10 (corrected from previous) and will include twice weekly practices after school (2:45-4pm) on Tuesdays and Thursdays for grades 2-5 and morning 7:45-8:20am practices for kinder and first graders for the first 2 or 3 weeks of practice (I will confirm as soon as I have the meet schedule). Additionally there will be several meets (usually 5) at local parks around town culminating in a championship meet on November 4th. These meets are usually on Mondays shortly after school, parents will be responsible for getting their athletes to the meets and home afterward. They are really fun and it is great to watch the kids from different grades encourage and cheer each other on.

Volunteers: If you are available during any of the practice times we could use the help - I promise I won't make you run, just be present to encourage the athletes and keep them where they are supposed to be (practices are usually on the playground, but sometimes if we have enough people we can go to Himmel park during practice). We are determining the cap for Cross country based on the number of committed volunteers who sign up in the front office. We need 1 volunteer for every 25 kids. Last year we had over 80 athletes, so we really need your help. Further information about volunteering can be found on the attached Cross Country FAQ or you can reach out to me in person or by email. Also, this is my last year so this would be a great year to shadow if you might be interested in coaching next and future years to keep this great activity going at Sam Hughes. You will need to complete the TUSD volunteer application online: <https://jobs.tusd1.org/volunteer>. More information in attachment and on Remind.

Paperwork: Another reminder, if your child is planning to participate they will need a recent sports physical (dated March 2024 or more recent) and the first three pages of the athlete packet submitted to the front office before they can attend any practices.

Questions: See FAQ attached or contact Coach Misch at mischala@gmail.com, in person, or via Remind - this year's Remind code is SHCC2024 (see attached for details)

Thanks so much, I'm really looking forward to a great Cross Country season. I will have a schedule and more information after the coaches' meeting the first week in September.

Coach Misch



24-25 Athlete Packet.pdf

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Cross country volunteer and Remind info 2024.pdf

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3. Parent Teacher Conferences are Coming Soon!

Please mark your calendar- we will have 1/2 Days on September 18th, 19th, and 20th, for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

We will be dismissing at 11:45 on all three days - thank you in advance for making arrangements for your students.

Teachers will be meeting with every student's parent/guardian and will be communicating with you about scheduling a time to meet, if you have not already made an appointment.

4. Date Correction for Magic Box Assembly

Please note that there is a correction for the date of the Magic Box Assembly- it is the 18th at 9:00am not the 23rd.

The Magic Box Assembly is the start of our Stories that Soar! residency. I will share more information about the program and experience closer to the assembly- stay tuned!!!



5. Reminder -Sam Hughes Greening Group Clean-up Day!

We're excited to announce our first school clean-up day on Saturday, September 14th, from 7-11 am. Last year, with the help of our amazing community, we helped build and fill new garden beds that have since become an integral part of our students' ecology classes. This year, we're still brainstorming ideas for new projects and we need your input and hands! As the school year kicks off and the summer heat lingers, there's plenty of cleanup and sprucing up to do around our school

grounds. Whether it's maintaining the gardens or sprucing about the desert garden, every bit of help counts to keep our school looking its best!

Got gardening gloves, leaf blowers, flat-bladed shovels, wheel barrels, or other gardening tools? Bring 'em along!

Stay in the Greening Group loop: If you are not already in the group on Remind, you can sign up [here](#). **Remind Class Code:** *samhughesg*



Sam Hughes PTA CREW News!

📅 Save the Date: Don't miss out! Our [full calendar of events for the year](#) is now available. Catch up on the [PTA recap of the 2023-24 year](#) if you missed it last spring.

👥 Volunteer Opportunities: Looking to get more involved? There are many ways to contribute, from a few hours to leading a committee. Sign-up to make a difference and encourage a friend to join you! [Volunteer here](#). (Note: this is different from your TUSD volunteer form required for classroom helping, if you are looking for that go to the [TUSD site here](#).)

✔️ Join the PTA: [Become a PTA member](#) to stay informed and engaged with [our monthly newsletter](#), which includes meeting recaps, event details, and more. Active membership helps us maintain our standing with the AZPTA.

🗣️ Spread the Word: Encourage other parents to [visit our website](#), [subscribe to our newsletter](#) and [join the PTA](#). *(Membership is not required to subscribe to the newsletter, everyone is welcome to stay connected and informed!)*

🍷 Socialize: Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 31st, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in the cafeteria. Come socialize, meet other families, and enjoy delicious pancakes! Please [reach out](#) if you have any questions or want to connect, we'd love to hear from you!

PTA News!

Welcome to the 24-25 school year! OUR PTA board is:

Rose Hagood, President

Raquel Salgado, Vice President

Elizabeth McDonnell, Treasurer

Olivia Alicea Secretary

Come to a PTA Meeting!

The Sam Hughes PTA meets about once a month. In an effort to reach more families we will be alternating between morning and evening meetings- please see schedule below!

PTA meetings are a great way to meet other parents and stay on top of everything happening at school. Kiddos are welcome to come along! At meetings we plan events and keep everyone up to date on the latest news. Families are encouraged to give feedback and ask questions.

2024-25 Meeting Schedule

September 24, 2024- 7:45-8:45AM in the Library

October 24, 2024- 6:00PM in the Library

November 21, 2024- 7:45-8:45AM in the Library

January 16, 2025 - 6:00PM in the Library

February 11, 2025 - 7:45-8:45AM in the Library

April 22, 2025 - 6:00PM in the Library

May 14, 2025 - 7:45-8:45AM in the Library

Come on down - we'd love to see you!



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Upcoming Events!

August

- **31st** PTA Pancake Breakfast 9:00-10:30AM

September

- **2nd** Labor Day- No School
- **9th** CREW Assembly in the Courtyard 9:00AM
- **14th** Greening Group Campus Clean up day 7-11AM
- **18th - 20th** Parent Teacher Conferences- Dismissal at 11:45AM
- **18th-** Stories that Soar! Magic Box Assembly 9:00AM in the Cafeteria

October

- **4th** No School- Grading Day
- **7th-11th** No School Fall Break
- **22nd** Picture Retake Day
- **23rd** No School Professional Learning Day



Kathryn Bolasky

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