

CGUHSD

EXPRESS



Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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A note from the
Superintendent...



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

I would like to welcome everyone back from winter break and I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season. As we begin a new decade in 2020, we are very excited to announce we are now leasing space at the district office to Brewer Companies to conduct their plumbing academies. Their intensive hands-on training is unique compared to traditional college programs and their related career paths. Brewer University selects individuals who are being considered for a limited opportunity to become a cadet within the Craftsman Academy, with the goal to train them for a career as an underground or top out specialist, installing water distribution systems, and drain waste & ventilation (DWV) installations. Upon completion, cadets will be given the opportunity to accept a full-time career with Brewer. The qualifications to be in the academy are a high school diploma or equivalent and a passion to learn and attend. Their academy fits right into our district's Workforce Development Initiative. We are very excited about this opportunity for our students who may be interested in a career in the workforce when they graduate from high school.

I hope your spring semester is off to a great start and I look forward to seeing you around the district in the future.

Sincerely,

Steven C Bebee

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Arizona Education Tax Credit 100% Return on Investment Guarantee!



The deadline to contribute to student programs and activities in our district is April 15th. Single taxpayers may contribute up to \$200 and married, filing jointly, up to \$400 for which you'll be paid back with a **DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR TAX CREDIT** to help guarantee that our students experience all that high school has to offer. To learn more, visit www.cguhsd.org/doTaxCredit.aspx

Free Internet Hotspot Available!



Free
Internet
Hotspot
Checkout

As part of the "Every Student Access" initiative, the CGUHSD, in partnership with Sprint for ConnectED, is pleased to announce the availability of wireless hotspots for student checkout to those students who lack internet access in the home. The goal of this program is to provide equitable access to the district's online systems, and educational resources for students while not at school. The program is open to families with at least one student enrolled in a school within the Casa Grande Union High School District and with no household internet access at the time of sign-up!



Upcoming Dates of Importance

JANUARY 22	Early Release @ 1:30 PM
JANUARY 29	Early Release @ 1:30 PM
FEBRUARY 5	Early Release @ 1:30 PM
FEBRUARY 12	Early Release @ 1:30 PM
FEBRUARY 13	Early Release @ 1:30 PM for Parent/Teacher Conferences
FEBRUARY 14	Early Release @ 1:30 PM
FEBRUARY 17	President's Day – No School

Student News



VG "We the People" Competes in State



Congratulations to VGHS "We the People" who had a great showing at state competition. Although Vista Grande did not win, three students received the best score for their Unit questions. Congratulations to Kacee Rowland, Payton Toscano, and Frank Sotelo for their hard work on Unit 2 and winning the highest score for their Unit. The students worked hard all semester and can be extremely proud of how well they did. "We the People" is taught by Mr. Jason Scherr.

CG HOBY Representative



Casa Grande Union High School is proud to announce that sophomore, Kennedy Claud, will represent the school at 2020's Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Arizona Seminar. This year's theme is "Ignite Your Fire" and will take place at ASU's West Campus. Great job!

VG DECA medals at District 3 Competition



and Gerardo Ramos who competed in the AZ DECA District 3 Competition in Tucson and brought home several medals. AZ DECA Vice President, VG's own Mattie Bradford, was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. At the competition, VG DECA Advisor, Lisa Miller, was also elected to sit on the Arizona DECA Advisory Council as the representative for District 3.

CG DECA Shines in District 3 Competition



Congratulations to the following DECA members for their successes at the Arizona DECA District 3 Competition in Tucson: Jessica Molina, Top 10% Marketing Comprehensive Exam Scores, Ashton Redd, 1st Place Case Study Role Play and 1st Place overall in Accounting Services and Justin Willis & Elliott Opara, 1st Place Case Study Role Play and 2nd Place overall in Financial Services Team Decision Making.

VG HOBY Representatives



Congratulations to Nuriah Perea and Aniqa Khan, sophomores at Vista Grande High School. They will represent their school and community this summer at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) State Leadership Seminar. Nuriah and Aniqa will spend three (3) days at the Arizona State University (ASU) Glendale Campus engaging in leadership development activities and collaborating with sophomores throughout Arizona!

CG Blue Notes Perform at Arizona Bowl

Congratulations to the CGUHS Blue Notes who were invited to perform The National Anthem along with the Catalina Foothills Choir at the Arizona Bowl held on December 31st in Tucson. The Blue Notes are directed by Mrs. Donna Telles. Great job!



Student Recognition



CTE Students of the Month



Lydia Brown is a Casa Grande Union High School student and daughter of Scott and Angela Brown. Lydia was nominated by her Early Childhood Education teacher, Mrs. Cathie White. Lydia is in her 3rd year of the ECE program and is both an intern and a classroom aide. She has played every role in the childcare program and does every job to the best of her ability. This year, she prepares morning snacks and the preschoolers have had a lot of fun eating her star-spangled fruit kebabs on Veteran's Day as well as her teddy bear toast treats. She is creative and knows kids learn best when they are active and having fun. Lydia has represented ECE at both FCCLA State and Nationals, winning gold medals in both competitions. She is interested in becoming a teacher and plans to start out her college experience at CAC, then transfer to a university to study elementary education.



Daniel Wiles is a Vista Grande High School student and son of Danny and Betty Wiles. Daniel was nominated by his Early Childhood Education teacher, Ms. Cassandra Yeo. Daniel has been in the Early Childhood program for three years and has always had a willing spirit and a good sense of humor. He has been the voice of reason at times and a willing handy man when needed. This year, as an intern, Daniel has really stepped up and taken to his leadership role. He supervises other students in making morning snacks every day and makes sure they adhere to food safety standards and clean up after themselves. He also oversees the beginning students as they fulfill their daily duties. As co-president for FCCLA, Daniel is working hard to grow the program and is taking his position seriously.

Rotary Students of the Month



Benjamin McFann is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and the son of Gregory and Lori McFann. His activities and accomplishments include being a member of Health Occupational Students of America (HOSA), Robotics and Students for the Exploration & Development of Space (SEDS). As a member of the STEM program, Benjamin finished the Biotechnology pathway early and passed the BASE exam to be a certified Biotechnician assistant. He has also been the CTE student of the month, was awarded the AP scholar with honor award and maintained a 4.0+ GPA. His personal activities include drawing for which he won a competition sponsored by Kiwanis his freshman year and playing tennis. He hopes to attend the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and study Astrophysics. He wants to work with NASA or become a teacher.



Payton Toscano is a student at Vista Grande High School and daughter of David Toscano and Kim Velazquez. Her activities and accomplishments include being a member of National Honor Society, Robotics, Thespians, SkillsUSA, "We the People" class and participating in many plays and musicals both in high school and the community. Her proudest accomplishment was performing in the Monte Awards after being nominated for best actress for her role as "Sophie" in the musical, Mamma Mia. After graduation, she plans on attending Northern Arizona University where she will further her skills as a writer.



Employee Recognition



Making It Happen



Employee of the Month & Golden Ticket Program

In an effort to honor and appreciate our employees, an Employee Recognition Award Program was started to honor a selected group of employees each month. Employees are nominated through our Employee of the Month criteria and selected by our Recognition Committee to receive that honor. Selected Employees of the Month are invited to breakfast at The Big House Cafe with the Superintendent and are recognized at the monthly Governing Board meeting. We have also started the Golden Ticket recognition. These tickets are for district employees to recognize each other for any positive reason! The original Golden Ticket is given to the person being recognized and a copy is placed in the Golden Box at the site. Drawings for gift cards are held monthly by the Recognition Committee.

January 2020 Employees of the Month

Michelle Perez	ESS Paraprofessional	CGUHS
Donna Telles	Fine Arts Teacher	CGUHS
David Carter	Marketing Teacher	CGUHS
Reynalin Bitos	Math Teacher	VGHS
Cassandra Yeo	ECE Teacher	VGHS
Karen Debold	Preschool Director	VGHS
Cedric Collins	PE Teacher	VGHS
Michele Koonce	IT Support	DO
Eva Steinhoff	CTE Specialist	DO
Francis Pitman	District Transcript Clerk	DO

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 25 Golden Ticket recipients:

Nancy Johnson	CGUHS
Linda Cassidy	CGUHS
Anneke de Villiers	VGHS
Sandy McIntyre	CGUHS

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