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Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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A note from the Superintendent...



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

Over the past several months, CGUHSD and CGESD's calendar committees have been working jointly to better align our school calendars and to create a survey for our staff and parents to consider moving to a more modified calendar for the 2021-22 school year. The modified calendar would create a two-week fall break, a two-week winter break and a two-week spring break, and a shorter summer. This new calendar would allow our parents, staff and students to have more opportunity to take vacations and time off during the school year without missing school or work. It also allows for our schools to work with our students who need remediation during fall and spring break rather than waiting until summer to help students catch up.

We received our survey results the beginning of February and are happy to announce that collectively over 70% of the people who took the survey were in favor of the new calendar, beginning in 2021-22. The survey results and calendar were presented to both the CGUHSD and CGESD Governing Boards, and both were approved.

I would like to thank those who participated in the survey and we look forward to modifying our calendar as well as keeping in line with CGESD for the benefit of our parents and community.

Have a great spring break next week!

Sincerely,

Steven C. Bebee

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Academic Excellence Award Recognition

Vista Grande High School Principal Glenda Cole, presented their Academic Excellence Awards at the Board meeting held on March 3rd. Congratulations to recipients: Community Member of Excellence, Julie Andersen; Teacher of Excellence, Cristina Salcido-Grigg and Student of Excellence, Nathan Matthews. CGUHS will be presenting their Academic Excellence Awards at the April 7th Board meeting.



Thank You Mrs. Dolezal



At the conclusion of the February meeting, Connie Dolezal resigned her position on the Governing board. The district would like to thank Mrs. Dolezal for her dedication and service to the Casa Grande Union High School District for the past three (3) years as a board member, as well as 22 years prior as a teacher.

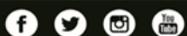
Outstanding Educator of the Year

Congratulations to Vista Grande High School Social Studies teacher, Christi Saucedo who was named Delta Kappa Gamma's Outstanding Educator of the Year. Thank you, Mrs. Saucedo, for all you do for your Vista Grande family!



Upcoming Dates of Importance

MARCH 16-20	Spring Break – No School
MARCH 25	Early Release @ 1:30 PM
APRIL 1	Early Release @ 1:30 PM
APRIL 8	Early Release @ 1:30 PM
APRIL 10 & 13	In-Lieu Days – No School



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CGUHS FFA Feeding Farmers



This past week, members of the Casa Grande FFA traveled 150 miles across Pinal County delivering 125 meals to local farmers and dairymen, showing their appreciation of them for

their impact in the agriculture industry in helping feed the world. Pictured is an FFA officer team delivering lunch to Auza Ranches as they shear sheep in Stanfield. Way to give back, FFA!

DECA Attends Biz Outlook Luncheon



CGUHS and VGHS DECA students and teachers were hosted by Chuck & Connie Wright of Pinal Design Group at the recent Biz Outlook

Luncheon. Mr. & Mrs. Wright represent the Future Voices Association which is in its 3rd year and sponsors the Future Voices Leadership Award that recognizes and promotes student community service and leadership. DECA is such a valuable resource for our students and community and we feel the DECA students most closely reflect the values of our goals.

VG Girls State Representatives



Congratulations to Rhealyn Encinas and Melanie Nagel who were selected to participate and represent Vista Grande High School at the Girls State Summer Leadership Program in June. They applied to and were interviewed by the American Legion Auxiliary who selected them as finalists. Girls State will take place at the University of Arizona in Tucson. They will

stay in a UofA residence hall for a week and learn about civic engagement.

CGUHS Indoor Percussion Places 1st

Congratulations to the CGUHS Indoor Percussion Ensemble who finished in 1st place for both their preliminary and final performance at the WGI Phoenix Regional held on Saturday, March 7th. The Cougars are directed by Mr. Martin Hebda.



VGHS Graphic Design Present Logos

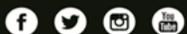
Students from the VGHS Graphic Design program presented their Valley District logo designs at a lunch with Southwest Gas staff and did a



fantastic job. This is the first time these students experienced a real day in the life of a graphic designer. Not only did they work on a class assignment, but an actual job as well. The company provided details and ideas of what they were looking for, and they eagerly took on the job. Designs were original and freehand drawn using only a computer mouse - no clipart or anything taken from online. Nice work!

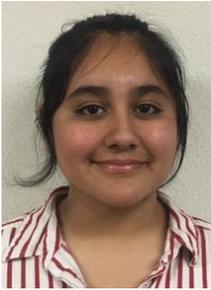
CGUHS STEAM Fair

The 2nd Annual CG STEAM Fair (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) took place on March 7th. Mayor Craig McFarland proclaimed March 1-7 STEAM Week in Casa Grande and commented on the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Design, and Mathematics to our developing community. The event was organized and run by AZ CSO Chloe Buchanan and AZ CSO Merlin D'souza and supported by students of CGUHS and members of the STEM Advisory Council. Thank you to all the people who made it possible. What a great day for our students.





CTE Students of the Month



Mariana Villavicencio is a Vista Grande High School student and daughter of John and Marisa Conley. She was nominated by her Graphic Design teacher, Mr. Carlos Jimenez who stated that from the start, Mariana has demonstrated not only creative skill, but leadership as well. She has created designs that look as though a designer with years of experience had created them. She is no doubt on her way to a successful graphic design career. Additionally, Mariana’s classmates have publicly recognized her as designer of the month in class.



Owen Wittner is a Vista Grande High School student and son of Frank and Anne-Marie Wittner. He was nominated by his Automation Robotics teacher, Mr. Ramon Estrada-Vega, who stated that he always comes to class with a positive attitude towards learning about automation and robotics. He follows directions as instruction takes place in the classroom and completes assignments on time. Owen develops excellent teamwork and collaboration skills that are necessary for the workforce and he always helps his classmates by providing them with directions to help them be successful in their learning.

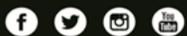
Rotary Students of the Month



Mckayla McKay is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and the daughter of Shellie and Shannon Salter. Her activities and accomplishments include being a member of Key Club, current Vice-President, National Honor Society, Student Council, AP Scholar and AP Scholar with Distinction, three (3) year Sci-Tech participant, has taken 10 AP classes and completed two (2) CAC courses and is the Valedictorian of her class. Her personal activities and accomplishments include developing extensive knowledge on The Beach Boys and sharing their obscure stories with her peers. She has also grown in her faith as a Christian which is a huge accomplishment for her. Her life and career goals are to work in Criminal Psychology, be a screenwriter, and make movies and work with CPS.



Dylan Whitmer is a student at Vista Grande High School and son of Season and Jeremy Whitmer. His activities and accomplishments include being a member of Key Club, Spartan Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), Student Body President, and We the People competitor. His personal activities include volunteering at Saguaro Elementary School. His career goal is to attend and graduate from college to possibly become a teacher.





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.

March 2020 Employees of the Month

Casey Farnsworth	Agriculture Teacher	CGUHS
Stephanie Adams	Culinary Teacher	CGUHS
Chris Mallek	Social Studies Teacher	CGUHS
Nancy Hayes	ESS Paraprofessional	CGUHS
Anne Quick	Social Studies Teacher	VGHS
Jason Scherr	Social Studies Teacher	VGHS
Tracy Stuart	Social Studies Teacher	VGHS
Cristina Salcido-Grigg	P.E. Teacher	VGHS
Robert Pedroza	Custodian	VGHS
Joe Rodriguez	Warehouse Assistant	DO

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 46 Golden Ticket recipients:

Katie Mummert	VGHS
Annamae Jorda	CGUHS
Cassandra Bennett	CGUHS
Ben Gutierrez	CGUHS
Stacy Brady	CGUHS

