

# CGUHSD

## Express



**Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent**

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*A note from the Superintendent...*



**Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:**

Spring is a wonderful time of the year where we get a chance to take a little break and gear up for the end of the school year. Having spring break next week signifies that our students and staff will get a little time off to rest and relax as well as signifying the end of the third quarter and a transition time into the end of the school year. As we move into spring, we will be preparing for all those activities and events that provide our students, staff and community the chance to celebrate our successes as a school district. Most importantly, it also reminds us that we will soon be watching the class of 2019 walk across the stage to graduate from high school.

On behalf of the entire CGUHSD administrative team, I would like to wish all our students, staff and families a wonderful spring break next week.

Sincerely,

*Steven C Bebee*

Steve Bebee

## New CGUHS Principal Brian Mabb

CGUHSD welcomes Brian Mabb as the new principal at CGUHS. Mr. Mabb will be replacing Tom Trigalet who is retiring at the end of the school year. Brian Mabb is currently the principal at Salt River High School and has previous principal experience at Payson High School and Paradise Valley High School. He has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Bilingual & Multicultural Education and was the past president of Arizona School Administrators (ASA) Secondary Division.



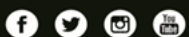
## Academic Excellence Award Recognition

Desert Winds Learning Center presented their Academic Excellence Awards at the Board meeting held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to recipients from DWLC: Jo Trigalet for Certified Staff Member of Excellence; Melanie Kieser for Classified Staff Member of Excellence and Kevin Flores for Student of Excellence. VGHS will be presenting their Academic Excellence Awards at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.



## Upcoming Dates of Importance

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| MARCH 18-22 | Spring Break                              |
| MARCH 27    | Early Release @ 1:40 PM                   |
| APRIL 2     | Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM         |
| APRIL 3     | Early Release @ 1:40 PM                   |
| APRIL 10    | Early Release @ 1:40 PM                   |
| APRIL 10    | Superintendent's Advisory Council 6:00 PM |



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# Student News



## Cesar E. Chavez Art Competition

The Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Committee invited all Pinal County high school students to showcase their artistic talent by participating in the annual Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Art Competition. Their art should express the concept of the lifework of Cesar E. Chavez and his impact on the community, and/or in the world, thereby increasing student awareness of his importance. Congratulations to VGHS student Adriana Favela who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition.



## VGHS and CGUHS Japanese/Anime Clubs

The Casa Grande Union High School and Vista Grande High School (JCAC) Japanese Culture and Anime Clubs attended the 2019 Matsuri Festival of Japan in Phoenix. Twenty district students spent the day immersing themselves in the art, music, food, literature, pop culture and history of Japan.



## CGUHS Legacy Brick Project



Casa Grande Union Legacy Brick Project beginning with work from our Construction Tech students and teacher, Mike Wagner. The Casa Grande Union Legacy Brick Project is to recognize Cougar Alumni and employees, current and former, of Casa Grande Union HS. The bricks will be placed in front of the high school campus' west entry.



## Casa Grande Winter Classic

CGUHS hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Casa Grande Winter Classic on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, where 33 color guards and drumlines came to compete. Earlier last month, the CGUHS Indoor Percussion Ensemble finished 1<sup>st</sup> at the WGI Phoenix Regional. This was the first national competition of the year. Great job!



## New Dugout Benches for VGHS

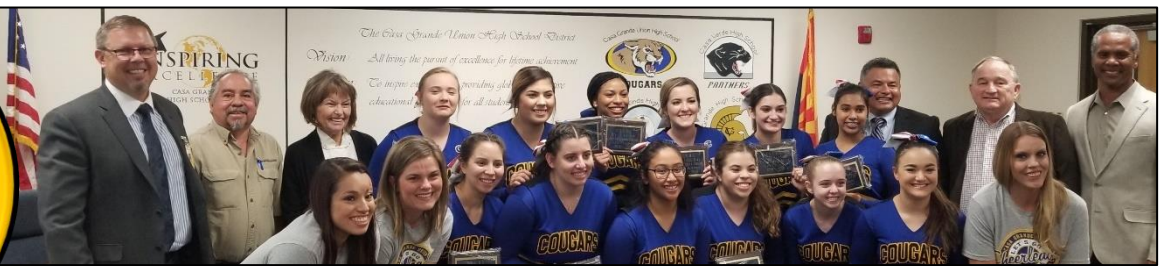
Great work by the VGHS Construction Tech class who constructed and installed new benches in the VGHS baseball dugouts.



## VGHS JROTC

Congratulations to the VGHS MCJROTC Program who participated in the Son's of the American Legion, West-Mitchell Drill and Color Guard competition at the Phoenix Air National Guard Base. The team brought home 5 trophies out of 8 opportunities. Great job!





## CTE Student of the Month



**Kaleb Baisch** is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and is the son of Jeff and Sara Baisch. Kaleb was nominated as March CTE Student of the Month by his Automotive Technology teacher Mr. George Courtney. Kaleb is an advanced automotive student who is a joy to have in class and who works hard and takes initiative in helping and leading his classmates. He is an excellent mentor to our beginning automotive students and is truly a servant leader who will be successful in all his future endeavors.

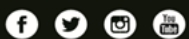
## Rotary Students of the Month



**Brianna Riccomini** is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and is the daughter of Charles and Stacy Riccomini. Her activities and accomplishments include being an AP scholar with distinction, a member of Key Club, National Honor Society and Gamers Guild, a participant in Arizona State University's Joaquin Bustos Math-Science Honors Program, and recipient of the Good Citizen Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. She participated in Strings of the Sonoran and Central Arizona Symphony as first chair viola and participated in Campanas at Casa Grande as a founding member. She received a scholarship to attend Curry String Quartet Camp her junior year. Her career goals are to study at ASU to become a forensic medical examiner.



**Kaleb Ethington** is a student at Vista Grande High School and is the son of Darin and Kimberly Ethington. His activities and accomplishments include being a member of Student Council, a member of National Honor Society, playing varsity basketball and serving as captain, running varsity track and serving as captain, and serving on the district Superintendent's Advisory Council. Also, he is an Eagle Scout and was a delegate to Arizona Boys State. His life and career goals are to go on a two-year mission for his church after high school and then attend college in an as-yet-undecided field of study.





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.

### February 2019 Employees of the Month

|                  |                              |       |
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| Lorena Jimenez   | Guidance Counselor           | VGHS  |
| Patricia Amado   | Bookstore Manager            | VGHS  |
| Katie Mummert    | English Teacher              | VGHS  |
| Russell Daniel   | ESS Paraprofessional         | VGHS  |
| Angela Benavidez | ESS Secretary                | VGHS  |
| Stephanie Adams  | Culinary Teacher             | CGUHS |
| Donna Telles     | Drama/Choir Teacher          | CGUHS |
| Michael Wagner   | Construction Teacher         | CGUHS |
| Vicki Lawton     | Student Services Coordinator | CGUHS |
| Cathie White     | ECE Teacher                  | CGUHS |

### Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 97 Golden Ticket recipients:

|                  |       |
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| Jeanette Beechum | VGHS  |
| Rafaela Vidal    | CGUHS |
| Nathan Scheeler  | VGHS  |
| Marilyn Twehous  | CGUHS |

