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Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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A note from the Superintendent...



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

As we begin the school year, both campuses are really focusing on improving the climate and culture of our schools. We were able to create a 40-minute period built into our day that allows us to help our students to stay on track with grades and efforts. During that designated time which we are calling Cougar Time and Spartan Time, we are also beginning our implementation of PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) to define the expectations that both students and staff will live by on each campus. Creating a "creed" that will bind each campus builds a strong sense of community and brings more pride to the campus for our students. As the year progresses, so will the activities that surround Cougar Pride and Spartan Pride on our campuses. As a district, we will be focusing on all our students who are making good decisions and recognizing them for those efforts versus always focusing on the negative behaviors that are sometimes displayed.

I hope you all have a wonderful 2019-20 school year.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Bebee

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New CGUHSD Board Member

CGUHSD welcomes new board member Jack Henness, who was selected by Pinal County School Superintendent Jill Broussard from a pool of four (4) applicants for the seat. Mr. Henness will fill the seat vacated by Mr. Salcido through December 2020. Most of you may remember Mr. Henness as he was a CGUHSD board member from 1999-2010.



CGUHSD Welcomes New Staff Members

The district is proud to announce the 2019-20 New Staff Class. This class brings with them over 95 years of working with students! Some have traveled from a distance and others are alumni of both Casa Grande Union and Vista Grande High Schools. We are excited to welcome them all to the CGUHSD family!



Upcoming Dates of Importance

SEPTEMBER 18	Early release @ 1:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 20	No School for all day Professional Development
SEPTEMBER 25	Early release @ 1:30 PM
OCTOBER 1	Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
OCTOBER 2	Early release @ 1:30 PM
OCTOBER 9	Early release @ 1:30 PM



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CGUHS STEM Students Explore U of A

Informative, accommodating, and amazing are the words expressed by the STEM students of Biotechnology and Engineering as they visited the University of AZ. Three groups visited the university's Engineering Lab, Breast Cancer Research Lab, and the Neuroscience Lab. This out-of-classroom experience provided students a glimpse of their future college choice while considering their STEM pathway to give them an informed decision to choose the university that perfectly fits their career.



VGHS DECA Leadership Conference

VGHS DECA Officers and Executive Team attended Leadership at Lost Canyon in beautiful Williams, AZ. Over 400 Arizona DECA members were actively involved in teamwork, leadership, and spirit activities. In addition, VGHS's own state officer, Mattie Bradford, led her first group at this conference. The VGHS chapter has set up a plan of work for the year and the committees have already started meeting to build some new, and strengthen our current, community partnerships.



CGUHS National Honor Society

On September 5th, 32 students were inducted into the Casa Grande Union HS Chapter of the National Honor Society. Principal Mabb gave the keynote address and NHS officers, Jenna Gonzales, Maria Emilia Machelor, Rebecca Myers and Nicholas Camacho, spoke about the Four Pillars of the NHS which are Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character. Congratulations to this year's inductees!



CGUHS FFA Steak Fry

Join us on October 3rd from 5:00-7:30 pm for the Annual CGUHS FFA Steak Fry. This is FFA's largest fundraiser and supports scholarships as well as everything the growing FFA membership participates in. Tickets are \$15 each and include a dinner of steak, beans, potato salad, tortillas, cookies, and drink, as well as entrance into a drawing for cash and other prizes donated from local vendors. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from any FFA member, KIVA Insurance and Jones Auto. Entertainment will be provided by Brad Kepler with B.K. Productions.



VGHS Homecoming Royalty



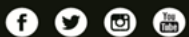
A big congratulations to the Vista Grande High School's 2019 Homecoming Royalty, Tito Nunez-Rivera and Adrianna Guerra. Tito is the President of National Honor Society and active participant in many other clubs at Vista Grande and Adrianna is the President of the Casa Grande Youth Commission and active participant in many other clubs and sports at Vista Grande.

Spartan Art Project with Mr. Jimenez



Job well done by VGHS Art 1 students, who drew a still-life of a sheet that was setup on a table. The emphasis was on the principle of design "contrast". Students

were asked to capture intense shading and lighting using pencil. The Art 2 students worked with the same principle, but they drew Mr. Jimenez's car, and were only allowed to use charcoal sticks.



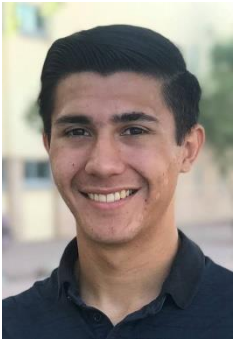


CTE Student of the Month



Lane Medd is a Casa Grande Union High School student and son of Val and Laurie Medd. He was nominated by his Agriculture teacher, Mr. Casey Farnsworth, who stated that Lane always has a positive outlook on life, always willing to serve and does so with a smile. He has a passion for what he does in and outside of the classroom and takes great pride in doing so. He shows livestock at our county fair, is involved in our program’s poultry enterprise and crop production and is even willing to come assist with projects throughout the summer break. Lane is serving as one of this year’s chapter officers of the Casa Grande FFA and is a fine example to his peers, always willing to go above and beyond, making his high school career count. He is a fine young man, polite and respectful, simply a joy to have around and one who has a work ethic that speaks volumes.

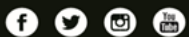
Rotary Students of the Month



Nathan Matthews is a student at Vista Grande High School and is the son of Patrick and Ana Matthews. His activities and accomplishments include: Co-founder/co-president of the Spartans Athletic Advisory Committee (S.A.A.C.), AP Math Club president, member of Key Club, National Honor Society, We the People, Student Council, varsity cross country, varsity wrestling, varsity baseball, varsity soccer, basketball, Boy’s State and NFL Fuel Up to Play 60 participant. Other personal activities and accomplishments include spending time with friends and family, cooking (favorite meal to cook is chicken stir fry), go to church, help others out whether it is tutoring them or just doing community service and maintaining straight A’s throughout high school, with a cumulative weighted GPA of 4.598. His career goals are to continue to work hard in school and receive a full ride scholarship to a university and his life goals are to put a smile on someone’s face every day and hopefully have a wonderful family.



Matthew Ward is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and is the son of April Ward and George Clark. His activities and accomplishments include: Lead role in production “Acting Can Be Murder”, AP Scholar with 9 AP classes, HOSA SCL 3rd in Parliamentary Procedures, HOSA Treasurer, 5th place in Robotics regionals, co-founder of Gamer’s Guild, varsity letter for Robotics and nominated for Boy’s State. Other personal activities and accomplishments include working at Buffalo Wild Wings. His career goals are to eventually be a post-secondary trainer, but until then, teach in high school or internationally in the area of philosophy or English.





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.

September 2019 Employees of the Month

Jennifer Alley	Purchasing	DO
Chantelle Frazee	CTE Bridge/PD Coordinator	DO
Stacy Howell	HR Specialist	DO
Marilyn Twehous	Receptionist	DO
Rebecca Spallinger	ESS Teacher	CGUHS
Harley Grigg	PE/Health Teacher	VGHS
Nathan Scheeler	Social Studies Teacher	VGHS
Amanda Scheeler	Math Teacher	VGHS
Jennifer Kortsen	Freshman Success Teacher	VGHS
Alex French	Band Teacher	VGHS
Christi Saucedo	Social Studies Teacher	VGHS
Sharon Leuthauser	ESS Teacher	CGUHS

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 59 Golden Ticket recipients:

Carlos Jimenez	VGHS
Lorena Jimenez	VGHS
Alex French	VGHS
Brad Kepler	CGUHS

