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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 get ready to begin the school year in our Modified In-Person model that 60% of our students have chosen, both campuses are focusing their efforts on the safety and well-being of both students and staff at our schools. We are excited to offer a modified school schedule that allows for only half of the students at each campus to be on site on any given day. On Monday, September 28th, students who chose the Modified In-Person learning model will begin their new daily schedule that was developed for being on either an A or B schedule. Our school principals will be sending communication shortly to all students who have chosen this model of learning so every student knows which days they are to come on campus, and which days they will still learn virtually. We have created and published the school calendar on our website so everyone can easily see which days are A days and which are B days. Those students who have chosen to learn virtually will remain on the schedule they have been following since school started through the end of the semester. As the year progresses, and we continue to follow the data being sent out weekly by the Arizona Department of Health Services, we will keep you informed as to what the spring semester at CGUHSD might look like. As a district, we will be focusing on safety and making decisions on what is best for both students and staff. While these are unprecedented times, it is our desire that someday soon all students who want to be back on campus to learn daily will be able to do so.

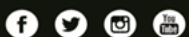
I hope that all of you who are coming back to our campuses on September 28th have a very smooth transition back to in-person school.

Sincerely,
Steve Bebee



Upcoming Dates of Importance

SEPTEMBER 18	Teacher In-Service Day – No School
SEPTEMBER 23	Early Release @ 1:55 PM
SEPTEMBER 28	First day of Modified In-Person Instruction
SEPTEMBER 30	Early Release @ 1:55 PM
OCTOBER 7	Early Release @ 1:55 PM
OCTOBER 12-16	Fall Break – No School



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Here's Looking at You!

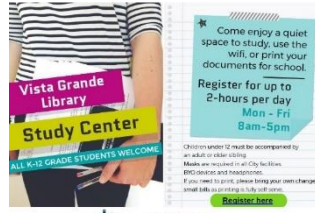


VGHS Art students started studying charcoal and graphite techniques the first week of school. During the second week, they were shown a demo video. From the techniques they learned, students used

charcoal or graphite, whichever they had available at home, to create a drawing of an eye. The Spartans are taught by Mr. Carlos Jimenez. Great work!



VGHS Study Center



Come enjoy a quiet space to study, use the WiFi, or print your documents for school. Register for up to 2-hours per day, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. All K-12 grade students are welcome. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling. Masks are required in all city facilities. Bring your own devices and headphones. If you need to print, please bring your own change/small bills as printing is fully self-serve. Register at <https://pclid.libnet.info/v/assets/245>.

School-wide PBIS at VGHS

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a system of tools and strategies for defining, teaching, acknowledging appropriate behavior, and correcting inappropriate behavior. It is a framework for creating customized school systems that supports student outcomes and academic success. PBIS is for the whole school, it is preventative, and it changes the paradigm of focus from negative behaviors and exchanges to positive expectations and interactions. Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is nationally recognized and implemented in over 22,000 schools in all 50 states. VGHS PBIS is coordinated by Mr. Jared Walther.



PCH Virtual Challenge

Congratulations to the VGHS Cross Country Summer Running Club who placed 5th out of 53 teams in the Phoenix Children's Hospital Virtual Challenge, logging in 2,421 miles. The Spartans are coached by Mrs. Cristina Salcido-Grigg. Great job!



CGUHS Class of 2020 Gives Back!

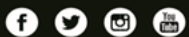


The CGUHS Class of 2020 is using this year's disappointments to create opportunities for others. Student Council members earned money over four years to pay for their graduation ceremony, only to have it canceled due to COVID-19, so the Cougars are giving back and are donating over \$22,000 to CGUHS groups and clubs. The Class of 2020 senior officers are Myah Caldera, Brionna Eager, Angel Marcial-Sanchez, and Carlie Riggs. Members: Dakota Alvarez, Lillian Blitz, Nicole Brooks, Mason Halley, Garrett Johnson, Sunny Lotito, Maria Machelor, Mishi Martinez, Mckayla McKay, Hannah O'Neil, Brady Pinon, Savannah Sikkenga, Rhett Silva, and Marcos Villanueva.

CGUHS Teacher Spotlight



CGUHS has a teacher in the Exceptional Student Services (ESS) Department starting her 48th year in teaching, Sandra McIntyre, who is an amazing teacher teaching virtually like an expert. Ms. McIntyre works with special needs students and keeps on giving. Kudos to her for teaching all these years and especially in these ever-evolving times. Ms. McIntyre teaches Functional Academics and Functional Workplace Skills.





CTE Students of the Month

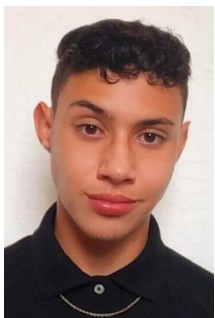


Riata Boyle is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and daughter of Emirys Lydy and Julio Ramirez. She was nominated by her Agriculture teacher, Mr. Casey Farnsworth. Riata is an exceptional student who is a great example to her peers and anyone she encounters. She has achieved so much over the last year in the Agriculture/FFA program. Riata has been active in multiple hands-on learning projects such as her involvement in her family's dairy operation, our poultry production enterprise and her love of equine which has developed her passion for competing in high school rodeo events. She served as a Greenhand FFA Officer last year and is currently serving as the Chapter Sentinel. She has a fun and out-going personality and is always looking to lend a hand where a hand is needed. She is always willing to go above and beyond to grow as a leader and can always be counted on to get the job done.

Rotary Students of the Month



Ernie Razo is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and the son of Ernesto and Magdalena Razo. His activities and accomplishments include Student Council, AP & Honors, SciTech, Marching Band and drum major, Indoor Percussion Ensemble, Elite Dance Company, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Beta Honors Society Officer and CAC Upward Bound Member. Ernie's personal accomplishments and activities include participating in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and being on the Today Show, recipient of the 7 Mindsets Scholarship, producing music, practicing piano, writing and arranging music, designing digital art, experimenting in the kitchen and self-care & a healthy mentality. His life and career goals are to be an advocate and voice for his community, live in New York, perform at the Grammy's/VMA's, write a screenplay, record multiple records, become an important societal figure by using his voice to inspire and encourage others, and travel the world with family and friends.



Evan Chaparro is a student at Vista Grande High School and the son of Tandy and Alex Chaparro. His activities and accomplishments include Student Council member and president, Key Club member and president, Robotics, Math League, AP Math Club, AP Stats Club, National Honor Society, Casa Grande Youth Commission, UofA KEYS Intern, and ASU SCENE Intern. His personal accomplishments include earning straight A's all four years (4.740 GPA), being ranked number one in the Senior Class, and earning the Vista Grande Academic Award all four years of high school. In the future, he wants to attend the University of Southern California, major in Chemical Engineering, use his career to help solve some of the problems we face today, and make a name for himself both in his career and in life.



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 2020 Employees of the Month

Kevin Voit (In Memoriam)	Assistant Principal	CGUHS
Alistair Mounts	Instructional Coach	DO
Jeanine Leary	Ed Systems Manager	DO
Leslie Vasquez	ESS Paraprofessional	CGUHS
Sandy McIntyre	ESS Teacher	CGUHS
Elias Gomez	Custodial Supervisor	DO
Charmaine Martinez	Admin Assistant III	CGUHS
Sheila Rodriguez	Secretary I	VGHS
Julie Parks-Evans	Admin Assistant I	VGHS

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 14 Golden Ticket recipients:

Rizza Casabuena	CGUHS (Grand Prize Winner)
Donna Telles	CGUHS
Deborah Spencer	CGUHS
Cleope Ressler	CGUHS

