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Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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A note from the Superintendent...



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

It has been very exciting to finally have our students who chose the Modified In-Person model back on our campuses for the past two weeks. While the start of the school year has had its trials and tribulations, we hope that as we prepare to begin the second quarter, things start to settle down for our students. We understand the challenges that came for both parents and students in trying to decide which of our two learning models was best and we desire for all students to find success in their learning. As we begin the second quarter, we would ask that both parents and students take the time to reflect on the learning model that you chose to start the year and to evaluate whether or not you would like to stay with that model when we start the new semester on January 5th. If you wish to change the learning model you chose originally, please communicate with your child's counselor in advance so that a change can be made. These unprecedented times that we are in have certainly made things much more complicated for students, staff, and families. It is important to remember that as we look at what learning model is best for students, we should also make sure we are focusing on their social and emotional well-being. Teenagers are very social by nature and making sure that their social needs are being met in either learning model is also very important.

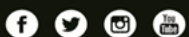
I hope you have a wonderful fall break and I look forward to seeing you around our school campuses soon.

Sincerely,
Steve Bebee



Upcoming Dates of Importance

OCTOBER 12-16	Fall Break – No School
OCTOBER 21	Early Release @ 1:55 PM
OCTOBER 28	Early Release @ 1:55 PM
NOVEMBER 4	Early Release @ 1:55 PM
NOVEMBER 11	Veteran's Day – No School
NOVEMBER 18	Early Release @ 1:55 PM



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VGHS Art Students Showcase Work



Mr. Jimenez's Art students learned several techniques working with charcoal and graphite, including combining the two mediums. After creating several different drawing assignments, they were given the opportunity to choose

their own subject to draw and showcase the techniques they learned. Their use of charcoal for intensity, graphite for fine lines, and brushes and erasers for blending/shadowing and highlighting are all amazing. Awesome job!



CGUHS Club Rush

CGUHS held their Club Rush during lunch on Monday, October 5th. There are over 30 clubs available to students. Students were able to visit with club members to find a club or activity that they are interested in. Clubs are following COVID safety precautions during meetings and events. Which one are you going to join? Visit www.cguhsd.org/cgClubsActivities.aspx for more information.



CG Agriculture Receives Chicken Coops



This summer, Tractor Supply donated a rather large number of chicken coops to our agriculture program. Many of them were distributed to our students at the beginning of the school year to start their own supervised agriculture experience (SAE) projects from home. The sophomore Ag students were given the leftovers and each group will build their coop, order their chickens and ducks, and maintain their poultry projects throughout the year while selling fresh eggs within our community. When the school year ends, they will sell off their chickens to close out the project.

VG Marching Band Celebrates Seniors

On Senior Night, we celebrated 12 Vista Grande Marching Band members. For four years, these students spent countless hours perfecting their craft, they persevered and have always shown the Vista Grande Spartan Spirit. All have shown what it takes to be talented, dedicated, and disciplined and to continuously push themselves to do better. Congratulations Seniors!



Emilio Barreras Commits to Cal State



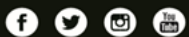
Vista Grande junior Emilio Barreras has verbally committed to attend California State Fullerton University to play baseball. The Titans baseball program is an NCAA Division I top 25 caliber program. Emilio is a slick fielding short stop that has impacted the Spartans program since his freshman year and now that he has his college plans figured out, he can focus on helping the Spartans win a state championship!

CGUHS Student Council Halloween Event



CGUHS Student Council is sponsoring a Halloween Drive-Thru Trick or Treating Spooktacular on October 31. This event is free and open to the community. Families are invited to drive through the parking lot at CGUHS, roll down their windows and candy will be passed out to the children in the cars. We encourage the children to dress up in Halloween costumes for this event. All participants will be wearing masks to help make this

event safe. Cars will be asked to enter through the entrance to the bus barn to avoid a traffic backup.





CTE Student of the Month



Tripp Breitkreitz is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and son of Amy Breitkreitz. He was nominated by his Automotive Technology teacher Mr. George Courtney. Tripp has been an amazing asset to the Automotive Program, and he always makes sure to complete his work thoroughly and in a timely manner. He has been involved in the Automotive program since his freshmen year by being an active member of SkillsUSA, the automotive CTE student organization. He has an incredible work ethic and a natural mechanical aptitude. He is also involved in the NHRA Drag Racing Jr. Street program, where he recently won the NHRA Summit Series Jr. Street Track Championship for 2020 at Wild Horse Pass. We look forward to the many accomplishments ahead of him.

Rotary Students of the Month



Sierra McMahon is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and the daughter of Robert and Rachael McMahon. Her activities and accomplishments include Student Council member, DECA, Varsity Spirit Line for 4 years, cheer competition team member, Elite Dance Company, CAVIT Dental program, and Early Childhood Education. Sierra's personal accomplishments and activities include volunteer work for Veteran's Day parade and city flower garden event, childcare, traveling and to maintaining good grades throughout high school. Her life and career goals are to receive certifications for dental assisting, to attend NAU, and receive a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene.



Aileen Canedo is a student at Vista Grande High School and the daughter of Carlos and Nadia Canedo. Her school activities and accomplishments include Student Council member, Key Club member, National Honor Society, Math Club member, tennis team member, Academic Award recipient and helping coordinate school dances, pep assemblies, Spartan Fest, and football games. Her personal activities and accomplishments include creating digital art in her spare time, baking, reading, and writing. Her life and career goals are to attend ASU and to travel the world, volunteering in small communities, and learning new cultures and languages while leaving an impact in the community.



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.

October 2020 Employees of the Month

Melani Edwards	Curriculum & Instruction Director	DO
Jeannette Beechum	Dean of Students	VGHS
Neil Smyers	English Teacher	VGHS
Ann Marie Wittner	ESS Paraprofessional	VGHS
Travis Brady	Character Coach	CGUHS
Zona Campas	Admin Assistant III	CGUHS
Linda Cassidy	School Nurse	CGUHS
Jose Munoz	Math Teacher	CGUHS

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 32 Golden Ticket recipients:

Linda Cassidy	CGUHS (Grand Prize Winner)
Zona Campas	CGUHS
Maria Walters	VGHS
Sonya Gonzalez	VGHS

