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Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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A note from the Superintendent...



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

At CGUHSD, the safety of students and staff was our highest priority when deciding to return to modified in-person learning. During this pandemic, one of the concerns for keeping people safe is the air quality that exists in the buildings where they are spending time. To ensure that the air quality was safe in our schools, we had two different companies perform air quality tests on our buildings prior to students ever returning to our schools. What was found through these tests was that not only did our buildings introduce enough outside air into the buildings to make them safe, but we also met or exceeded their standards for safety. Even though the air quality tests demonstrated that the air was safe in our buildings, we went one step further and purchased the recommended HEPA filters for our ventilation systems to improve the air quality even further in the buildings. If that was not enough, we also purchased air purifiers for every classroom, cafeteria gym, auditorium, and office to ensure that we have gone above and beyond to ensure the safety of our students and staff. While we continue to take the necessary steps to improve the health and safety of our staff and students, we cannot do it alone. As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in our state and our community, it is more important now that students stay home when they do not feel well and that everyone wears a mask and practices all recommended social distancing guidelines. It is our desire to keep our schools open for those students who have chosen to learn in the modified in-person modality. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday break, we ask that our students and their families continue to practice those safety protocols that we have used to open up our community and to get our students back in school.

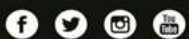
On behalf of the entire CGUHSD Leadership Team, I would like to wish all our families a very Happy Thanksgiving. Please be safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,
Steve Bebee



Upcoming Dates of Importance

NOVEMBER 25	Half Day Schedule – Release @ 12:25 PM
NOVEMBER 26-27	Thanksgiving Break – No School
DECEMBER 2	Early Release @ 1:55 PM
DECEMBER 9	Early Release @ 1:55 PM
DECEMBER 15-18	Half Days for Semester Exams – Release at 12:20 PM
DEC 21 – JAN 1	Winter Break – No School
JAN 4	Teacher In-Service Day – No School



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Student News



VG JROTC Honor Veterans



Cadets from Vista Grande High School's Marine Corps JROTC honored our veterans as they proudly marched to celebrate Maricopa's Inaugural Veterans' Day Parade.

Hundreds of veterans and other patriotic citizens of Maricopa and the surrounding counties waved American flags and cheered while beaming with pride as nearly 40 VGHS Marine Corps JROTC cadets proudly marched to cadences barked by cadet upperclassmen!

CG Key Club Trick or Treat Event



Since many children were not able to trick or treat this Halloween, CGUHS Key Club members participated in a drive-thru trick or treat event for children in the Casa Grande area. Over 300 families drove through

with carloads of children. There were many booths that participated from the school and community. It was a fun event for everyone!

VG Campus Cleanup



Vista Grande Student Council and Key Club had 16 students and two (2) teachers who

collected 20 bags of trash in the VG parking lots, as well as along Arizola Rd, Cottonwood Lane, and Clements Rd. VGHS Student Council is advised by Mr. Nathan Scheeler and Key Club by Ms. Jennifer Kortsen and Student Council by Mr. Nathan Scheeler. Way to keep your campus clean!

Mr. Farnsworth and CG FFA Win Awards

Congratulations to CGUHS FFA and teacher, Mr. Casey Farnsworth, recipients of the 2020 Arizona Agriculture Teachers Association Awards for South Central District Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Community Service, Outstanding Single Teacher Program of the Year, and AATA Teacher of the Year. Outstanding job!



CG SEDS attend Space Vision Conference



Members of CG Students for the Exploration and Development of Space virtually participated in the annual Space Vision Conference hosted by the University of Texas. Titled "Beyond Earth: Humanity

as an Interplanetary Species", the keynote was by James L. Green, NASA Chief Scientist. The event was sponsored in part by Lockheed Martin, Rocket Lab, and Advanced Space Corporation, and was a remarkable opportunity for students and young space industry professionals from around the world to engage and network current professionals and fellow students passionate about space exploration and the development of humanity's future beyond Earth.

CG JROTC Wins Big in Competition



The CGUHS MCJROTC drill team came out on top at the Hamilton High School drill competition held this past weekend. I want to thank them for all the hard work they put in daily. They had to

work through some challenging situations during these uncertain times. Their dedication and commitment are greatly appreciated. The team won five 1st place trophies, one 3rd place trophy and the Grand Champion trophy as well! Great job team!





CTE Students of the Month



Michael Forish is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and son of James and Rachel Forish. He was nominated by his Construction Technology teacher, Mr. Mike Wagner. Michael is currently a junior with a 4.194 GPA completing his third year of the Construction Technology program at CGUHS. Additionally, he is enrolled in the Industrial Carpentry program at CAC. Michael plans to complete four full years of the Construction Technology program and pursue a career in the generator repair and maintenance industry upon graduation.



Aidan Pitts is a student at Vista Grande High School and son of Oliver Pitts and Michelle Cooper. He was nominated by his Construction Technology teacher, Mr. Rich Contreras. Aidan is a senior with a 3.392 GPA and a second-year student in the Construction Technology program. Mr. Contreras stated that he always comes to class with a passion to excel. His future goals are to join the Navy and train to be a nuclear engineer. Aidan believes that with hard work and a good work ethic, his potential is unlimited in the Navy.

Rotary Students of the Month



Genevieve Davis is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and the daughter of Elizabeth Vitela. Her activities and accomplishments include: AmerInd Club, HOSA, STEM Advisory Committee, National Honor Society, Link Crew, Key Club, Upward Bound, Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam, CAC Math Competition, Cougar Ambassador, Debate Club and SciTech presenter. Genevieve's personal accomplishments and activities include: Mu Alpha Theta, VFW Post 1677 volunteer, VG Homework Helpers Tutor, first place and district winner of Voice of Democracy Scholarship, traveling, talking with grandparents and game nights with friends. Her life and career goals are to attend college and major in Bioscience, Chemistry or Environmental Science and become a scientific researcher. She also hopes to give back to her mom and sister and to simply make a positive impact in all that she does.



Melanie Nagel is a student at Vista Grande High School and the daughter of Julie Holdsworth and Aric Nagel. Her school activities and accomplishments include: Academic Scholar, Key Club, Math League, National Honor Society, Link Crew, Thespians, SkillsUSA and Tennis team. Her personal activities and accomplishments include: Casa Grande Youth Commission member, HOBY participant, Girls State participant and VG Library volunteer. Her life and career goals are currently undecided, she is considering attending NAU.



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.

November 2020 Employees of the Month

Jared Walther	Intervention Specialist	VGHS
Hilda Ortega	Receptionist	VGHS
Molly Ryan	ESS Site Coordinator	VGHS
Melanie Kieser	Administrative Assistant	CGUHS
Christine Collins	Healthcare Facilitator	CGUHS
Gretchen Pleggenkuhle	Social Studies Teacher	CGUHS
David Tague	Custodian	DO
Leider Victoria Figueroa	Custodian	VGHS

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 79 Golden Ticket recipients:

Maria Tellez	VGHS (Grand Prize Winner)
Mike Murrieta	VGHS
Anthony Le	DO
Brad Kepler	CGUHS

