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Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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*A note from the
Superintendent...*



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

I would like to update you on the status of our schools and when we might expect students who chose the modified in-person learning modality to return to our campuses this semester. On January 12th, the Governing Board voted unanimously to continue to use the science behind the Arizona Department of Health Services benchmarks to guide their decision on when we will return to modified in-person learning. This means that when two of the three ADHS benchmarks return to yellow or green for two consecutive weeks, we will return students back to our campuses. Therefore, we will not be returning to in-person learning on January 19, 2021 as previously approved and will remain in a virtual platform for all students until the benchmarks have reached the status that has been approved by the board.

During this time, we will continue to follow the bell schedule we are currently using, and the expectation is that our students continue to be actively involved in all their classes, every day. We will continue to send out the ADHS benchmarks weekly when they are made available so that our parents, students, and community are fully aware of the status and where we are as a district.

Please continue to do the things you have been doing to stay safe and continue working with our teachers and administrators to ensure your student's educational needs are being met during this time of virtual learning.

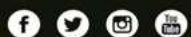
Sincerely,
Steve Bebee



Upcoming Dates of Importance



JANUARY 27	Early Release at 1:55 PM
FEBRUARY 3	Early Release at 1:55 PM
FEBRUARY 11	Early Release at 1:55 PM for Parent/Teacher Conferences
FEBRUARY 12	Early Release at 1:55 PM
FEBRUARY 15	President's Day – No School



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FFA Steak Fry is a Huge Success!



CGUHS FFA held their Annual Steak Fry on December 10th. They served 1,524 steak dinners in our drive thru event in just under 3 hours! Thank you to everyone involved including our FFA alumni and our sponsors, we couldn't have done it without you. We

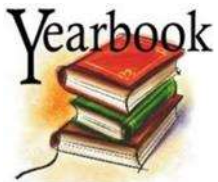
also wouldn't be where we are without the continued support of our community. We hope you enjoyed our meal and can't wait until next year's Steak Fry. Let's make it our biggest one yet. Thanks again for your support!

D'souza Accepted to Harvard University

Congratulations to CGUHS STEM Biotechnology senior, Merlin D'souza who has been accepted to Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts as a Pre-Med major. Merlin was also notified that she is a semi-finalist for the 2021 Flinn Scholarship. Good Luck Merlin!



CG Yearbook Photo Make-up Dates



This is the last chance to be in the ID section of the CGUHS Yearbook. Photos (Senior Formal and Underclassmen ID) will be taken during English classes on Thursday, January 28, and Friday, January 29, in Room L150/L151. For online student, photographers will be available until 4 p.m. Also note, the last day to reserve your 2020/21 Yearbook and place a Senior Ad is Sunday, January 31. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Peters at dpeters@cguhsd.org.

CG Robotics Team Receives Donations



The CGUHS Robotics Team, Mecha Knights Robotics, received donations from Microchip Technology Inc. employees totaling \$1200. Special thanks go to Lauren Carr & John Butkiewicz, Benjamin Gross, Stephen Odgear, Rita Olson, and

Sandra Otteson for their generosity. The Mecha Knights are advised by Mr. John Morris.

Blanket Drive for Valley Humane Society

Help the VGHS Student Council collect new or gently used blankets and towels for the winter to give to our local Valley Humane Society to spread the warmth for our sheltered animals in need. Drop-off locations are at the BowWow Meow located at 112 W. 2nd St. or at the Casa Grande Valley Humane Society on Trekell Rd.



Technology Call Center is at Your Service

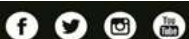


Students with technology-related issues or questions may call or email the Technology Call Center for support. We are available on school days.

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CTE Students of the Month



Aidan Pitts is a student at Vista Grande High School and son of Michelle Cooper and Oliver Pitts. He was nominated by his Culinary Ars teacher, Ms. Kim Rains. Aidan has been a culinary student for four years and has become the first ever super-intern in the program. He has grown into a wonderfully responsible young man; anticipating and accommodating the needs of his teacher and other students. He often, enthusiastically, represents the program on recruiting activities and passed the state assessment as a sophomore. He is a great team player, confident program representative and of quality character.



Brynn Heaton is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and daughter of Jeffrey and Stacey Heaton. She was nominated by Culinary Arts teacher, Mr. Kevin Curtis. Brynn is a junior and second year Culinary student with a 4.133 GPA. She has excellent attendance, in both synchronous and asynchronous learning. She is always engaged, very pleasant, and is thorough and creative. Brynn is truly a tremendous asset to the Culinary program at Casa Grande Union High School.

Rotary Students of the Month



Victhoria Schwenkhkoff is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and the daughter of Todd and Aileen Schwenkhkoff. Her activities and accomplishments include being a member of the Swim Team for four years, Key Club, Link Crew and National Honor Society. Her personal accomplishments and activities include helping in her community in any way possible, being a Junior Lifeguard at the city pool and helping coach sports offered through the city including soccer and T-ball. Victhoria plans to attend CAC using her Promise to the Future to complete her prerequisites. After graduating from CAC, her goal is to attend U of A and study Criminology and Forensic Science.



Aurora Yoder is a student at Vista Grande High School and the daughter of Rachel Gonzalez and Simon Yoder. Her school activities and accomplishments include being a member of the VG Theatre Troupe 7447 for four years serving as Treasurer and Membership Officer and VG SkillsUSA chapter as Historian and President. Her personal activities and accomplishments include being a finalist in the BlackBox Foundation's 10-Minute Play and working at both Sonic Drive-in and Culver's Restaurant. Her goal is to go to college and get her Doctorate in Psychology, learn Spanish and ASL fluently and to eventually open her own office and work as a licensed psychiatrist.



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.

January 2021 Employees of the Month

Glenda Cole	Principal	VGHS
Nathan Scherr	Social Studies Teacher	VGHS
Elena Calalang	Science Teacher	VGHS
Robert Palacios	Security Officer	VGHS
David Keeton	Security Officer	VGHS
James Shapiro	Math Teacher	CGUHS
Stacy Brady	Science Teacher	CGUHS
Briena Sundell	Librarian	CGUHS

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 38 Golden Ticket recipients:

Kiana Peck	VGHS (Grand Prize Winner)
Amor Vinola	VGHS
John Craig	CGUHS
Chris Mallek	CGUHS