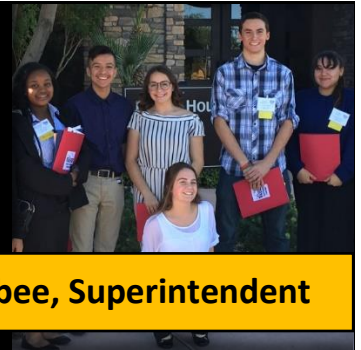


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Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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A note from the Superintendent...



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

It is hard to believe that we have finally reached the point in this pandemic that we can have our students back on campus every day. While we are excited to have our students back full time, we are also reminded that it is now mid-April and spring is here. The arrival of spring also brings on the rapid end of the school year. As we will be concluding the 2020-21 school year shortly, I would like to take the time to thank all our families for your patience and support during a year that none of us will forget anytime soon.

I would also like to congratulate our graduating seniors from both Casa Grande Union and Vista Grande High School. The past four years have been a journey in your lives that you and your families will look back on for many years to come. I would like to thank you for the contributions you have all made to our district and to your individual schools. I would also like to congratulate our parents, guardians and staff who have supported these seniors in their academic careers the past four years. It was your support and encouragement that also helped them get to this stage in their lives. As seniors prepare to walk across the graduation stage (in-person) this May to receive their diplomas, we know that they are now both college and career ready because of the time spent in the CGUHSD. We wish you the very best in the next stages of your lives.

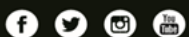
Congratulations Class of 2021!

Sincerely,
Steve Bebee



Upcoming Dates of Importance

APRIL 21	Early Release at 1:55 PM
APRIL 28	Early Release at 1:55 PM
MAY 5	Early Release at 1:55 PM
MAY 12	Early Release at 1:55 PM
MAY 18	CGUHS Graduation
MAY 20	VGHS Graduation
MAY 20	Last day of School



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Tax Credit Deadline Extended



The deadline to contribute to student programs and activities in our district has been extended to **May 15th**. Single taxpayers may contribute up to \$200 and married, filing jointly, up to \$400 for which you will be paid back with a **DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR TAX CREDIT** to help guarantee that our students experience all that high school has to offer. Visit www.cguhsd.org/doTaxCredit.aspx for more information.

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CG Key Club Helps with Citywide Cleanup

CGUHS Key Club participated in the citywide clean up on April 3rd. They helped beautify the City of Casa Grande by ridding a two-mile stretch of trash. There were 42 students who participated in the cleanup effort.



The group collected 10 bags of trash between Trekell and McCartney Rd. and another 15 bags of trash were collected between McCartney Rd. and Pinal Ave. Following the cleanup, breakfast was served at the CG Recreational Center. Great job Key Club!

Future Voices Leadership Awards

Congratulations to seniors Merlin D'souza, CGUHS, and Ricardo Gomez, VGHS, who received awards and scholarships from the Future Voices Association, a nonprofit organization that aims to cultivate leadership in the community and project it forward. Applicants were required to provide several examples of leadership experience in their lives as well as their plans to employ leadership techniques in their continuing education and career development. Merlin and Ricardo each received a \$1,000 scholarship.



VG Winter Athletes Selected All-Region

Congratulations to the 22 Vista Grande High School winter sport student-athletes on their Black Canyon All-Region selections. Eight (8) Spartans received 1st Team Black Canyon All-Region accolades.



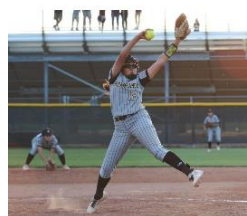
In addition, Girls Basketball standout, Jayla Scott, earned Co-Offensive Player of the Year and Boys Basketball standout, Devin Bradford, earned Offensive Player of the Year. Well done, Spartans!

Agriscience Sells Hydroponic Tomatoes



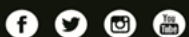
The CGUHS Agriscience program sold fresh vine-ripened hydroponic tomatoes this week that they have been growing this year in their greenhouse. They sell these to a local restaurant, Creative Café, and offered these delicious tomatoes to the public for the first time. The tomatoes are great for salsa, sandwiches, or even tomato basil soup, and were packaged at \$3.00/lb.

VG Spartan is Pitching Sensation



Congratulations to VG Softball pitcher Alyssa Tinnin, who is on her way to shatter the Spartans all-time pitching record! The Spartans Softball team has played great this season and are 6-0 with high hopes of bringing home a state championship. Alyssa has been the leading contributor on the mound for the Spartans as she is coming into her own.

Alyssa's velocity, command, and spin on her pitching places her as one of the top pitchers across all levels in Arizona. So far, in six outings, opponents have only been able to score two (2) runs against her the entire season. Way to go Alyssa!





CTE Students of the Month



Mia Mooring is a student at Vista Grande High School and daughter of Sara Mooring. She was nominated by her Marketing teacher, Ms. Lisa Miller. Mia is currently serving as the DECA Vice President of Promotion and consistently goes above and beyond whenever needed. Her positive attitude, even in times of struggle, has influenced both her own classmates and the students who are soon to be Spartans. She attended the Virtual Officer Leadership Training (VOLT) Conference and competed in the first ever State Career Development Conference. Mia contributed to the middle school recruitment efforts by appearing in the Marketing Program’s recruitment video. She has remained determined to compete, has provided hands-on assistance with the internships in the DECA store, and has served as a strong leader this year.



Jessica Molina is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and daughter of Jesse and Marisol Molina. She was nominated by her Marketing teacher, Mr. David Carter. Jessica is a 4-year member of the Marketing/DECA Program. She has attended numerous in-state and out-of-state conferences, has succeeded in DECA competitions, has excelled in her leadership responsibilities and is currently serving as the Casa Grande DECA Chapter President. In the light of current events (COVID), Jessica has still been able to participate in several virtual DECA conferences this year. She has also been instrumental in managing the on-campus Work-Based Learning ventures, DECA Store, Union Station Spirit Store, Plaque Shack, and DECA’s t-shirt print service and is currently working on a new business venture, DECA Dash.

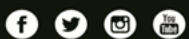
Rotary Students of the Month



Lillian Hernandez is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and the daughter of Cheryl and Benselado Hernandez. Her activities and accomplishments include being a member of Phi Theta Kappa, National Honor Society, Tri-M Honors Society, Marching Band, in the Top 1% of senior class and Top 10% of CAC academically, 2-year flute section leader, HOSA president, secretary, and HOSA representative on STEM Advisory Council. Her personal activities include playing instruments, reading, and painting. Lillian plans to attend ASU to major in Biological/Biomedical Science and go into Dermatology or Forensic Pathology.



Nicholas Teti is a student at Vista Grande High School and the son of Tamerra and Marco Teti. His school activities and accomplishments include being a member of Percussion Band, Choir and Jazz Band, having a 3.5 GPA and straight A’s for the 3rd quarter of 2021. His personal activities and accomplishments include participating in the CAC Choir, CAC Handbells, UM Church Choir member, Casa Grande Express Band and Blackbox Theatre, playing guitar and cooking. His life and career goals are being a Music major, Pop/R&B singer/songwriter, and Economic Development Planner/Designer.





Making It Happen

Employee of the Month & Golden Ticket Program



To show appreciation for 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.

April 2021 Employees of the Month

Kim Rains	Culinary Arts Teacher	VGHS
Meagan Semore	PE/Health Teacher	VGHS
Reynalin Bitos	Math Teacher	VGHS
Miciah Haskins	Social Studies Teacher	VGHS
Sharon Leuthauser	ESS Teacher	CGUHS
Aubrey Ferguson	ESS Teacher	CGUHS
Michelle Perez	ESS Paraprofessional	CGUHS
Amanda Hartman	CTE Paraprofessional	CGUHS

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 51 Golden Ticket recipients:

Jamone Perryman-Tang	CGUHS (Grand Prize Winner)
Leslie Vasquez	CGUHS
John Kashner	VGHS
Deanna Addison	VGHS

