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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 near the end of the third quarter of this school year, we begin to approach the time of every school year where we begin to assess our students to measure their growth. Often when it comes to AzMerit and AIMS Science testing for our students there are many emotions that can come with being assessed. What is most important to remember is that the AzMerit test is simply a test to measure the learning that our students have had in one academic school year in those contents that are tested. While these tests are not a graduation requirement like the AIMS test used to be, it is very important that our students give their best effort when taking these exams. When a student tries their best to be successful on these exams the results that they gain can be very beneficial to them and will help them understand exactly where they stand academically in both Math and English moving forward.

As we get ready for our state testing this year, I wanted to share a link to AZMerit for students and their families that you may find useful in helping your student prepare for our state tests.

<https://azmeritportal.org/resources/student-s-and-families/>.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Bebee

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New CTE Offerings coming to VGHS

The Casa Grande Union High School District is proud to announce the addition of two new Career and Technical Education Programs at Vista Grande High School for the 2019-2020 school year. Following the analyzing of Workforce Development data and the surveying of all freshmen VGHS students, it was identified that Graphic Web Design and Automation and Robotics were the two most popular areas. The CGUHSD district administration feels that the addition of these two programs will ensure that our students will develop the technical skills necessary to join the workforce in the electric automobile manufacturing industry that is slated to move into the Casa Grande area within the next few years.



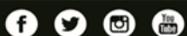
Academic Excellence Award Recognition

CGUHSD presented their 1st Academic Excellence Awards at the Board meeting held on February 5th. Congratulations to this month's recipients from CGUHS: Martin Hebda for Staff Member of Excellence; Kristin Riggs for Student of Excellence and Paul Beatty for Community Member of Excellence. VGHS will be presenting their Academic Excellence Awards at the March 5th Board meeting.



Upcoming Dates of Importance

FEB 18	No School for Presidents' Day
FEB 27	Early Release @ 1:40 PM
MAR 5	Governing Board Meeting 6:30 PM
MAR 6	Early Release @ 1:40 PM
MAR 18-22	No School for Spring Break



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Student News



Out and About with VGHS JROTC



On January 20, 2019, the Vista Grande JROTC cadets were present at the Casa Grande Street Fair held in downtown Casa Grande to help with the Marine Corps League booth.

VGHS DECA Community Service



Vista Grande HS DECA won the National DECA Thrive Award for their Community Service Campaign and Promotional Campaign. To qualify, all marketing students participated in

events that benefited a local charity and its clients. These events included a children's Halloween Party and fund raising and was donated to Against Abuse, Inc. for use in creating a home-like atmosphere for their clients. The students promoted items in the school-based enterprise, better known as the DECA Store, and then donated the \$300 in profit that this event generated.

CGUHS DECA on Instagram!

Congratulations to CGUHS DECA who were recently featured on the Arizona DECA Instagram page as their "Chapter in the Spotlight". They were recognized for always showing up ready to learn and succeed.



Congratulations to VGHS's Evan Chaparro

Evan Chaparro was accepted into the seven-week KEYS Research Internship Program, a unique summer opportunity for motivated Arizona high school students with a strong interest in bioscience, engineering, environmental health, or biostatistics to work side-by-side with top faculty in University of Arizona research labs. Congratulations Evan!



CGUHS Student Author



Adam Ibrahim is a CGUHS senior who was encouraged to enter the *Stranger Sagas* writing contest with Young Writers. Adam's work was chosen from over 13,500 entries to be featured in an anthology of young writers from all over the world. Criteria used for selection

include perception, imagination and creativity as well as expression, originality and use of language. Adam's short story is entitled "The Great Despair" and can be seen in the March 31st publication.

CG FFA Dean Merrell Field Day Results

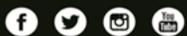


Congratulations to CGUHS FFA who participated in the South Central District Dean Merrell CDE Field Day. We had 65% of our FFA membership who practiced and were involved in our CDE contests this year and all of our teams placed. Way to go FFA!

VG Cross Country Runners in the News!



Congratulations to Vista Grande's Brynna McQuillen and Noah Olmos for making Arizona's ELITE 15 in Cross Country! Also keep an eye out on FOX SPORTS, the Vista Grande Cross Country Team was selected as the TIRE PROS Team of the Month for February. Way to go Spartans!





CTE Students of the Month



Savanna Vasquez is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and is the daughter of Cesar and Leslie Vasquez and was nominated by her Early Childhood Education teacher, Mrs. Cathie White. She is a third-year student intern in Early Childhood Education at CGUHS and is responsible for helping supervise the second-year high school students as well as kitchen duties for the preschoolers. Every day she helps plan, prepare, and serve hot lunches to 22 preschool students. She helps organize her high school peers into weekly jobs and supervises their progress. Savanna gets along well with everyone in the ECE program. She is always professional and exceedingly goes above and beyond program expectations. Savanna is president of the FCCLA, attended the State FCCLA Conference last year and competed in the Life Event Planning Division where she won a gold medal. She later competed nationally and again won gold.



Jasmine Moreno is a student at Vista Grande High School and is the daughter of Johnson and Esther Moreno and was nominated by her Early Childhood Education teacher Mrs. Cassandra Yeo. Jasmine is a second-year Early Childhood Education student that takes her role as preschool assistant seriously, helping to prepare snacks for 21 preschool children, cleaning up after, and helping with circle time. As the FCCLA chapter president she continually encourages other members and goes out of her way to be nice and to accomplish anything that is asked of her. Jasmine keeps pushing forward for our team even when she has many other responsibilities outside of our class. Last year through her diligent efforts in FCCLA she was awarded with a gold medal in the Focus on Children division at state competition.

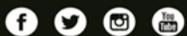
Rotary Students of the Month



Shawn Johnstone is a Casa Grande Union High School student and is the son of Dave and Deirdre Turner. His school activities and accomplishments include: DECA State Officer for three years, National Honor Society for 2 years, Academic Accomplishment Award all four years and soccer team for four years. Shawn has been a member of the Casa Grande Youth Commission for three years, winner of the Community Service Award from Representative Tom O'Halleran, volunteer at the animal shelter, worked at the Taste of Casa Grande and organized the City of Casa Grande citywide day of shredding. Shawn's life and career goals are to study Geography at Western Washington University, try BBQ from every state and join the Peace Corps.



Teresa Maxine Cruz, a Vista Grande High School student, is the daughter of Von Mark and Rocela Cruz. Her school activities and accomplishments include: #1 player and captain of the varsity tennis team, Student Council activities director, member of the National Honor Society, varsity girls' basketball team manager, AP Scholar Award recipient, Academic Achievement recognition for 3 years as well as Spartan of the Year and MVP for tennis. In her spare time, Maxine enjoys playing tennis, going on trips with family, hiking, swimming and making art for people. Maxine is still undecided on which university she will be attending since not all colleges offer Entomology but plans to major in Environmental Science or Entomology and may later work towards Epidemiology.





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 2019 Employees of the Month

Frank Fiori	IT Support	DO
MSgt. Hazzard	JROTC	CGUHS
LtCol. Blaydes	JROTC	CGUHS
Tim Mace	Facilities Director	DO
Mary Rosenbam	Executive Assistant	DO
Melani Edwards	Curriculum & Instruction Director	DO
Bryette Sipes	Guidance Counselor	VGHS
Hilda Ortega	Receptionist	VGHS
Cristina Salcido-Grigg	PE Teacher	VGHS
Shelli Ethington	Reading Teacher	VGHS
Ramon Estrada Vega	World Language Teacher	VGHS

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 69 Golden Ticket recipients:

Martin Hebda	CGUHS
Mary Jane Radel	DO
Sharon Leuthauser	CGUHS
Kelly Blunk	VGHS

