

CGUHSD EXPRESS



Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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A note from the Superintendent...



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

One of the priorities and goals of the Casa Grande Union High School District is to have effective and efficient communication with our students, parents and stakeholders in the district. We are very excited to announce that we now have another way to communicate with our stakeholders. The Casa Grande Union High School District now has our own app that can be downloaded to a smart phone or tablet. By adding the CGUHSD app to your phone or tablet, you can get school and district updates, stay informed of all district events and receive important push notifications. For information on how to get the CGUHSD app, go to the district webpage at www.cguhsd.org or at the App Store on your smartphone.

We look forward to connecting and communicating with you.

Sincerely,

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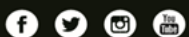
CGUHSD Professional Development

Friday, September 20th, marked our first of two full Professional Development days. The workshops focused on our Professional Learning Communities. Sessions included the Heart of PLC, Clarifying Essential Questions, Common Formative Assessments, Using Data to Drive PLC Conversations, Motivating Struggling Learners and Differentiating for Student Needs. Teachers also began working on their classroom websites. A special thank you to our Casa Grande Union High School District presenters: Greg Anderson, Jeannette Beechum, John Craig, Vance Danzy, Jeanine Leary, Brian Mabb, Chris Mallek, Lauren Martinez, Alistair Mountz and Jose Munoz.



Upcoming Dates of Importance

OCTOBER 14-18	No School for Fall Break
OCTOBER 23	Early release @ 1:30 PM
OCTOBER 30	Early release @ 1:30 PM
OCTOBER 30	Workforce Development Luncheon @ 12:00 PM
NOVEMBER 5	Governing Board Meeting @ 6:30 PM
NOVEMBER 6	Early release @ 1:30 PM
NOVEMBER 11	No School for Veteran's Day



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VGHS AP Spanish Literature & Culture



Congratulations to the VGHS AP Spanish Literature and Culture students, pioneers of the AP Spanish Literature class. They are in their second year of Advanced Spanish and have already obtained up to 16 college credits. If they pass their upcoming test in May, they will earn a minor in Spanish, even before attending college. Great job!

Pride of Casa Grande Wins Competition



Congratulations to the Pride of Casa Grande Marching Band. At a competition held on October 5th at Mesquite High School, they finished in first place out of 28 marching bands. They also received the awards for Outstanding General Effect, Outstanding Music Performance, Outstanding Visual Performance, and Outstanding Percussion Section. Pictured are head drum major, Rebecca Myers, and assistant drum major, Andrew Rivas. Way to go!

HOSA & Biotech Students Attend Camp

Five (5) HOSA and Biotech students attended the Chapter Leadership Camp held at the beautiful Pine Summit Camp in Prescott, Arizona, with 150 students who came from different schools across Arizona. The event started with a welcoming of participants and advisors and instilling in their minds what makes HOSA members special is their strength, unity, and passion. At the closing session student leaders were challenged to take home what they learned to HOSA members at their respective schools. Thanks to all who helped make this happen!



Dance Teams Together at Rivalry Game

The Spartans and Cougars brought their elite dance teams together for the rivalry game. They warmed up for the game together and presented their performance to each other while cheering each other on and providing constructive feedback. The students cheered each other's team on during their performance at the game. They also exchanged a basket between each team showing support and gratitude. Sponsors Mrs. Quintana (CGUHS Elite Dance Company) and Mrs. Sanchez (Spartan Elite Dance Company) were happy to bring the teams together instead of creating a rivalry barrier on a night such as the rivalry game.



FFA Steak Fry is a Success!



The CGUHS FFA held its largest fundraiser of the year on October 3rd. The annual FFA Steak Fry served 1,950 steaks in just a few hours! Money raised from the event will assist

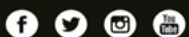
FFA students in attending local and state conferences and national conventions. Funds will also support scholarships and activities for the growing FFA membership. Special thanks to everyone for all their support.

VGHS Student Council Visits Coolidge HS



VGHS Student Council visited Coolidge High School to watch their homecoming pep assembly and Coolidge HS visited Vista Grande during their homecoming to

share ideas and discuss ways for each school to increase spirit and unity.





CTE Student of the Month



Austin Sims is a Vista Grande High School student and son of Brett and Wendy Kline. He was nominated by his Technical Theatre teacher, Mrs. Kathy Harding. Mrs. Harding nominated Austin because he has done much to distinguish himself from his peers. As a quiet student who transferred into the program with some construction and welding experience, he has evolved into a self-starting student who searches for knowledge relating to technical theatre beyond his experience level. Austin has become a true leader who is highly respected by his peers for his knowledge and leadership. His professionalism and perfectionism have helped make significant strides in the elevation of Vista Grande Theatre Company's values. Austin's work ethic and willingness to assume responsibility is unrivaled among his contemporaries. Not only has he worked tirelessly to support all the various productions and events the past two school years, he also played an integral part in the technical preparation of our most challenging production to date, "Mamma Mia." He has quickly become our go-to student for Technical Theatre. He is always willing to give assistance and I am proud to see him growing and leading our organization.

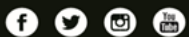
Rotary Students of the Month



Mattie Bradford is a student at Vista Grande High School and is the daughter of Christina Sandsnes and Darren Bradford. Her activities and accomplishments include: former VGHS DECA Chapter President, current AZ DECA State Officer, CTE Student of the Month, 1st place in Hospitality and Tourism District Competition, 1st place State Chapter winner for the entrepreneurship event called "Ideas to Doors" at which her team won \$500 for the VGHS DECA chapter. Other personal activities and accomplishments include Arizona DECA State Vice President, project manager for a community service event with the Against Abuse Shelter of CG. Her life and career goals are to finish her remaining classes at Mesa Community College and transfer to the W.P. Carey School of Business at ASU and obtain a degree in Hospitality. She plans to use this degree to pursue a career in hotel/restaurant management.



Maria Machelor is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and daughter of Paul and Norma Machelor. Her activities and accomplishments include: Film Club, Drama Club, participated in theater productions for 3 years, Student Council, Key Club, World Travel Club, Anti-Defamation League, Superintendent's Advisory Council, Cougar Ambassador as junior and senior, National Honor Society, Academic Achievement Award for 3 years and AP Scholar for 2019. Other personal activities and accomplishments include: Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, altar server for 7 years, selected to participate in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference, delegate to Girls State where she was selected federalist party chairman and part of the Supai County Board of Supervisors. Her academic interests and career goals are International Relations, Humanities, Journalism/Photojournalism, Global Business and Political Science. She wants to attend NAU (or best offer) and major in International Relations with a minor in Psychology, Law or Political Science.





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 2019 Employees of the Month

Christina Ogle	Federal Programs Specialist	DO
Alesia Denson	Preschool Director	CGUHS
George Courtney	Auto Tech Teacher	CGUHS
John Miraldi	Math Teacher	CGUHS
Robert Pierce	Athletic Director	VGHS
Kiana Peck	Athletic Trainer	VGHS
Jackie Stilwell	Administrative Asst	VGHS
Jeanna Vasquez Garza	Math Teacher	VGHS
Lisa Miller	Marketing Teacher	VGHS

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 46 Golden Ticket recipients:

Julie Parks-Evans	VGHS
Martin Hebda	CGUHS
Stephanie Adams	CGUHS
Russell Tennyson	CGUHS

