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Dr. Steve Bebee, Superintendent

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A note from the Superintendent...



Dear CGUHSD Parents, Community and Staff:

As a school district, student safety is a high priority and we are always looking for ways to help our students understand the role they play in making and keeping our schools safe. We are pleased to announce that we now have a new way for students or parents to report anything that they might see as a safety concern to the district. We now have a link on the front of our web page called **AnonymousTips.com** that can be used to report any situation that may be a potential safety concern to our district. We would ask that our students or parents take advantage of this option to report, should the need arise in the future. It truly does take a village to raise a child and we are thankful for your partnership in keeping our schools safe.

On behalf of the entire Casa Grande Union High School District leadership team, I would like to wish all our families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

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Workforce Development Luncheon

Casa Grande Union High School District hosted its first ever Workforce Development luncheon. At the luncheon, our district leadership team and student ambassadors



from the Career and Technical Education programs had the opportunity to discuss workforce development with elected officials, district governing board members and members of the business community of Casa Grande. The purpose was to share the district's vision for creating a greater workforce and to better understand from community business leaders what critical skills and abilities our students need to possess when they graduate from high school to be successfully employed in our community. The event was a huge success and we are thankful to all of those in attendance who took the time to come eat lunch with us and to share their expertise with us. Many attendees also signed up to be a part of our steering committee

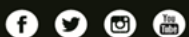


moving forward. We look forward to building strong partnerships with our business community and provide real world opportunities for our students to create the workforce that our community needs and desires.



Upcoming Dates of Importance

NOVEMBER 20	Early release @ 1:30 PM
NOVEMBER 27-29	No School for Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER 4	Early release @ 1:30 PM
DECEMBER 11	Early release @ 1:30 PM



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Cougar Football Team in Playoffs



Congratulations to the CGUHS Football Team who defeated Walden Grove 26-19 last Friday in the first round of the playoffs. The Cougars advanced to the quarterfinals and will play the

Desert Edge Scorpions in Round 2 in Goodyear on November 15th. This is the first time the Cougars have won a playoff game in 26 years. Way to go, Cougars!

VG JROTC Teach Flag Class

VGHS MCJROTC Cadets, 2ndLt Jynuahlyze Martinez, PFC Christopher Fisher, Cpl Marlon Quijada, PFC Clayton Miller, and Pvt Isaias Garcia met with Palo Verde Elementary School students



to teach a class on the U.S. flag and provided demonstrations for proper etiquette of carriage, raising, lowering, and folding the flag. The Palo Verde students were eager to take turns practicing the lessons taught and will begin and end each school day with their students caring for "Old Glory".

VG Spanish Celebrate Día de los Muertos

VGHS Spanish classes created sugar skulls, altars, and calaveras to celebrate Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico, and by people of Mexican heritage elsewhere. Mrs. Ana Matthews' classes worked numerous hours hand-making many of the items. These projects are extremely time consuming and the students get more creative every year. Great job!



CG CTE Students Custom Grill Project

Michael Cruz, CGESD Communications & Marketing Specialist, recognized CTE Teacher Casey Farnsworth, Director Steven Sipes, and the CGUHS CTE students for their tremendous work in building a custom BBQ grill for CGESD. The grill will help CGESD with events for many years to come. Mr. Cruz stated that Mr. Farnsworth was very flexible in allowing his students to work on this project, ultimately highlighting his commitment to building relationships and community. The students did an excellent job putting this together and the grill is beautiful. Great Job!



VG Cross Country Qualifies for State



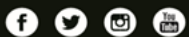
Congratulations to the VGHS Cross Country teams who each made the state finals. Kenny Hernandez qualified individually while the girls team took 2nd Place. All five (5) girls qualified individually for state and Brynna McQuillen took 1st place Div.

III Section 1 champion. The state competition takes place on November 16th. Good Luck Team!

VG Cheer Teams Volunteer at VHS



The VGHS varsity and JV Cheer teams spent a Saturday volunteering at Valley Humane Society by walking, feeding, bathing, and playing with the dogs and cats. They had a lot of fun - so much so, they fell in love with a dog and convinced their coach, Katie Mummert, to adopt him as their unofficial Cheer dog!





CTE Students of the Month



Maya Galicia is a Casa Grande Union High School student and daughter of Rafael Galicia and Ruby Ramirez. She was nominated by her Construction teacher, Mr. Mike Wagner who stated that she can best be described as a strong willed and thoughtful person with a passion to achieve goals set far beyond the bounds. Maya is a first-year construction student, completing the second- and third-year course work as well as taking two CAC construction courses this semester. When she graduates, Maya will have her OSHA 30, NCCER Core Card and an Industrial Carpentry Certificate from Central Arizona College.



Ethan Jones is a Vista Grande High School student and son of Christopher Jones and Sean and Cynthia Thompson. He was nominated by his Construction teacher, Mr. Rich Contreras. Ethan is a junior and second year student in the construction program. Mr. Contreras stated that he comes to class every day, ready to learn and on most projects, is the group leader. Ethan plans to attend Central Arizona College and enter the Construction Program as well as take classes in welding.

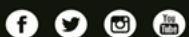
Rotary Students of the Month



Rachel Okuagu is a student at Vista Grande High School and the daughter of Simon and Chinwe Okuagu. Her activities and accomplishments include: National Honor Society Officer, Student Council past President and current Vice-President, member of the Superintendent's Advisory Council, Key Club Secretary and City of Casa Grande Youth Commission Treasurer and Public Relations representative. Other personal activities and accomplishments include, Pinal County Town Hall's Wayne G. Gerken Scholarship recipient, Top 3% of her class and 3-time recipient of the Academic Honorary Award. Her life and career goals are to strive to pursue Business/Corporate Law, majoring in Political Science and minoring in Philosophy.



Jed Richards is a student at Casa Grande Union High School and son of Yvette Richards and Todd Richards, Sr. His activities and accomplishments include: Baseball, Wrestling, Football, Track and Basketball. He has been an honor student for 4 years, has a current GPA of 3.9 and is taking AP Calculus, AP World History, as well as CAC English 101-102. His hobbies are teaching himself to play guitar, doing 10 backflips daily and building a pole vault pit so he can jump at home. He is currently working at Chili's and previously worked at Raising Cane's. His career goals are to either be a mathematician, engineer or lawyer.





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 2019 Employees of the Month

Maria Walters	Paraprofessional	VGHS
Gloria Ruiz	CTE Paraprofessional	VGHS
Ramon Estrada Vega	CTE/Spanish Teacher	VGHS
Carlos Jimenez	CTE/Art Teacher	VGHS
Richard Contreras	CTE/PE Teacher	VGHS
Noel Que	CTE/Science Teacher	CGUHS
Jesus Flores	JROTC Teacher	VGHS
Cassandra Bennett	School Psychologist	CGUHS
Brian Mabb	Principal	CGUHS
Kathy Harding	Yearbook/Theatre Teacher	VGHS

Below are the Lucky Winners chosen from the 37 Golden Ticket recipients:

Carmela Ash	CGUHS
Sean Casey	DO
Deanna Addison	VGHS
Greg Anderson	CGUHS

