

News from the Creek

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Dr. Debbi Burdick, Superintendent

Governing Board Meetings

33016 North 60th Street
Scottsdale, AZ 6:00 p.m.
August 8 and 22, 2016



**Cave Creek
Unified
School
District**

Governing Board Members

Mark Warren, President
Karen Tuffs, Vice President
Janet Busbee, Member
David Schaefer, Member
Cynthia Weiss, Member

Julia Scotto, Editor

Start with us, Grow with us, Graduate with us



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE – August 30, 2016

<http://recorder.maricopa.gov/web/elections.aspx>

CCUSD is ranked #1 in Maricopa County and #5 in the State of Arizona!

A Note from the Superintendent...

Dear CCUSD Parents, Community and Staff,

WELCOME BACK! We are so excited to start a new school year and have our AMAZING students back working with our AMAZING staff. We have been busy all summer making sure our classrooms are ready for inspiring classroom experiences. Some schools have been under construction to maximize learning spaces—notably Cactus Shadows High School has improved science classrooms and Black Mountain Elementary has had a total makeover including a renovated cafeteria and gymnasium. The Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center also is getting a facelift and the Cactus Shadows sports complex will continue its overhaul throughout the school year.

Parents and guardians, make sure you check your school's website and communications for Open House and Curriculum Night information. Thank you for choosing CCUSD for your students' education—you will not be disappointed. I look forward to seeing you at school.

Sincerely,

Debbi Burdick



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BREAKING STUDENT NEWS

Fabulous Falcons...

Regan Anderson, Cailan Cordwell, Summer Harris, and Kalie Scirpo (CSHS Class of 2017) were interns for the Town of Cave Creek last year. They also participate in Future Problem Solvers Club and are all active in the International Baccalaureate program at CSHS. During their internship, they explored Cave Creek and discussed topics ranging from planning to politics to psychology. After the interns absorbed town documents such as the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, they were directed to identify a topic for which they could develop a program or solution in the limited time available, while simultaneously learning about municipal government. The interns chose to interpret the General Plan in a way that fellow students of any age could understand the concepts of planning and government. Click [here](#) to view their document. Way to go ladies!

Cactus Foothills South Little League Baseball...

The Majors All Stars from the Cactus Foothills South Little League Baseball program won not only the District Championship, they also won the Arizona State Championship.

The next level is the Little League West Region Tournament held in San Bernardino, CA. Should they win the West Regional, the team will be transported by Little League, Int. from San Bernardino directly to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, PA. Congratulations to the following CCUSD students: **Landen Argabright., Conner Benson, Kobe Bowen., Collin Cummings, Henry Graham, Landry Harkless, Ryan Hughes, Tanner Jacob, Nathan Malchin, Grant Richardson and Johnathon Wheeling!**

Falcons AIA Honors for 2015-16...

Congratulations to the following student athletes for the 2015-16 school year:

Girls Golf: **Taylor Searles and Lauren Churchill** (All Section 2nd Team); **Becki Meils, Chantal Savage and Gabby Griffin** (All Section 1st Team)

Boys Golf: **Quintin Meyers and Robert (RJ) Sirota** (All Section 1st Team)

Girls Basketball: **Amy Mazanec** (All Section 2nd Team); **Caitlin Bickle** (All Division 1st Team); **Caitlin Bickle** (All Section 1st Team); and **Coach Richie Willis** (Section Coach of the Year)

Girls Soccer: **Carmen Brown, Nicole Semeniuk, Abbie Tyhurst and Jessica Kotowski** (All Section 1st Team); **Ashley Wong, Sam Kinard, Nicole McLaughlin, and Nicole Semeniuk** (All Section 2nd Team)

Boys Basketball: **Nick Potthoff** (All Section 1st Team) and **Dannon Docktor** (All Section 2nd Team)

Softball: **Vanessa Gutierrez, Elisabeth Raby and Skylar Cardoza** (All Section 2nd Team)

Baseball: **Ben Rodenburg** (All Division 1st Team), **Ben Rodenburg and Dellan Raish** (All Section 1st Team); **Joe Palanzo and Scott Mehan** (All Section 2nd Team)

BREAKING DISTRICT NEWS

DID YOU KNOW...

CCUSD is the **number 1 school district in Maricopa County**, #4 school district in the State of Arizona for Math and the #5 school district in the State of Arizona for Language Arts (as determined by the AzMERIT tests).

August 11th - First day of school pics...

Send us your smiles on the first day of school and help us celebrate! These pictures will be used on CCUSD's social media platforms and possibly in print ads throughout the year. So get your best smile on and email your pictures to jscotto@ccusd93.org – include your name, school and grade. PLEASE NOTE: Group photos will only be used if each parent sends an email authorizing use of the photo.

Thank you, thank you, thank you...

Thank you to the following business partners who contributed to CCUSD's planned Elementary Gifted Student Program for an amount totaling \$40,000. Program Sponsors: CORE Construction and Chasse Building Team; Gold Partners: Pueblo Mechanical and Progressive Roofing; Silver Partners: Urban Energy Solutions, Wholesale Floors and D.L. Withers Construction; and Bronze Partners: Fire Security Electronics & Communications, Riddle Painting, Regional Paving, ONE!Architecture, Facility Management Group and Corgan.

BREAKING COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT & BUSINESS PARTNER NEWS

Community Spotlight is to highlight our extraordinary parents, grandparent(s) and community members who go above and beyond to *Inspire Excellence* in all they do.

Community Spotlight of the Month:

This month's **Community Members of the Month** are the **Haldeman Family** from Black Mountain Elementary School. Margaret and Lucas Haldeman donated the amazing banner on the BMES fence facing 60th St. that highlights some of the school's amazing programs. Thank you for your help!

Do you know of a phenomenal parent(s)/grandparent(s)/community member? If so, send in a short paragraph and let us know what they're doing to Inspire Excellence in our schools or for our District! Send your nomination to jscotto@ccusd93.org – they may be included in an upcoming issue of *News from the Creek!*

Business Partner of the Month:

The **Business Partner of the Month** is **Lifetouch** and our local representative, Claire Smith. Lifetouch has donated time and services for professional pictures of

staff that are high resolutions and topnotch quality. Thank you, Lifetouch—we appreciate you.

Business Partner of the Month is to highlight the extraordinary businesses that go above and beyond to *Inspire Excellence* in the Cave Creek Unified School district.

For Your Information

Community flyers - click [here](#)

The award winning CSHS' *CSPress* – Please visit www.cactusshadowscspress.com

Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation (CCUEF) – Please visit www.ccuef.org

CCUSD's 2015-2016 Budget Resource Guide - Click [here](#)

CCUSD's Bond Brochure - Click [here](#)

CCUSD® Schools Accepting Open Enrollment – Click [here](#)

CCUSD® Partners Page - Click [here](#)

Raise the Curtain – Please visit www.facraisethecurtain.org

MedReturn Box –Drug Disposal Facility - MCSO District 4 Office, 37622 N. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek, AZ.

Desert Foothills Library information – Please visit www.desertfoothillslibrary.org