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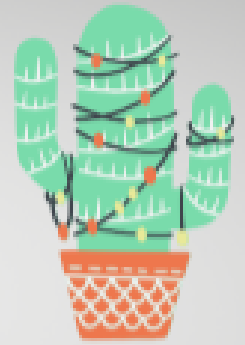
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## DECEMBER HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE



*toy drive*



**Join the Chandler CARE Center, Chandler Fire Department, and ICAN in providing gifts for Chandler kids in need!**

Your donation of a new, unwrapped gift will go to a Chandler child birth - 18 at our Holiday Assistance Day on December 18th.

Suggested donation values:

\$25 and under for toys

\$5, \$10, \$20 or \$25 denominations for gift cards  
(online retailers and businesses with Chandler locations suggested)

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Helmets are appreciated.

Please call us at 480-812-7900 to schedule donation deliveries.

Donations requested by 12/15/2021

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# Federal Budget \$



By Evan Ashby



The federal budget is the prediction of how much the government will spend and how much it will earn in a fiscal year. It begins when the president makes a detailed plan for public spending and tax increases in the upcoming year. After that, Congress questions Administration officials about their requests, and they draft their own plan called the budget resolution. The next step is the reconciliation, where they expedite the work of deciding on the necessary expenses and tax increases. However, reconciliation is an optional step in the process that can be avoided if the House and Senate both draft their own budget plans that they deem to be a proper substitute for the reconciliation. When asked about what he feared about the federal budget, Chase Hendrickson replied, "The government spends too much money and then we go into a recession." This is a common fear because of the massive amount of debt that the US is in, currently at a staggering \$26.7 trillion.

The last US government shutdown began December 22, 2018, and ended January 25, 2019. During that shutdown, 380,000 people couldn't work or get paid, while 420,000 people worked without pay. October 1, 2021, the US was going to have another government shutdown where hundreds of thousands of federal workers would go without pay because funding was set to run out by midnight. When asked, "What are you worried about when it comes to the federal budget?" Kirra Kaufman Johnson replied, "The government shutting down and therefore stopping the work on making much-needed changes to our society." Without funding to the federal employees, things like national parks, monuments, some museums, and many other federal services will shut down. But, Congress voted on a short-term funding bill hours before the deadline to prevent the government shutdown. The funding bill included government funding up until December 3, 2021, as well as funding for natural disasters and evacuees from Afghanistan.

Before October 28, 2021, there was a \$3.5 trillion infrastructure bill that was planned to get passed by October 31, 2021. The infrastructure bill included expanding education, health care, and child support, focusing on climate change, and dealing with the infrastructure. When asked about how he felt about the \$3.5 trillion infrastructure bill, Alec Lemons responded, "I'm glad they are trying to resolve budget problems because that seems like it might be a big problem for people. But I've read that that is not a lot of money to be put into something like that." Currently, the giant \$3.5 trillion bill was reduced to around \$1.8 trillion focused on climate change, providing jobs for Americans, and growing the economy, and having it middle out. This is a plan from the Biden administration called the Build Back Better Plan that is mainly focused on our economy. The reworked plan includes spending \$1.7 trillion on infrastructure, and an additional \$100 billion on immigration.

The President's 2022 fiscal year budget proposal involved spending over \$5 trillion on the Enact American Jobs Plan, the Enact American Families plan, and increasing non-defense discretionary funding. But, with things like raising corporate taxes, increasing taxes on high-income households, miscellaneous tax increases, and other spending reductions, he plans on only having a \$1.3 trillion federal deficit. The areas that will be most impacted by Biden's plan for the 2022 fiscal year are, the department of education, followed by the department of commerce, followed by the department of health and human services, finally followed by the environmental protection agency. But, discretionary spending has been restricted by the Budget Control Act of 2010, which capped spending on defense and non-defense spending with the goal of decreasing the federal deficit. So, the amount of money that the President is able to put into non-mandatory spending is severely limited.

# Quarter One Character Awards!



**Evan Ashby - Trustworthiness**



**Joey Kammerer - Citizenship**



**Laelah Nuriddin - Science**



**Chase Hendrickson - English**



**Alyanna Rivera - School Pride**



**Dahlia Torres - Social Studies**



**Jeremiah Zamani - Fairness**



**Margaret Harsen- Respect**



**Not Pictured: Adevyn Nuckells - Math & Rhianna Silver - Responsibility**



# Quarter Two Character Awards

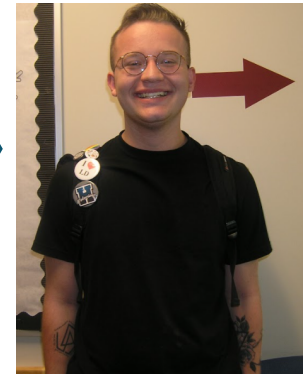
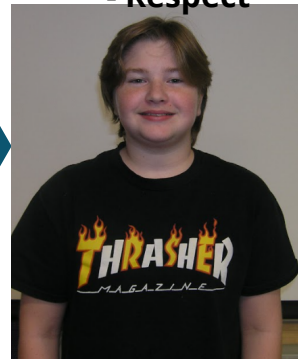
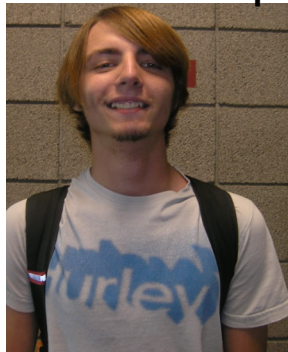


**JLore Chargualaf - Science**

**Malachi Jenkins  
- Citizenship**

**Regina Washington  
- Respect**

**Brayden Keith -  
School Pride**



**Landon Pillar  
-Trustworthy**

**Gefforey Gordon-English**

**Alex-Fairness**

**Ashton Branca-  
Responsibility**



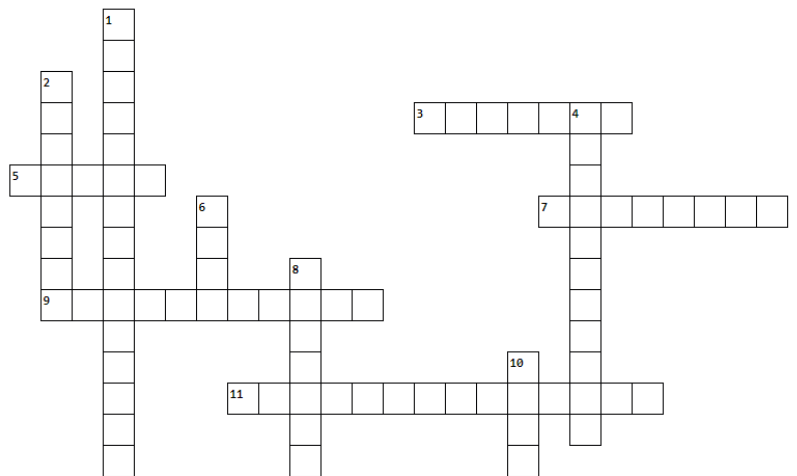
**Tarah Tisdale-Caring**

**Emily Myers-Math**



**Isela Gonzales- Quarter 1 Caring  
&  
Quarter 2 Social Studies**

## Awards Word Search



### Across

- 3. use good manners, not bad language
- 5. English teacher of CEC
- 7. principal of CEC
- 9. participating in opportunities that your school offers
- 11. be accountable for your words, actions and attitudes

### Down

- 1. be honest
- 2. take turns and share
- 4. Do your share to make your school and community better
- 6. math teacher of CEC
- 8. social studies/history teacher of CEC
- 10. office of CEC



# Labor Shortage Crisis

By Geoff Gordon



There is a labor shortage in the U.S., which historically means that wages will go up. A high demand for (yet low supply of) willing workers means that wages are being driven up drastically to attract more workers. If this shortage continues, inflation will rise and it could crash the economy. There are many reasons that this labor shortage continues to be a problem.

Kirra Kaufman Johnson's (11) thoughts on the matter include, "People, especially food customer service workers, teachers have realized that they make more on unemployment. And they don't have to deal with terrible work conditions and pay—as well as having to deal with horrible customers. It's up to those large corporations... to make the jobs more appealing." Jeremiah Zamani's explanation, "I think what has caused it is mostly the fact that people are making more money from stimulus checks without working, than they used to when they had jobs before. Other shortages have been caused by strikes and just simply inability for people to do them." It has had a profound impact on the lives of many working-age people, for some it has been a blessing, for others, a curse.

Aaron Haralson on the other hand has something else to say, "...I don't think it's so much of a sudden thing as much as it's been the last 2 years of COVID finally baring its fangs on the (specifically food) industry." Aaron Haralson (11) knows that the food industry has seen a massive impact since the start of this shortage. According to CNBC, "Unemployment rates for eating and drinking places and the retail industry are higher than the overall U.S. rate of 5.4%, at 8.4% and 6.4% respectively, as of July, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics." The official unemployment rate of the United States is 4.8%. Tyler Chaus has some thoughts on if the stimulus checks had an impact on the labor crisis, "Definitely people loved the thought of getting free money without working. They get comfortable as I said before." It's easy to understand why so many people quit their jobs for unemployment benefits; however, it does not make it a wise long term decision for the individual nor the country as a whole.

I personally believe that it's being made into more of a beneficial endeavor to quit your job and live off of unemployment benefits and stimulus checks, seeing as most who quit ended up making the same if not more money than they had made working. Large paychecks ranging from \$44.17 to \$466.14 every week for seemingly no work can make more than a few want to join in, as Tanner Gordon put it simply, "...Everyone loves a break." Michelle Kimball Abraham, who has been working at GE for eight years, says, "We have been essential for 18 months, and now we went from heroes to zeros," Even taking effect in some of the largest industries. Overall there is a large problem in the U.S. with unemployment that has led to higher wages and more.



# TikTok Challenges

By Alec Lemons

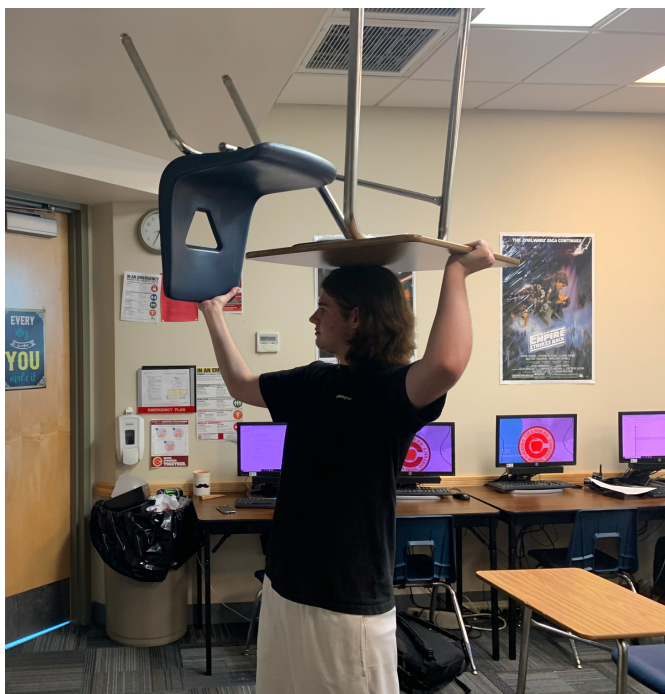


As social media is becoming a significant part of everyday life for everyone, trends and internet challenges are growing in popularity on apps like Instagram, YouTube, and most of all, TikTok. As of right now, kids all around the world are following a trend on TikTok where they participate in stealing school property for attention on the app. This has gotten so out of hand that it has come up on several worldwide news websites and television channels, informing people about what is going on inside high schools nowadays.

Though it has since been banned from the app, the "devious lick" TikTok challenge left behind some impactful yet memorable sights to see at certain high schools. High Schools and middle schools in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System have suffered from this TikTok challenge heavily. The spokesperson for the schools said that there have been more than 100 events involving theft and vandalism of school property within these 14 schools. Things got so out of hand that they had to send out a message to the parents of all the students, saying that students involved with the heinous activities will be punished and parents will have to pay fines. Many other school districts have had to do the same for their students and it's easy to see why.

CEC senior Savannah McIntyre laments that, "Devious licks are really stupid and immature in my opinion. The people stealing must know that they're going to get caught (because they're posting it on their social media!) I don't understand why people are doing it-- for five seconds of fame?"

It was unfortunate that this TikTok challenge became as popular as it is because it has done nothing but caused problems for people within high school communities. Even fellow students here at CEC know how stupid it is. Luckily, we don't have to deal with it on this campus. But the fact that this was a problem in the first place shows how just a simple app can have so much influence on kids nowadays.



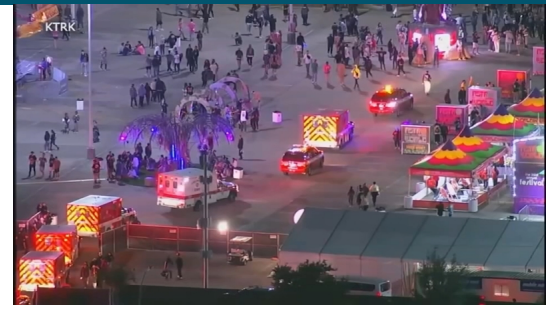
Aaron Haralson and Joe Jackman demonstrate the "devious lick" TikTok challenge



# The Tragedy at AstroWorld



By Khariel Holmes



The AstroWorld concert that took place November 5th, 2021 in Houston Texas, is now being called the AstroWorld tragedy. AstroWorld is an album project that started in 2018 but was announced in 2016. It would become Travis Scott's best-selling album, even reaching the top 200 on Billboard, and selling over 500,000 album copies.

SZA performed before all the chaos began, but before she could, the race to the ticket booth would begin. People were breaking down fences, jumping over gates to get to the booth first, trampling over others, and pushing them against the fence to break it down. After the chaos of it all, SZA began her performance. Someone did happen to faint, to which she noticed and halted her show for a moment, but she didn't dig too deep into it.

After SZA's performance, Travis Scott appeared to start his. Within the first hour, a crowd surf appeared, resulting in the entire crowd being pushed against each other, leading to injuries and people passing out. Fans were also jumping on the ambulance vehicles, making it impossible to get medical attention. Eight died, with two more passing due to injuries after the concert.

Scott made an apology on November 7th. He made a public statement which was shared on Twitter and national radio stations, "My admirers really mean the world to me, and I always want to leave with them, along with a positive experience and anytime I can make out anything that is going on, I stop the show and assist them to get the help they required, you know?" The video was posted on Twitter, and Scott was immediately criticized. A TikTok challenge emerged joking about the expression and feeling Scott gave in that video. Drake made a statement saying, "My heart is broken." And SZA said she was, "speechless."



# Super Bowl Predictions

By Joseph Jackman

The Super Bowl is the most prestigious event in all of American football, and garners viewers from all over the nation to see the two best teams of the season go against each other. One quality of the Super Bowl is predicting which teams will make it there. This is a very difficult one to predict due to the fact so many teams are at the same ratio of wins to losses. Although I haven't seen all the games, I have my pick.

Here are my 2022 Super Bowl predictions: Arizona Cardinals vs Tennessee Titans. My reasoning for this prediction is the fact that Tennessee Titans are on a win streak of six and Arizona Cardinals were undefeated for eight games. I think that this should be a good Super Bowl because both teams have high scoring games. Also they have the same record of eight and two and both have very good teams. The problem is that when it went head-to-head, the Arizona Cardinals destroyed the Tennessee Titans 38-13. Let's just hope it is not a blowout like the last Super Bowl.

Some of the star players in this game for the offense side for the Cardinals would be Kyler Murray as quarterback, Zach Ertz as Tight end and Deandre Hopkins as wide receiver and for the defense some of the star players are JJ Watt as defense end, Buddha Baker as Safety and D.J. Humphries as Left Tackle.

For the Titans, some of the star players for offense are Ryan Tannehill as quarterback, Derrick Henry as running back and Julio Jones as wide receiver. For the defensive side for the Titan are Kevin Byard at safety, Jeffery Simmons as defensive end and Bud Dupree as outside linebacker.

In the end, we all know the Raiders are not making playoffs and the Ravens are the best team to be rooting for. Let all enjoy the Super Bowl and party hard- but not too hard.



**VS.**



# Penny War Wrap Up

By Savannah McIntyre

This year's penny war has ended with a grand total of \$500. Half of the profit, \$250, was donated to the Chandler Care Center!

The penny war was a challenge between classes to receive the most pennies, without getting other forms of change or dollar bills.

The ending scores were (remember the higher to score, the better):

Mrs. Paul: 272

Mrs. Hickson: -2310

Mrs. Brown: -8805

Office: -2713

Regina Washington, 11th grade, says, "I donated money because I felt like being nice."

Mrs. Paul's 2nd-hour class, College Algebra, received a doughnut party as a reward.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

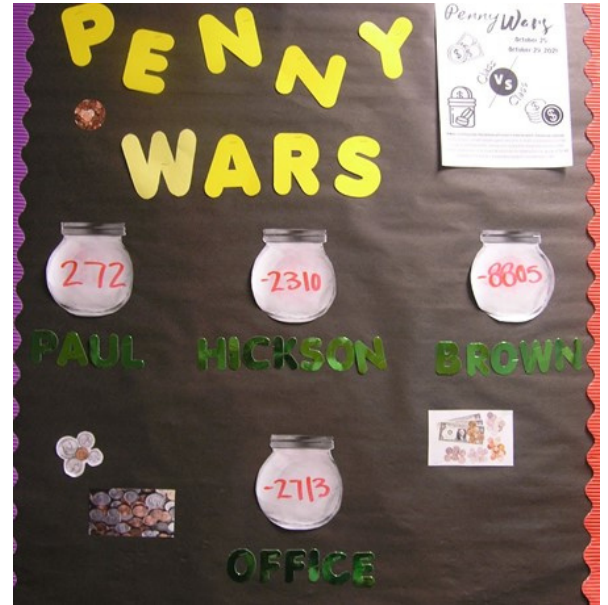


Photo by Savannah McIntyre



STUGO wrapping the pennies



STUGO delivering check to the Chandler Care Center



# Phone Addiction

By Johanna Pena

In today's society, they are two different people: those who have a problem with staying off their phones, and those who can stay off their phone for hours. Which person are you? Many people around the world today have a smartphone device. These mobile devices allow us to connect with people all around the world. They allow us to research and find any information we need. Almost every mobile user is suffering from an addiction to mobile phones these days. These mobile devices are also a really good source of entertainment. Everyone is pinned to their phone. These devices distract us and take away time from our daily life. Our surroundings and the lack of communication with our friends and family. We spend more time on our phones than we do then talking to our family. When you go out to a restaurant when you look around you see people more on their device then speaking to each other. If you notice is the teens and under that are on their phone or tablets and the elderly is having conversations. These devices are affecting communications with one another. My childhood was more of outdoor playing and talking to others now its phones, video games, how kids are wanting to game stream they will be there for hours on their gaming chairs.

Students are tied to their phones, and instead of talking with friends and family they rather be one their phone. When walking into a restaurant, you see families eating but the sad part is you don't see them talking to each other, not all families but most and also you see the kids on their phones instead of talking to their family. These devices have become an addiction in our society. Technology is all around us and everywhere you go you see it. Nowadays, you see cars driving by themselves and technology answering your questions. Children now prefer to be on a tablet or television rather than playing outside or drawing. Small children around 5 and under don't play with toys; rather you see them crying, throwing a tantrum for their mom's phones. Parents, to make them stop crying, they give them the phone. Imagine if the whole world had no internet; what would all the people who have addiction do? According to statistics, there is a high percentage of users that have phones. These mobile devices have caused a lot of damage within teens causing them anxiety and social media can lead to self low esteem. Also social media can lead to more, like teens taking their life. So many things you see online can be disturbing. Online can be an issue to someone's mental state, depression and feeling down. The beauty industry is making people believe they are not good enough. People on social media try putting the best version out there for people to see and making others believe their life is perfect. This can lead to you comparing yourself with how you look and your body and wishing you had this lifestyle with money. Little girls around 8 and up are getting low self-esteem, thinking they need to put on makeup to look pretty or how they don't want to have arm hair because they get called hairy. There will be times where you are just scrolling and you can come across a video where there would be a person dancing or just a video of this and the comment section can be so rude, either they are making fun of the person or body shaming it's rude to put that person down. This is a big issue because it can lead to someone feeling down and end up taking their lives. It's sad when going online and you see people making fun of how a person looks or skin color and this is the problem. Have you ever wondered that you can be a problem? That a very mean comment can be the issue and cause someone to have issues about themselves. They say if you don't have anything nice to say don't say it.

## Questions to ask yourself:

- Can you go a month without a smart device?
- If your phone falls, do you panic?
- How do you feel when you misplace your phone?
- Do you feel like you have to have the new phone to be cool or to fit in?
- Can you go to sleep without checking your phone?
- If they made you choose a social media app to delete, could you do it?
- When you were younger did you have a backup phone?
- Is it something you want or a necessity?



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