

Staff Report

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Arizona Teacher of the Year



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Maricopa County Trip Reduction Survey Starts Thursday

Keep an eye on your email for a link to the Maricopa County Trip Reduction Survey from the admin at your site. The survey opens on October 29. **The district is required by the county to have all employees take this survey and can be fined if the participation in the survey is too low.**

Thank you for your participation!

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Señora Wyffels Az Teacher of Year

The Arizona Educational Foundation Friday night named Sara Wyffels, who teaches Spanish at Chandler High, the Arizona Teacher of the Year. Sara will go on to represent Arizona in the National Teacher of the Year, travel to Washington, D.C (pending), travel to the International Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama and collect \$15,000. Congratulations to Sara!



Tribute to Beloved Coach

The CUSD Governing Board will vote on Wednesday to name the Chandler High School aquatic center in honor of Coach Kerry Croswhite, who died from Covid in July. The dedication ceremony will be at 10 a.m. on December 5.

Kerry Croswhite started teaching and coaching at Chandler High School in 2002. Kerry Croswhite had a positive impact on everyone in the Chandler High community. Teaching us all how to be honest and learn from hard situations, but more importantly, find a bright side when life is getting too hard.



We remember Kerry Croswhite for the tremendous man he was, we listen to his advice in this difficult time, and "pin our ears back and leave it all in the pool," just like he would want us to do.

[Read the full resolution here.](#)

PRIDE Committee Contacts

Elementary School	
Andersen	Kim Dougherty
Auxier	Krista Hughes
Basha	Michael Benson, Noah Harris
Bologna	Stephanie Sammons
Carlson	Michelle Lester
Conley	Jennifer Lewis
CTA-Freedom	Rose Marie Childress
CTA-Goodman	Karen Lee, Cammie Palagonia
CTA-Humphrey/Elite	Stephanie Shuey
CTA-Independence	Katie Herbert
CTA-Liberty	Kim Hartwig
Frye	Amanda Greene, Ileana Perez
Fulton	Molly Woodall
Galveston	Kristian Shanline
Haley	Chris Hammett
Hancock	Laura Lopez, Sandra Ruliffson
Hartford Sylvia Encinas	Julia Mazariegos
Hull	Melissa Mock
Jacobson	Christine Lautt
Knox	Paula DeSantis
Navarrete	Sonia Ballesteros
Patterson	Adrienne Speer
Rice	Christina McBlane
Riggs	Lyn Larson, Joni Oerter
Ryan	Amber Testa
Sanborn	LeAnna Farmer
San Marcos	Joan Scharich
Santan Elementary	Christine Portugal
Shumway	Veronica Foster
Tarwater	Erika Keil
Weinberg	Jennifer Nusbaum

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PRIDE Committee Recognizes Staff

The Apple Achievement Award is CUSD's staff recognition program. All certified and classified employees who are exemplary in the following areas are eligible to be nominated:

Certified

- Be a strong supporter of Chandler schools
- Demonstrate initiative in the improvement of instruction
- Display a genuine concern for and effectively communicate with students/staff
- Contribute to positive staff morale.
- Maintain high standards of professionalism
- Strive for personal and professional growth



Classified



- Be a strong supporter of Chandler schools.
- Demonstrate initiative in the improvement of instruction
- Exhibit a high degree of willingness to assist other staff member
- Display a genuine concern for and effectively communicate with students/staff
- Contribute to positive staff morale
- Strive for personal and professional growth
- Maintain high standards in all job-related tasks

PRIDE Committee

A specialized group of employees, the PRIDE committee is tasked completing nomination forms, submitting a narrative from CUSD employees for each nominee.

Promoting
Recognizing
Individual
District
Employees



Once nominations are submitted, the PRIDE committee is responsible for selecting one staff member and assist in selecting the volunteer and student from each site to receive a Triple A award at a recognition event at 6:30 p.m. on **February 17**.

You can help the PRIDE Committee at your site by informing them of a potential nominee. Refer to the PRIDE Committee contacts listed in this Staff Report for your site contact. Thanks to the individuals who are serving on the PRIDE Committee this year.

PRIDE Committee Contacts

Junior High School	
Andersen	Stormy Haffey
ACP- Oakland	Dana Oliden, Heather Orr
Basha AMS	Charles Johnson
Bogle	Kelli McDaid
Payne	Katrina Lago, Lindsie Spengler
Santan	Martha Zimpfer
Willis	Ranea Broadbent

High School Sites	
ACP- Erie	Kristin Patterson
Basha	Charles Johnson
Casteel	Judy King
Chandler	Tracey Rodarte
Hamilton	Darell Land
Perry	Kevin Ames

School & Ancillary Sites	
Chandler CARE Center	Katie Kahle
Chandler Early College	Gretchen Daley
Chandler Learning Center	Kim Wortman
Chandler Online	Denae Gleason
Chief Hill Learning Academy and ICAN	Maria Collea-Anderson
Community Education	Christina Speciale
Central Kitchen	Audri Knutson
District Office	Terry Locke, Chairperson
IRC	Evelyn Valle
Support Services	Jan Jensen
Transportation	Sandy Brown, Kim Gorrell
Warehouse	Diana Messersmith

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Social Media Post of the Week

Ryan Elementary school counselor Lisa Edwards posted about bullying prevention and inclusion week. She remembered to tag the district and tagged several others as well.



Thursday is World Stroke Day 2020

Strokes don't discriminate.

They can happen to anyone, at any age – and about one in four people worldwide will have one in their lifetime. The good news? 80% of first strokes may be prevented by making small changes. You can reduce your risk and improve brain function by maintaining whole-body wellness to help you feel stronger, healthier, and mentally sharp. Eating a diet full of fruits and vegetables, keeping blood pressure and cholesterol under control, resting, meditating, and taking a walk are all ways to maintain mental sharpness, which is important as the world navigates the COVID-19 pandemic. It can also reduce your stroke risk.

Getting emergency medical treatment for a stroke is safe, even during the pandemic. Calling 9-1-1 helps treatment start even before you reach the hospital, improving chances for a better recovery. Knowing the signs and symptoms of a stroke is easy when you learn and remember the acronym **F.A.S.T.**

- **Face Drooping**
- **Arm Weakness**
- **Speech Difficulty**
- **Time to Call 9-1-1**

Knowing F.A.S.T. and responding quickly in a stroke emergency may mean the difference between recovery and disability.

Learn more about stroke here: www.Stroke.org/Worldstrokeday.

Look at What's Going On Around the District



- **ACP-Erie** teacher Rachna Nath received \$1,000 grant in take-home STEM research equipment from Society for Science and the Public.



- **Chandler High School** alumni DeCarlos Brooks, current scholar-athlete on the football team at the University of California, Berkeley, was named as [a Scholar Athlete of the Week](#).



- **CTA-Freedom** kindergarten students enjoyed a nature walk while learning about living and non-living things in social science. These scientists collected data and recorded their observations to later share with their talk buddy in class.

- **Bologna Elementary** is starting their pumpkin decorating contest based on each student's favorite book followed up by a class reading picnic.



- **CTA-Liberty** has been participating in bully prevention month. The students are learning about what bullying is, how to recognize, and stop or prevent it. They are also developing a plan of action so if they see or are bullied they know what to do. CTA-Liberty wore orange on Wednesday for Inclusion Day to show they are UNTIED against bullying and they will promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

Important Dates

- **October 30**
Thanksgiving and Toy Registration Deadline for the Chandler CARE Center. Call 480-812-7900 for more information.
- **October 30**
[Creative Expression Contest](#) entries due.
- **October 31**
VFW [Patriots Pen entries due](#) (grades 6-8). Please send to Joshua Grant at commander@mccainvfw7401.org.
- **October 31**
VFW [Voice of Democracy entries due](#) (grades 9-12). Please send to Joshua Grant at commander@mccainvfw7401.org.
- **October 31**
VFW Teacher of the Year entry deadline. Please send [the completed nomination form](#) to Joshua Grant at commander@mccainvfw7401.org.
- **November 9**
Deadline to nominate a Librarian for the "[I Love My Librarian](#)" award.
- **November 10**
Parent Education Presentation at Casteel High 6 – 7:30 p.m. Topic: Teen Depression and Anxiety-How you can help your child

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Governing Board Agenda

Agenda for Wednesday, October 28, 2020

7 p.m. — Business meeting

Action Items

- Consent agenda
- Resolution calling for naming the aquatic center at Chandler High School in honor of Kerry Crosswhite
- Elementary playground upgrades

Information Item

- Update on COVID-19
- Financial data for the period of July 1, 2020- September 30, 2020
- CUSD Board agenda roadmap
- Citizen comments
- Superintendent comments
- Board member recognition/comments

Note: Board meeting recordings and other CUSD event videos are now posted online and can be accessed through the Chandler EdTV website, www.CET99.org. Click the "Watch" tab to see the videos. This is in addition to the regular air times on the cable channel and video stream.

Agendas available online 24 hours prior to the meeting at:
www.cusd80.com/school-board.html

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