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Social Media Post of the Week

Tabitha Hickey, kindergarten teacher at Hartford Sylvania Encinas, posted about "Cookie Election Day" on Tuesday. She remembered to tag the district and she tagged the cookies involved @ChipsAHoy and @Oreo. Kindergarteners at Hartford vote for kindness.

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CUSD School Counselors, Social Workers Hope Week: November 9-13

Every student deserves to be protected against hopelessness. Help us celebrate **HOPE WEEK November 9-13**

School Counselors and Social Workers district wide are choosing to do a variety of activities all week.

They will be using the hashtag **#athopeCUSD** on all social media posts and tagging us @CUSDcounselingandsocialservices.

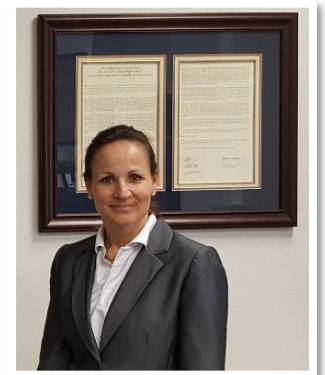
Hope is recognized as one of the most significant dynamic cognitive skills required for success in our students. It is the energy that frames resiliency, self-regulation, social-emotional learning, optimism, grit, self-efficacy, and achievement. Hope is critical to well-being in all its forms. Students need adults who truly BELIEVE in them and CONNECT with them in meaningful way to help them establish goals and create pathways towards future success.



Sandy Lundberg Memorial Educator Nominations Open for Submissions

[Sandy Lundberg Memorial Educator of the Year Award](#) is designed to promote Sun Lakes Rotary as well as recognize and reward excellence in Education as reflected in the School District and the general Community. Candidates for awards should follow the guidelines listed below:

- [Complete the nomination form located on the website](#) and provide all required documentation.
- **Candidate must self-nominate** and show ability/interest in Sun Lakes Rotary and promotion of Rotary. *Candidate **does not** have to be a previous Sun Lakes Rotary Teacher of the Month.*
- **Eligibility:** Candidate must be an educator in good standing in Chandler Unified School District and the community. **This includes teachers, administrators, and support staff.**
- **Deadline for entries: January 31, 2021.** Submit the nomination and documentation to:



Sun Lakes Rotary Club
Attn: **Grace Wilson-Woods and Maureen Alger**
P.O. Box 13094, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

- Keep a copy of all information submitted.
- **Award:** \$2,000 check (*joint sponsorship between Sun Lakes Rotary and Intel Corporation*) and an honorary 6-month membership in Sun Lakes Rotary Club, July - December 2021. Three finalists will be selected. The winner will be notified by April 30, 2021.

1st Bank Sponsors Cash for Classrooms

Chandler Education Foundation's Cash for Classrooms enrichment grants are made possible because our community values high quality education. 1stBank is a consistent supporter of the Foundation and there are two gentlemen we would like to introduce you to (*if you don't already know them*). Matt Marshall pictured on the left, is the CEF Board Chair and has served the Foundation in a volunteer capacity for more than 6 years. Matt is also the past Board President of the Chandler Compadres, an organization that has provided tremendous support to students and families in our district. Matt has children who attend Basha Elementary School.



Mr. Ross Jackson, also with 1stBank, has supported the Foundation for years and has a child who attends CTA Humphrey. You may have seen him volunteering to read scholarships or grant applications or on one of our CUSD busses delivering grant awards during the WOO HOO Patrol. On more than one occasion he has patiently counted coins from school coin drives and assisted with deposits for PTO fundraisers.

Knowing the people behind the campaign can help a lot when it comes to deciding where to donate your money. Through 1stBank's investment in the Cash for Classrooms campaign, CEF is able to commit more funds directly to the classroom. Will you join Matt and Ross in their support of our students? Donate online at ChandlerCashForClassrooms.org or through [iVisions payroll deduction](#).

November Equity Lecture and Film Series

Reframing the Latinx Educational Experience

When: November, 16, 6-7:30 p.m. (Zoom link is emailed after registering)

Speaker bio: [Dr. Juan Carrillo](#), Associate Professor – Arizona State University, Mary Fulton Teachers College

This lecture will look at the role of self/family in historically marginalized communities, with a particular focus on Latinx students. Dr. Carrillo will focus on the schooling trajectories of academically successful Latinx students that come from working-class origins. Implications will be made related to teaching and the role of "home" as a cultural, academic, and overall transformative site of identity formation.

[Click here to Register.](#)



Important Dates

- **November 1-30**
American Heart Association [Eat Smart Month](#).
- **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.
- **November 15-21**
Online Heart Auction Ball: The Phoenix Heart Ball lends a voice to heart disease by raising funds and awareness for vital community programs, professional education and research that benefits the AHA. [Register today.](#)
- **November 19**
American Heart Association "The Heart of Giving" 8-9 a.m. (virtual). Executive Leadership Teams and Greater Phoenix Board are joining forces on behalf of the mission of the AHA. They will be joined by special guest **NFL Superbowl Champion Seth Joyner!** **ACTION:** [Register Here](#)
- **December 1**
Giving Tuesday: When 2,300 Americans die from cardiovascular disease each day, it is past time to take action. **ACTION:** [Click here to donate now!](#)

A Look at What's Going On Around District

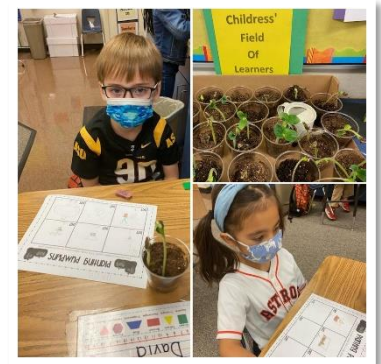


- Pictured on the cover: **Hull Elementary** second graders from Heidi Raaf's classroom went to the polls and voted! They had spent the past couple of weeks learning about voting and the process and then voted for the best candidate! -Duck vs Grace!

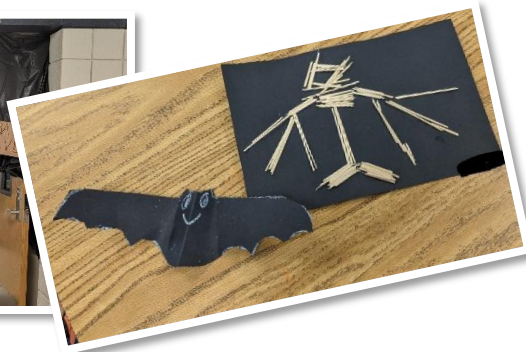


- **CTA-Humphrey** votes for their favorite Arizona sports team.

- **CTA-Freedom** first graders learned about the lifecycle of a pumpkin seed.



- **CTA Freedom** fourth grade is leaving drugs in the past, by participating in Red Ribbon Week.



- Second graders at **Hull Elementary** went batty! They have been reading informational text and using information to demonstrate what they have learned. Students researched, wrote, drew, and had a STEM project to create their favorite type of bat!

- **Elite Performance Academy** eighth grader Ashley Nevison, was recognized by [Points of Light](#) for creating a non-profit to benefit animals and people. "Launching [Sargeant's Army](#) in 2018, the 8th-grade she has focused on offering hope to those in need, whether it's through her homemade cat toys and blankets which go to foster homes for cats and kittens who are waiting for their forever home, essentials for the homeless or most recently, masks for hospital personnel and essential workers. Connecting with more than 1,000 people across greater Phoenix and beyond she is acting as a service role model to others."

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Community Elects Three to School Board

On Tuesday, the Chandler Unified School District Community elected Barb Mozdzen, Joel Wirth, and Jason Olive to the school board. They will get sworn into office in January to serve 4-year terms.



Barb Mozdzen is the current Governing Board President, and this will be her fourth consecutive term. Her children attended Shumway and Sanborn Elementary, Andersen and Willis Junior Highs, and Chandler High School.

Joel Wirth is the district's former chief financial officer. Joel has three children and eight grandchildren of which six attend Chandler schools.



Jason Olive is a CUSD parent. He is very excited to serve on the board. The Olives have been in CUSD for 19 years. They have one child who recently graduated and one who attends Perry High School.

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