

# Staff Report

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**Social Media Post of the Week**

**Santan Junior High** posted a tribute to their health assistant Kerry Lantgen as the "superhero behind the mask." The post was well-liked, and they remembered to tag the district.

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## Casteel, Perry Students Win State

**Casteel High** junior Brecken Scroggin (pictured left) won the state championship in the girls 1-meter diving on November 5 at Brophy College Prep in Phoenix.

**Perry High** junior Evan Nail (pictured right) won the state championship in the boys 200 yard freestyle on November 6 at Skyline Aquatic Center in Mesa.



## Hamilton Girls Win Volleyball Title

Hamilton High defeated rival Perry 3-1 Saturday night at Mesquite High to win the state girls volleyball title. The Pumas, playing in their second straight 6A state championship game, won the opener 25-19 before the Huskies prevailed in the next three, 25-12, 25-22 and 25-18 to win their first state title. Congratulations to Huskies coach Sharon Vanis and Pumas coach Fred Mann on great seasons.



## CUSD Nutrition Recognized Nationally

[Food Management Magazine](#) has recognized Chandler Unified School District for a "Best K-12 Meals" in the country. The food and nutrition department won the "Best Salad" for the popcorn chicken salad entry. This is a great accomplishment and highlights the food innovations happening in the field. Photo credit comes from Casteel High School.

**Meal description:** Crispy romaine lettuce, diced cabbage, julienned carrots, shredded cheddar cheese and a hard-boiled egg topped with crispy popcorn chicken, served with housemade dinner roll, milk and juice on the side, it's easily a fan favorite at CUSD!



## A Look at What's Going On Around District



- **Hull Elementary** students and staff "give drugs the boot" during spirit week on Western Day.



- Danielle Gilbert's community preschool classroom at **Shumway Leadership Academy** investigated pumpkins and learned all about their lifecycle.

- **Rice Elementary** security guard Scott Frye enjoys a game of jump rope with kindergartners at recess.



- **Santan Junior High** student council collected Fry's Gift Cards to help support Chandler Care Center's Thanksgiving distribution. By collecting gift cards, they were able to successfully and safely help families in need. Students brought in gift cards they purchased from Fry's Marketplace and donated them to student council. From there, Santan's STUCO was able to buy from the list of supplies and package a great Thanksgiving dinner for the families who needed it the most. Thanks to Santan's generous students and staff, they were able to raise a total of \$1,435! Santan was able to package and donate 122 Thanksgiving meals for the Chandler Care Center.

- **Payne Junior High** builders club students, under the direction of Rosemary Schlechty, made holiday decor for nursing home residents to brighten their holidays.





## CUSD Counselors Hope Week Highlights

Counselors and social workers across the district celebrated Hope Week November 9-13. The Chandler Education Foundation created videos for [Perry High](#) and [Galveston Elementary](#) to highlight their social emotional learning campaign. Additionally, the CUSD CARES activity book ([also available digitally on the website](#)) was provided to every Title I elementary student with colored pencils and a sharpener.

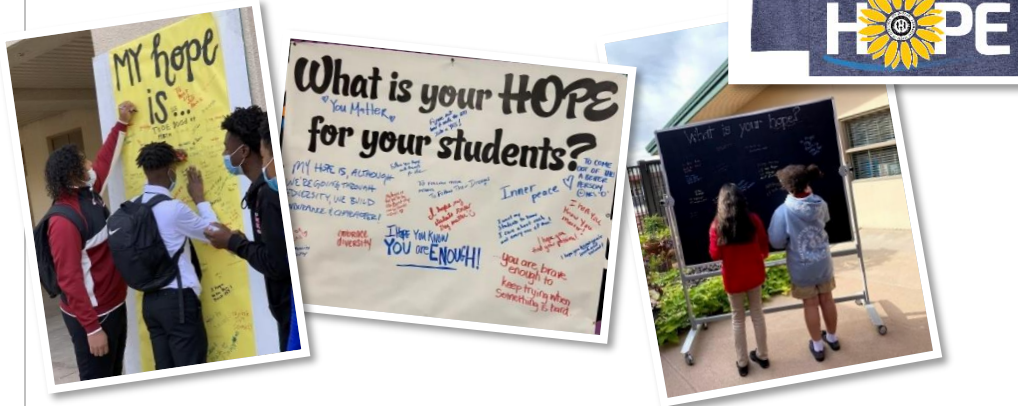
Finally, all CUSD staff have the opportunity to purchase a hope t-shirt. [Click here to order a tshirt](#). Pictured on the cover: Casteel counselors sport their hope shirts.

### CARES T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

ORDER BY DECEMBER 4 to receive shirt before holiday break!



**Allmade® Unisex Tri-Blend Tee**  
Crazy-soft sustainable tee that uses plastic bottles and U.S. grown cotton.  
• XS - 3XL  
• \$15.00 each



## CUSD Trip Reduction Winners

Thank you for busing, biking, walking, telecommuting, and riding to work. Winners received a giftcard for \$25 or \$15.

### \$15 Gift Card Winners

**Christina Oltmann-Miller** – Chandler Online, Little Caesars  
**Carolyn Ragatz** – Weinberg, Taco Bell  
**Karen Rumple** – Transportation, Chipotle  
**Susan Skousen** – Chandler Online, Subway  
**Elizabeth Speciale** – Tarwater, Jack in the box  
**Anju Sutaria** – Hamilton High, Taco Bell  
**David Terrace** – Warehouse, Chipotle  
**Karen Thordarson** – Bogle Junior High, Whataburger  
**Sarah Wiese** – Willis Junior High, Subway  
**Roxanne Williams** – Chandler Online, Jack in the box  
**Carol Wood** – Andersen Junior High, Taco Bell  
**Jennifer Wortzel** – Basha High, Chipotle

### New Participant Winners – \$25 Gift Card

**Sonia Ballesteros** – Navarrete, McDonalds  
**Lorrie Calvert** – Casteel High, Subway  
**Yasmin Cobos** – CTA-Liberty, Red Robin  
**Mark Gonzales** – San Marcos, Bass Pro Shops  
**Jennifer Mack** – Riggs, IHOP  
**Howard McPhail** – Santan Junior High, Chili's  
**Kathy Mejia** – Santan Junior High, Outback Steakhouse  
**Dyan Randall** – Hamilton High, Macy's  
**Hayley Reichert** – Haley, Chipotle  
**Sherri Schripsema** – Casteel High, Mimi's Café  
**Logan Smith** – Haley, El Pollo Loco

### \$25 Gift Card Winners

**Heather Ackerman** – Patterson, Panda Express  
**Sonia Ballesteros** – Navarrete, Cracker Barrel  
**Martha Barrientes** – Casteel High, Panera Bread  
**Jennifer Burks** – Perry High, Lowe's  
**Lorrie Calvert** – Casteel High, Buffalo Wild Wings  
**Brian Dahlem** – Perry High, Starbucks  
**Christina DeHart** – Sanborn, Cheesecake Factory  
**Pamela DeRosa** – Chandler Online, JCPenney  
**Steve Druvenga** – Jacobson, Olive Garden  
**Kevin Hartfield** – Basha High, Kohl's  
**Howard McPhail** – Santan Junior High, Texas Roadhouse  
**Noemi Navarrete** – Frye, Cabela's

# Thank you!

### Important Dates

#### November 1-30

American Heart Association [Eat Smart Month](#).

#### 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!](#)

#### December 2

Parent Presentation on "Mindfulness and your Mental Well-Being!"- 6 – 7:15 p.m. [Virtual- Google Meet Link](#)

#### December 14

Equity Lecture and Film Series: It's All about Listening: Engaging Diversity of Thoughts and Having Crucial Conversations. Speaker: [Dr. Madelaine Adelman](#), Professor, Arizona State University – School of Social Transformation. Click here to [REGISTER](#).

#### December 18- January 4

Kids Express Winter Break Camp 2020, 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Closed on December 25 and January) Location: Hancock. [Register today!](#)

#### December 21-30

Little Explorers Winter Break Camp, 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (Closed on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1) Location: Chandler High. [Register today!](#)

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# December Parent Presentations, Events

## Parent Presentation on “Mindfulness and your Mental Well-Being!”

This presentation is to focus on self-care. There is a great deal of stress we all face every day and especially during the Holidays. You will see with practice and strategies learned in this presentation that you will have more time, more energy and patience with your teens.

**Date:** December 2

**Time:** 6 – 7:15 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual - Google Meet Link - <https://meet.google.com/csu-pxxd-kkh?hs=122&authuser=0>

**Presenter:** Frank Daly (Mindfulness Coach)

**Facilitator:** Rajani Rastogi, LMSW (HHS Social Worker)

## 2020-2021 Equity Lecture and Film Series

**It's All about Listening: Engaging Diversity of Thoughts and Having Crucial Conversations**

**Date:** Monday, December 14, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Webinar

**Speaker Bio:** [Dr. Madelaine Adelman](#), Professor, Arizona State University – School of Social Transformation

Serving and meeting the diverse learning and socio-emotional need of students in K-12 public schools in the 21st century requires ongoing partnership between school, parent and community. Engaging the diverse needs demands ongoing civil discourse between all entities especially as schools are thrust in the culture wars in our society. What role does our varied identity play in how we see and navigate the world? How can we see others perspective who may differ from our own? In this lecture, participants will learn to engage in civil discourse with others who may differ from their own identity as we work to meet the diverse needs of students in our community.

Click here to [REGISTER](#).

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