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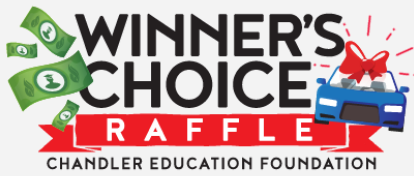
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Win the choice: \$27,000 off the MSRP of a new Toyota or \$20,000 in cash! (Grand prize drawing March 22, 2021)

**CEF Winners Choice Raffle
Early Bird Drawing**

Winner's Choice Early Bird winners were drawn last week. Want to see if you won? Visit www.cef-raffle.com for a list of winners and their prizes or to purchase tickets. It is not too late to get your tickets for the Grand Prize drawing on March 22, 2021. This raffle benefits the Chandler Education Foundation scholarship program for CUSD seniors.

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Black History Month Celebration

CUSD celebrated Black history on Wednesday at the Governing Board meeting. African American school administrators read the Black History Proclamation and Heather Tawney, sixth grade teacher from Ryan Elementary School, shared a Black History lesson taught to her class that highlighted other "change makers" from the Civil Rights movement.

Claudette Colvin, a young 15 year old, lesser known change agent who participated and took action during the Civil Rights Movement. Claudette was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. She was charged and served time in jail because she chose to take action and participate in improving the repressive parameters in the lives of black Americans. Students discussed Claudette Colvin's character traits and saw her as brave, passionate, stubborn, and confident. Students engaged and explored the idea of participating in change by analyzing the actions of Claudette and constructing their own action ideas to participate in supporting the changes they felt passionate about. Some students wrote about conserving water, some wrote about defending LGBTQ minorities, and some wrote about standing up against racism and discrimination towards people of color and individuals with disabilities. Their ideas and words are full of hope and positive change to come, inspired by the same hope and positive change that has taken place because of black Americans such as Claudette Colvin.

The Black history celebration concluded with a tribute to Dr. Casteel through the poem of Amanda Gorman the 2021 Inaugural Poet

"for there is always light if only we're brave enough to SEE it, if only we're brave enough to BE it."

Dr. Camille Casteel- We the Black Educators in CUSD thank you for being our light. Thank you

Casteel, Navarrete Teachers Honored

The Sun Lakes Rotary honored **Jamie Cordova** from **Casteel High** (left) as teacher of the month for January and **Lisette Bingold** from **Navarrete Elementary** (right) as teacher of the month for February.

They received a framed certificate, \$500 from the Sun Lakes Rotary - sponsored by Trust Bank and Earnhardt Auto Centers.



Chandler Innovation Fair

The [Chandler Innovation Fair](#) will take place virtually this month. The site be live at 9 a.m. on February 19.

[CIF Website](#) (opens at 9 a.m. on Friday)

This year's Fair will include:

- Traditional CIF categories
- Virtual Interviews (grades 9-12)
- Remote Judging
- Virtual Project displays
- Virtual field trips and STEM experiences
- Community Partnerships
- Contributions from CTE



HISEF and special awards will be announced during a pre-recorded ceremony in March.



Social Media Post of the Week

Sanborn Elementary posted about students making Valentines for frontline workers and senior citizens for Congressman Greg Stanton's valentine project. They remembered to tag the district and tagged the congressman. Great job!

Sun Lakes Rotary Educator of the Year Deadline Extended to February 28

[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.

Deadline for entries has been extended to February 28. 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

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.



Important Dates

- **February 8-19**
CUSD [Trip Reduction Contest](#).
- **February 16**
Maricopa Region 6 Spelling Bee
Host District: Chandler (virtual).
Spellers check in at 8 a.m., Bee begins at 8:30 a.m.
- **February 19**
Chandler Innovation Fair. [Website opens](#) at 9 a.m.
- **February 22**
Equity Lecture and Film Series:
NotYourModelMinority: Moving Beyond Stereotypes of Asian American and Pacific Islander Students, 6-7:30 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Kathryn Nakagawa, Associate Professor of Asian Pacific American Studies, Arizona State University – School of Social Transformation. Click here to [REGISTER](#).
- **February 28**
Sun Lakes Rotary Educator of the Year Application Deadline.
- **March 22**
Chandler Education Foundation Winner's Choice car or cash raffle drawing. Buy a ticket today at www.cef-raffle.com

Santan Elementary Teacher Lauded

Maryann Eberhart, Santan Elementary sixth grade teacher, was nominated by one of her student's parents for the KTAR Pay Tribute to a Teacher Award on the Gaydos and Chad show. When Maryann received the call Monday afternoon, she thought she was being interviewed, along with multiple other nominees, to see who would win. Instead, she learned she had been selected and will be the recipient of \$2,500. Congratulations, Maryann!



A Look at What's Going on Around the District



- **Hamilton High School** senior Ariz Zhu has been named a Coca Cola Scholarship Regional Finalist!



- **Hull Elementary** students made Valentines for Congressman Greg Stanton's Valentine's Day Project.

- **Perry High School** advanced dancers Gabby Schibi, Izie Figueroa and Caroline Alexander who were named 2020-21 Dance Education Advocacy Student Essay Contest winners by the Arizona Dance Education Organization.



- **Hamilton High** Academic Decathlon team competed virtually and once again finished top in the region. Hamilton is very proud of the decathletes for adapting to an entirely different way of competing, proving that the kids are intelligent, resilient, and driven to remain the top program in the state. A very special congratulations to the incredible freshman, Chloe Zhan, who placed first overall, not only in the region, but in the entire state. A freshman has never done this before! In addition, every single student on the team earned at least one individual medal.

- **Chandler High** Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA) competed in the virtual Spring Leadership Conference in January and February in everything from Business Ethics to Computer Programming. Aryan Mathur and Ivan Miller took first in Computer Problem Solving and Management Information Systems. Claire Adams took third in Political Science.



Aryan Mathur



Ivan Miller



Claire Adams



- **CTA-Humphrey** first graders worked with media specialist Karen Strong to recreate the story Henry and Mudge and the Long Weekend. Using iPads, they make their own castles.

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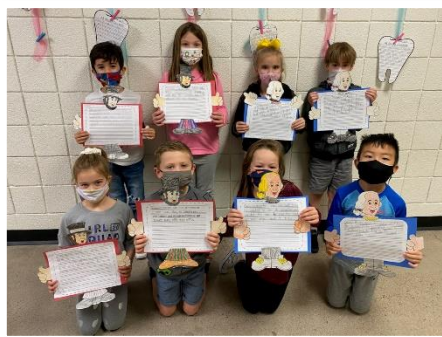
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A Look at What's Going on Around the District

- During a Council Study Session, Mayor Kevin Hartke and the City Council recognized **Chandler High School** and **Hamilton High School** football teams for having top football programs in the state. Chandler won the Arizona State Championship football game, and Hamilton was the runner up in the Championship.



- Hull Elementary** first graders in Jaime Breedlove's classroom learned about the Founding Fathers ahead of Presidents Day.



- Happy Hank from Gabriels Angels teaches **CTA-Humphrey** students to believe in themselves and know they can be whatever they want to be. Self-confidence was the theme of this week and students left knowing they can be successful if they put their mind to it.

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