

Staff Report

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Social Media Post of the Week

Rice Elementary posted on Instagram about a first-grade spring project. The pictures were great, and they remembered to tag the district on Instagram @cusd80.

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Board Stays Internal for Interim Supe

The Chandler Unified School District Governing Board on Wednesday night unanimously voted to name Frank Narducci as the District's Interim Superintendent effective July 1, 2021. As Interim Superintendent, Mr. Narducci will have full authority to lead the District.

See the Board's message to the community here:

Mr. Narducci has 38 years of experience in the field of education, beginning as a classroom teacher then moving to leadership positions at the building and district level. He has been a well-respected and trusted administrator in the Chandler Unified School District for 25 years, serving as Assistant Superintendent on Dr. Camille Casteel's executive team from 2011 to the present. He has a wide range of expertise related to curriculum, instruction, business, and program development. In addition, Mr. Narducci is active in the community serving in leadership roles on several foundations and boards. In his communication with the Governing Board, Frank expressed his excitement and optimism for the 2021-2022 school year. He looks forward to working with others to create a positive experience for our outstanding students, supportive families, and dedicated staff. We are confident Frank's leadership will result in a smooth transition for the school community.



As we near the end of this school year, it is the time to celebrate the accomplishments and resilience of our students, recognize the dedication of our staff, and thank our supportive community. It is also time to express gratitude for Dr. Casteel's 25 years of stellar service as Superintendent as we look forward to the District's continued success under Mr. Narducci's strong leadership.

AJHS Principal Recognized

Grand Canyon University honors the work of principals demonstrating creativity and vision at their schools in the following categories:

- Implementing or supporting STEM-related pathways and programs.
- Implementing or supporting trauma-informed practices.
- Implementing or supporting innovations designed to increase student success.

One principal is selected each month, from September through May. **Andersen Junior High** principal **Allyson Stewart** was selected for March. Congratulations!



CUSD Students Shine at the Arizona State Science Fair



Although Chandler Unified educates only about 3% of the students in Arizona, CUSD students took home more than one third (37%) of the state's award-winning projects at the Arizona Science and Engineering Fair (AzSEF). Additionally, CUSD students represent 48% of the students qualifying for the prestigious Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). Lastly, CUSD students won 30% of the AzSEF special awards.

AzSEF is the science and engineering fair for the state of Arizona and is managed by Arizona Science Center. AzSEF brings together hundreds of science fair first-place winners from across Arizona to compete for thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarships.

[Click here to see all the 2021 CUSD AZSEF winners.](#)

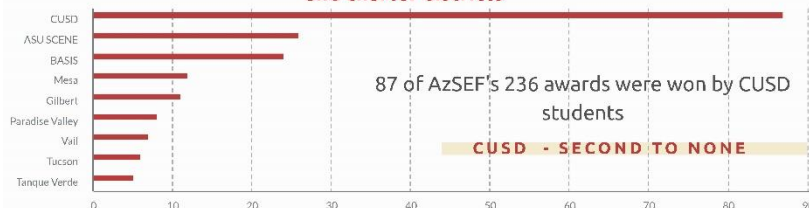


Arizona State Science and Engineering Fair 2021



CUSD Leads the way at AzSEF

CUSD Students take home 36.86% of the AzSEF Awards - leading all public, private, and charter districts



AzSEF Division Awards



26 First-place winners from CUSD



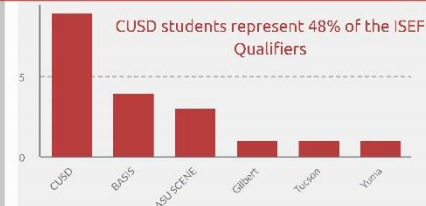
20 Second place winners from CUSD



12 Third place winners from CUSD

Best of Fair and Regeneron ISEF Qualifiers

Michelle Sheikh - ACP Erie
Aahana Dugar - ACP Erie
Blake Enwiller - ACP Erie
Nevan Hanford - ACP Erie
Xenia Zhao - Hamilton
Chole Zhan - Hamilton
Taneesha Kapadia - Hamilton
Medha Tambe - Hamilton
Anshul Verma - Hamilton



Broadcom Award Winners

Prisha Shroff

*Basha Accelerated
Middle School*

**Broadcom Foundation
Coding with
Commitment Award**

Addison Shell

ACP Oakland

**Broadcom MASTERS
Nominee**

Sophia Baker

ACP Oakland

**Broadcom MASTERS
Nominee**

Special Award Winners

**Number of Special Awards
won by CUSD students**

10

AzSEF presents 30 Special Awards. CUSD's 10 winners represent the greatest number of special awards won by any district (public, private, or charter) in the state of Arizona.

Superintendent Retirement: Outdoor Reception

The Governing Board of the Chandler Unified School District cordially invites staff to the Retirement Celebration (outdoor reception) for Dr. Camille Casteel.

When: April 29, 2021, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (program starts at 7:30 p.m.), at Chandler High School, Austin Field. Shuttle buses will be provided from Chandler High School parking lots. **Masks will be required.**

[Please RSVP to the event](#) as soon as you can. This helps the central kitchen to plan for the food needs. Additionally, you can send best wishes to Camille on the website here: [Read or Send Best Wishes to Dr. Casteel](#)

Finally, the Chandler Education Foundation has created a [scholarship](#) in honor of Dr. Camille Casteel. In lieu of gifts, Dr. Casteel requests that you [donate to the scholarship fund](#) to help students attain a college education.

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Dr. Camille Casteel

April 29, 2021
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(Program at 7:30 p.m.)

Chandler High School (Austin Field)
350 N. Arizona Ave, Chandler, AZ 85225

Chandler Education Foundation has created a scholarship in honor of Dr. Camille Casteel. For more information visit: cusd80.com/CasteelScholarship

RSVP: cusd80.com/retirement

Local Business Donates to CUSD Lunch Accounts



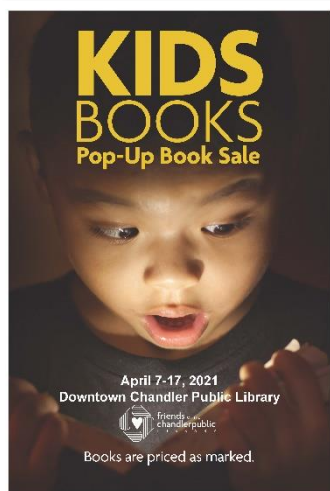
Barrett Financial Group, a local mortgage broker, and United Wholesale Mortgage, one of the nations top lenders, presented a check for \$50,000 to Camille Casteel and Chief Financial Office Lana Berry for the district's lunch fund.

CEF Raffle Winner Chooses Car

Congratulations to Santan Elementary sixth grade English Language Arts teacher Katrina Delsante, the grand prize winner of Chandler Education Foundation's Winner's Choice raffle. Katrina chose the car! A shout out to Brett and Chris at [Big Two Toyota](#) for making the process easy. In addition, CEF would like to thank Katy Chong and all the team at Toyota Financial Services for supporting the Early Bird drawing. This was a record year, with over 6,900 tickets purchased in support of the students and staff of CUSD. What a difference our community makes!



Chandler Library Pop-Up Book Sale



The Chandler library pop-up kids books sale started last week and will go through Saturday at the Downtown Chandler Public Library. Find a gift for someone or a treasure for yourself. Your purchase helps fund library programs and services. Rather shop online? Find kids' books and more at Friends of the [Chandler Library Amazon shop](#).

Address: 22 S Delaware St, Chandler, AZ 85225
Delaware St. is 1/4 mile east of Arizona Ave., and the library is south of Chandler Blvd on the west side of the street. The parking lot is just south of the building.

Downtown Hours:
Monday - Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Thursday - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

New Email Signature Tagline Generator Now Ready!

An easy-to-use **Signature Tagline Generator** has been created to help us make our email signatures consistent and professional, ADA compliant, as well as provide some other features that will promote our schools. If you haven't already done so **last week**, please take a moment to visit the [CUSD Email Signature Tagline Generator](#) to create yours. Simple instructions are included in the form. (See sample email signature tagline below.)

Please also visit the newly-updated [CUSD Email Signature Tagline Generator](#) even if you previously *tested the first draft* a month ago or earlier. (Thank you for assisting with the pilot test. Some issues were reported and have been corrected in this final version.)

FYI: The tagline generator will prompt you to sign into the district website if you are not already signed in. Your login username is your **lastname.firstname** (not your entire email address) and the same password you use for your computer.

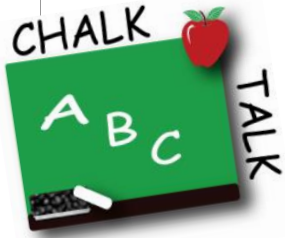
If you have any difficulty or questions about the Email Signature Tagline Generator, feel free to contact Jeff La Benz in Community Relations.



Important Dates

- April 13**
 Department of Counseling and Social Services presentation: Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Mental Health, 6-7:30 p.m. [Virtual via Google Meet](#).
- April 14-May 6**
 2021 CUSD Art Show at the Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery.
- April 15**
 2022 Grammy Music Educator Awards Application Deadline. Learn more the [2022 Music Educator Award here](#).
- April 19**
 Equity Lecture and Film Series: Lecture: Unpackaging Experiences of American Life Among Asian American/Pacific Islander Students, 6-7:30 p.m. Speaker: Dr. Brandon Yoo, Associate Professor – School of Social Transformation and School of Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University. [Click here to REGISTER](#).
- May 1-31**
 CUSD 2021 [Senior Highlights](#) Campaign: Please like, post, share, retweet and engage with our senior spotlights on the district social media channels (Facebook and Twitter @ChandlerUnified, and on Instagram @cusd80).
- June 1-25**
[Junior High School Recovery Courses and Online classes](#). Enrollment is for CUSD students only.
- June 1-July 20**
 Kids Express: [Summer Camp Adventures](#), 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- June 1-July 6**
 Lil Explorers: [Summer Camp Childcare](#), 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- June 7-25**
[High School Recovery Courses and Online classes](#). Enrollment is for CUSD students only.
- June 7-25**
[Elementary Summer Academy](#) Enrichment and Recovery Courses Enrollment is for CUSD students only.

A Look at What's Going on Around the District



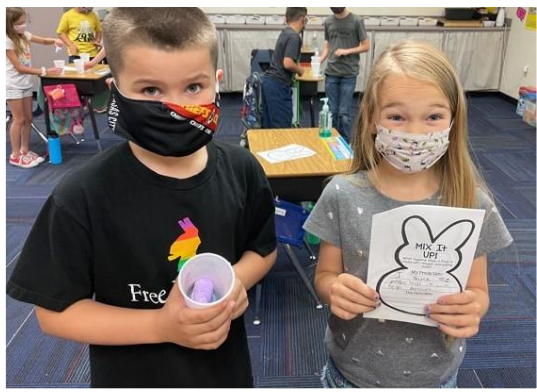
- **Hull Elementary** second graders in **Heidi Raaf's** class had a great time dissecting flowers to learn all about their various parts, stamen, stigma, ovules, and pistils. Great way to bring together their weekly story "From Seed to Plant."



- **CTA-Freedom's** fourth graders are all winners for working hard during their AZ Merit tests.



- The Shining Stars in **Shumway Leadership Academy's** English Language Development program enjoyed an "Eggcellent Grammar Hunt" this month. **Tracy Corbin** led them through an "Eggsciting" adventure to search for various parts of speech in their writing!



- **Hull Elementary** students in **Dana Bond's** class were following the scientific method. They posed a question, made a prediction, and tested their hypothesis. They predicted what would happen if they mixed a peep with baking soda and vinegar!!

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Governing Board Agenda

Agenda for Wednesday, April 14, 2021

4:30 p.m. — Executive Session

7 p.m. — Business meeting

7:10 p.m. — Comments

- Student Body President
- Citizen Comments

Action Items

- Consent agenda
- Approval of I-20 tuition amount for FY2021-2022
- Andersen Elementary and CTA-Humphrey sally-ports

Information Item

- Private day tuition expenditures for quarter 3 of the 2020-2021 school year
- 3rd quarter technology report
- CUSD Board agenda roadmap

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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