

Staff Report

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Pictured on the Cover

Rosa Flores, Lead Custodian at **Sanborn Elementary**, acquired her American Citizenship on Thursday. On Friday, the school celebrated her. All the students had individual American flags and lined up around the campus and she walked through while they cheered for her like a "clap-out" would be. Staff all dressed in Red White and Blue and celebrated with her by having red, white, and blue bomb pops at lunch. Her Sanborn family is so proud of her.

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Staff Active with Local Rotary Clubs

CUSD administrators have a long history of serving on local civic organizations, including Rotary Clubs. Now two CUSD teachers serve as officers with two of the clubs.

Auxier Elementary sixth grade teacher **Mariel Olson** has been a Rotarian for five years and is currently the incoming president for her club Camelback Crossroads. She was introduced to Rotary 10 years ago when she was awarded the opportunity to travel on a vocational exchange to Australia for a month. During that month, she visited different elementary schools, met with administration, teachers, and students to learn about their school's system. She also visited many cities in New South Wales and Queensland, staying with multiple families and participating in different rotary and cultural events.



Mariel believes that Rotary has been a life-changing experience, the more she has put into service the more she has taken away from it. Camelback Crossroads has many projects that they work on throughout the year. A few of Mariel's favorites are working with Maggie's Place, spending time with the mothers and children around the holidays. Working with Positive Network Alliance around Christmas, as an elf for a program to give Christmas to Adopted Kids with Special Needs, creating emergency food bags at United Food Bank, and helping give dignity to children aging out of the foster care system, by partnering with OCJ Kids. Rotary has given Mariel a community that helps her be able to give back, but also create friendship and a chance to leave the world a little bit better.

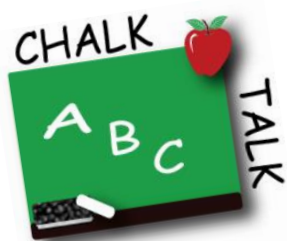
Maureen Alger has been a member of the Sun Lakes Rotary since 2017. "The Sun Lakes Rotary shows its support of educators, school-age children, veterans, families in need, and seniors through its many service projects and fundraising efforts. The Sun Lakes Rotary is a true service organization, donating funds, and just as importantly, time and talent, to help those in need. I am so proud to be a member of this club." She is pictured right with WWII Pearl Harbor survivor Jack Holder. "Jack is an honorary member of Sun Lakes Rotary Club and attends many of our meetings and functions. He is actually one of the many reasons I became connected to the rotary in the first place."



Other CUSD staff active with Rotary include Assistant Superintendent **Craig Gilbert**, Casteel High Principal **Jayson Phillips**, Hamilton High Principal **Mike De La Torre** who serve on the Sun Lakes Rotary. Senior Executive Director of PreK-12 **Larry Rother** and Chandler High Principal **Michael Franklin** are active with the Chandler Rotary. Director of Community Relations **Terry Locke** and Basha High Principal **Marques Reischl** are members of the Chandler Horizon Rotary.

Note: Photos taken pre-pandemic.

A Look at What's Going on Around the District



- **Hull Elementary** Heroes are raising money for the Hero Squad Leukemia and Lymphoma Pennies for Patients Fundraiser.



- **Sanborn Elementary** first graders in **Ashley Nelson's** class have been learning about sounds and vibrations. Students each created an instrument made from a variety of materials. Here is their class band!

- **Chandler High School** Future Farmers of America students, under the direction of **Kari Williams**, raised animals that sold for more than \$30,000 in the Maricopa County Fair. Congratulations to Victoria Leyva, Addison Keeme, and Ilsa Gooch for making the showmanship finals.



- **Casteel High** Educational Professions and Early Childhood Education students, under the direction of **Michelle Capriotti**, completed their weekend baby project. Students practiced in class how to care for an infant and then take the baby home for the weekend and journal or video blog about their experience.

- **CTA-Freedom** first graders are learning all about plants.



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- **Andersen Junior High** students **Carolyn Cofoid's** AVID (advancement via individual determination) class created an "AVID Rocks" garden as their eighth-grade legacy project. Students painted their rocks with AJHS core values, college and careers, and inspirational thoughts.



- **Hull Elementary** fourth graders in **Amy Frechette's** classroom participated in Science is Fun, with students from **Basha High**. Students learned all about electricity and circuits!



- **CTA-Humphrey** is proud of their Gabriels Angels graduates. They have worked hard and graduated from the ABC program with Ruby as their partner.



- **Hancock Elementary** students are enjoying a new club "ukulele" offered by their amazing music teacher **Heather Prusse**.



- **CTA-Freedom** sixth graders are learning about pi so they enjoyed some pie today to go along with their lesson.

- **Hull Elementary** students in **Jen Watson's** first grade classroom learned about the parts of a plant and what parts the vegetables we eat come from. They had a good time tasting vegetables! Additionally, Hull second graders in **Dana Bond's** classroom are reading all about dinosaur fossils in their story "The Dog that Dug for Dinosaurs!" Students made imprints in clay to bring the story to life!



Trip Reduction Contest Under Way

The [CUSD trip reduction program](#) kicked off last week. The district participates as part of a Maricopa County directive that requires employers with more than 50 employees to reduce the number of single-occupant vehicles.

CUSD holds a drawing four times a year for all employees who participate in the program. **NEW this year**, in addition to the regular prize drawing, anybody that participates during the contest period will also be eligible for monthly \$100 gift card drawing for April and May.

Qualify to be entered in the drawing by carpooling, walking, biking, or driving an alternative-mode vehicle (hybrid) and help CUSD meet its commitment to reduce our single-occupant vehicle trips or miles traveled to the work site by 10 percent this year.

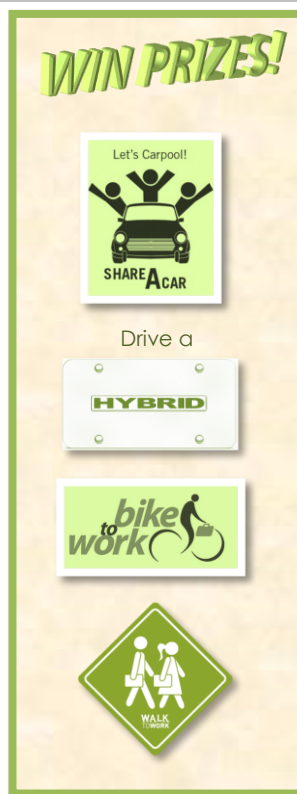
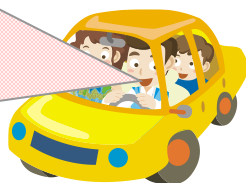
[The electronic entry form to enter the drawing can be found on the website here](#) (note: you must be signed into the website to access), drawing will be held on **April 30**. Forms need to be turned in by **April 28**.

Prizes include:

1. (12) \$25.00 gift certificates
2. (12) \$15 dollar gift certificates.
3. (1) \$100 gift card for each: April and May

Additional Drawing for New Employees:

4. (12) \$25.00 gift certificates



Important Dates

April 14-May 6

2021 CUSD Art Show at the Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery.

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 of Asian Pacific American Studies – School of Social Transformation and School of Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University. [Click here to REGISTER.](#)

May 27

Last day of school / high school graduations.

May 28

Teacher in-service workday.

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 1-18

[Chandler Online Summer Classes for Junior High / High School Session I.](#)

June 1-July 20

Kids Express: [Summer Camp Adventures](#), 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

June 7-25

[Junior High School Recovery Courses.](#)

June 1-July 6

Lil Explorers: [Summer Camp Childcare](#), 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

June 7-25

[High School Recovery Courses.](#)

June 7-25

[Elementary Summer Academy](#) Enrichment and Recovery Courses Enrollment is for CUSD students only.

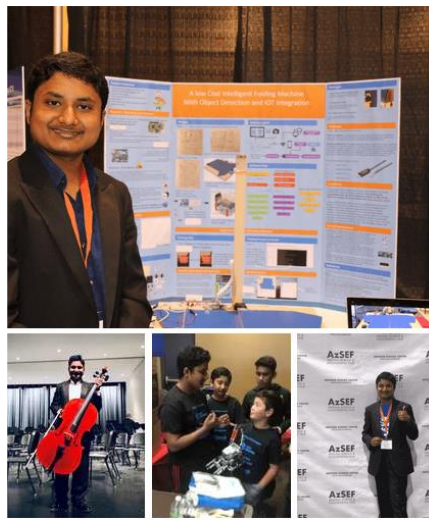
June 21- July 9

[Chandler Online Summer Classes Session II for Junior High/ High School.](#)

2021 Junior Achievement Recipient Hails from Chandler High School

Chandler High senior Aryan Mathur is a 2021 Junior Achievement "18 Under 18" recipient. The 2021 Junior Achievement of Arizona 18 Under 18 recognizes 18 teen leaders from across the state "who have shown how to adapt, focus and stay dedicated to a life of purpose. They are selfless and committed to using their knowledge and prowess to better their community and the world."

Aryan is a problem solver, innovator, and inventor, who recently earned a provisional patent for his FoldTron, an artificial intelligence-based solution to a common household chore- folding laundry. In addition to being involved in all things math and science at CHS, Mathur started the robotics team at the Chandler YMCA and devotes a lot of his time to educating kids about robotics and STEM. He's also developed a curriculum for doing remote instruction on artificial intelligence, with the proceeds of his teaching efforts going to charity.



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Elementary Parent Presentation

Creating 21st Century Kids

This parenting talk looks at the things that world class parents and educators are doing to accomplish the "ultimate goal." By creating a craving for knowledge, setting boundaries, teaching GRIT, encouraging patience and developing E.Q., children can be their ultimate best and become prepared for their paths that lie ahead!

When: April 20, 6:30 p.m.

[Join Here via Google Meets](#)
(Choose Watch on the Web)

CREATING 21ST CENTURY KIDS

ELEMENTARY PARENT PRESENTATION

This parenting talk takes a look at the things that world class parents and educators are doing to accomplish the "ultimate goal." **Creating 21st Century Kids** Choose- Watch on the Web

APRIL 20 6:30 PM

By creating a craving for knowledge, setting boundaries, teaching GRIT, encouraging patience and developing E.Q., our children can be their ultimate best and become prepared for their paths that lie ahead!

Social Media Post of the Week



Navarrete Elementary posted on all their social media channels (Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram) on Friday about celebrating their A+ School of Excellence status. The post was timely, and they also remembered to tag the district.

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