

Staff Report

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Social Media Post of the Week

Hamilton High School posted about the student council bringing therapy dogs to meet students. The pictures were great and they remembered to tag the district.

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Navarrete, Haley Celebrate A+ Status

The Arizona Educational Foundation celebrated **Navarrete** and **Haley Elementary** as A+ Schools of Excellence for 2020. **Riggs** was also named an A+ School and will celebrate in the coming weeks.



Teacher Doubles Down with Certification



Hamilton High special education teacher Matt Stone earned his National Board Certification for the second time. The process was rigorous, but worthwhile for him.

National Board Certification was designed to develop, retain, and recognize accomplished teachers and to generate ongoing improvement in schools nationwide. It is the most respected professional certification available in K-12 education.

Created by teachers, for teachers, the [National Board Standards](#) represent a consensus among educators about what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. Board certification is available in [25 certificate areas](#) spanning 16 disciplines from Pre-K through 12th grade.

Sun Lakes Rotary Teachers of the Month

The Sun Lakes Rotary honored **Allison Lewis** from **Sanborn Elementary** (left) as teacher of the month for March and **Kristin Tollefson** from **CTA-Liberty** (right) as teacher of the month for April.

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



Legal Documents Seminar for Parents

Graduating Seniors Legal Documents Seminar

What shocks many parents is learning that as soon as their child turns 18, they can no longer make legal decisions for their kids without proper documentation. As a part of that, they no longer have any special "rights" to receiving private information, such as health care information, without the child's permission. Keystone Law Firm, an estate planning and probate firm in Chandler, wants to help parents secure two legal documents that will provide them peace of mind in knowing they can be a part of their child's health care decisions.

Graduation is coming soon! Your senior will be 18 and will be off to college in another town or another state. Imagine your child getting hurt in some other city or state, and you cannot get any information about his or her condition because you do not have the documents authorizing the physician or hospital to speak with you.

The first online Zoom seminar will be April 27. Future dates are May 12, June 8, and June 30. [Sign up here](#).



Important Dates

- **April 27**
Legal Documents Seminar for parents. [Register here](#).
- **April 14-May 6**
2021 CUSD Art Show at the Chandler Center for the Arts Gallery.
- **May 4**
Parent Presentation: LIKE - A Documentary viewing. [Register here](#).
- **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](#).

Parent Presentation: Documentary Impact of Social Media on Youth

The CUSD Counseling and Social Services Department is hosting a viewing of a documentary on the effects of social media.

LIKE is a film-based education program exploring the impact of social media on our lives and the effects of technology on the brain. The goal of the film is to inspire us to self-regulate. Social media is a tool and social platforms are a place to connect, share, and care ... but is that what's really happening? We will be showing the film, which will be followed promptly by a panel discussion and include access to further resources and materials.

When: May 4, 6:30 p.m.

[Register Here](#)

A Look at What's Going on Around the District



- **Pictured on the cover: Tarwater Principal**, Diane Hale, was a good sport (or should we say, a good pilot?). **Jacobson Principal**, Liz Wolf, won a bet against her this year when their community raised the most School Cents points at the Chandler Fashion Center. Diane Hale had to dress like a pilot and greet little Jets as they arrived to school. She rocked her role as a guest Jet!



- **CTA-Liberty** third grader Robert Stickler swam a personal best at the Junior Olympic Regional Meet on April 16. He swam the 50-meter freestyle and dropped a whole second off his time.



- **Elite Performance Academy** sixth graders from Kristine Lyons & Deanna Hansen's classes studied ancient Greece and presented their Greek gods and goddesses.

- **Hamilton High School** 2018 graduate and AVID program participant Greg Miller was just named a [2021 Truman Scholar](#)--an incredibly prestigious honor. He is currently a junior at Notre Dame. He was a member of the state-champion We the People team that placed 12th at nationals for Hamilton as well as being a champion speech and debater. Greg's classmates chose him to be speaker at the 2018 commencement ceremonies as well. As a senior, Greg received the Superintendent's Citizenship award for HHS.



- **Hull Elementary** first graders in Jaime Breedlove's classroom studied the parts of a plant and what each part does. They conducted an experiment to see how water travels up the stem into the flower. Additionally, second graders in Heidi Raaf's classroom had a fun STEM project to create their own flowers after learning about flowers and all their parts.

- **Perry High** culinary students, under the direction of teacher Angela Stutz won awards in the Arizona Careers through Culinary Arts Programs (C-CAP) competition. Senior, Kaylah Kauffman, received the C-CAP Education Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 which she will use at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI. Senior, Adrianna Lopez, received the Brownstone Family Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 along with an internship. Junior, Jaylene Cid, placed in the top 10 juniors out of 35, which is a huge honor, and Jaylene was recognized for her technical skills with a set of new kitchen knives. She will continue to train in class and compete next year.



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- CTA-Liberty:** Lucy and Victor Arroya, grandparents of Logan and Luca Hill, along with St. George Quilting Group made 50 quilts to be shared with the CTA-Liberty veterans during their celebration next school year. They presented Principal Tony Smith his own quilt recently. The quilters have worked on them over the past year during Covid restrictions.



- Hancock Elementary** sixth graders virtually toured ASU's Tempe campus and got to chat with current college students!



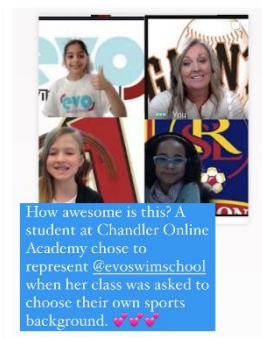
- Hull Elementary** third graders in Cara Fenton's class created some beautiful rainbow art!

- Chandler High School FCCLA-** early childhood education students, under the direction of teacher Christy Herndon, qualified to represent the State of Arizona at the FCCLA National Conference in Nashville, TN in June. Layla Alwealy (left), 10th grade National Qualifier for Repurpose & Redesign. 2021 National FCCLA "Go for the Red" Awardee. Kiara Wynn (middle), 10th grade National Qualifier for Focus on Children. Adamaris Morales Lopez (right) 11th grade AZ State Officer for 2021-2022 & National Qualifier for Chapter in Review.



- Perry High** senior Jadyn Ocken won first place in the Town of Gilbert's Sustainability contest for her design related to water conservation. She received a \$100 gift card for her efforts and recognition at the Town Council Meeting. Her design is displayed on one of the Town's sanitation trucks. Be on the lookout for it!

- Evo Swim School shouted out a **Chandler Online Academy - Elementary Connect** student on Twitter for highlighting the school on sport day.



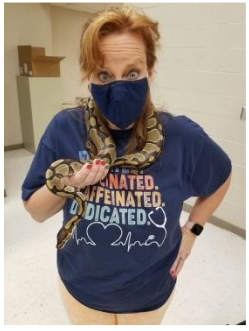
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- **CTA-Independence** third grader Dylan Pfeifer, was featured in the national news, including [Yahoo](#), US News, and the Washington Post for his food drives to help during the pandemic.



- **Tarwater Elementary** first graders learned how the sun is used for energy and then put together solar water fountains for Earth Day. The students experimented with the fountains and quickly realized they would not work at all if there was a shadow on the solar panel.



- **Bologna Elementary** third grade teacher Stacy Shaw, had fun learning about reptiles during the Wild Thing Project Exploration on-campus visit!



- **Elite Performance Academy** student council put together a "Kindness Rocks" rock garden in front of the EPA building at **CTA-Humphrey**.



- **CTA-Liberty** fourth grader Dylan Arango went to regionals in Las Vegas for gymnastics. His team placed first. Amazing job, Liberty Eagle!

- **Community Education Kids Express** staff at CTA-Goodman created some STEM Earth Day activities. Students enjoyed building a 4-sided structure with Toobeez, creating their own "Candyland" style board game using only recycled paper, creating juice box balloon cars and cereal box marble slide mazes.



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Governing Board Agenda

Agenda for Wednesday, April 28, 2021

5 p.m. — Executive Session

7 p.m. — Business meeting

7:10 p.m. — Presentation

- Student Body President Comments
- Public Comments

Action Items

- Consent agenda
- Elementary Sally Ports
- Community Education Plan for Lil Explorers

Information Item

- Student Activity, Auxillary Operations, and Tax Credit Reports
- Issues for Consideration for the 2022 Political Agenda
- Basha High Schools Institute of Cyber Operations and Networking (ICON) – Career and Technical Education (CTE) Network and Program – Ethics In Technology
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- Comprehensive Audited Financials 2020
- 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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