November 17, 2026

Superintendent's Report

Citizenship







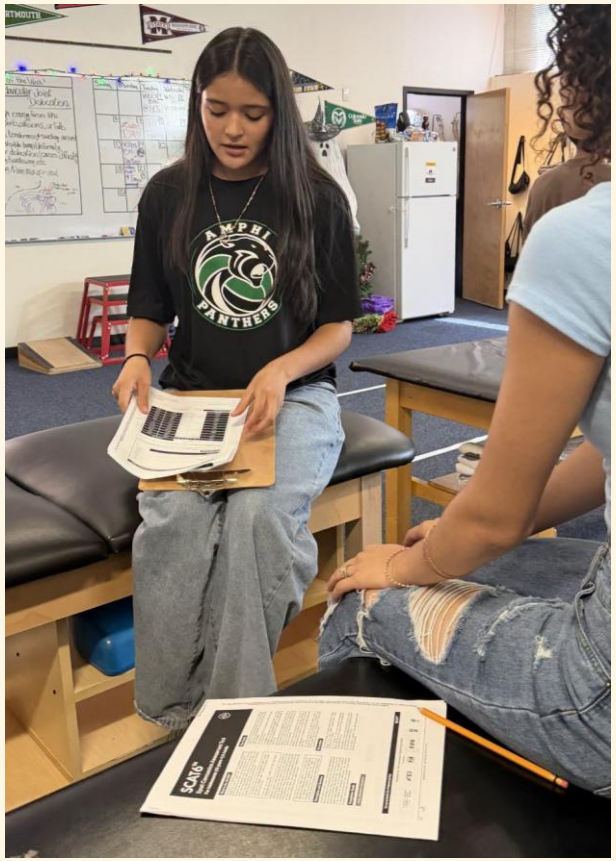


Schools across the District honored veterans through special events and activities that brought students, staff and community members together. These photos are just a sampling of the events and are from Wilson K-8, Rio Vista Elementary, Painted Sky Elementary and Innovation Academy.

Critical Thinking







Amphi High School Sports Medicine students put their skills to work earlier this month, practicing concussion assessments, including the SCAT6 evaluation, vestibular/ocular motor screening and the Buffalo Concussion Treadmill Test. This an example of the hands-on training students experience in the program, learning techniques used by sports medicine and healthcare professionals.

Collaboration

Congratulations to the Rillito Center students who participated in a Special Olympics bowling event a couple of weeks ago! The outing was filled with smiles, laughter and excitement as students enjoyed a day of bowling, friendship and fun.

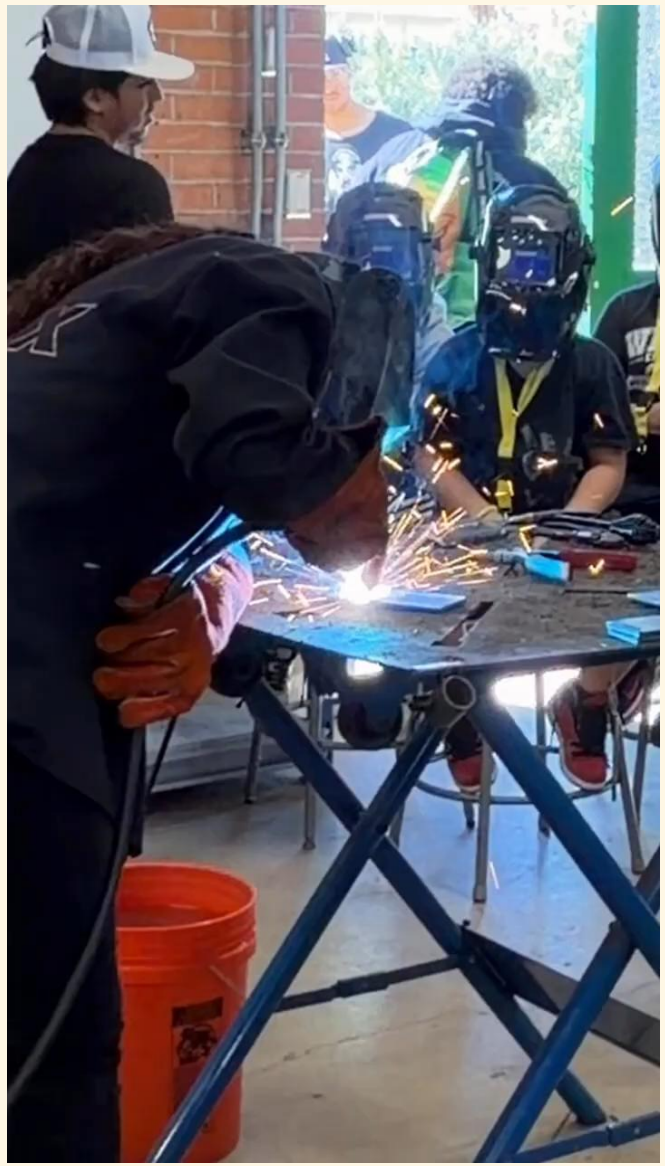
Here's a little video!



Collaboration

Fifth-grade students from across the District visited Amphitheater, Canyon del Oro and Ironwood Ridge high schools as part of the This Is High School initiative. Students explored CTE programs, participated in hands-on activities and learned about the opportunities awaiting them in high school. High school students helped lead the visits, sharing their experiences and introducing younger students to the programs available at their schools.

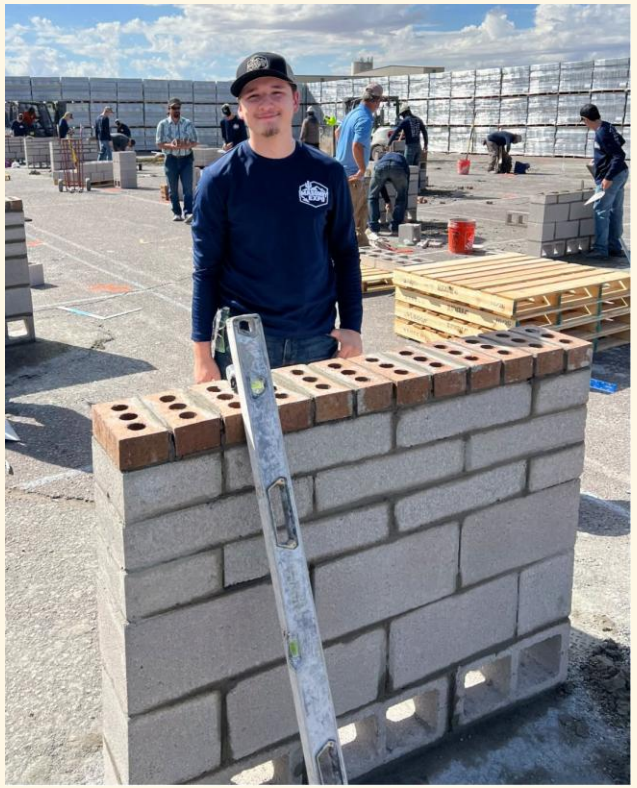
Here's a short video from the Amphi High visit.



Problem Solving

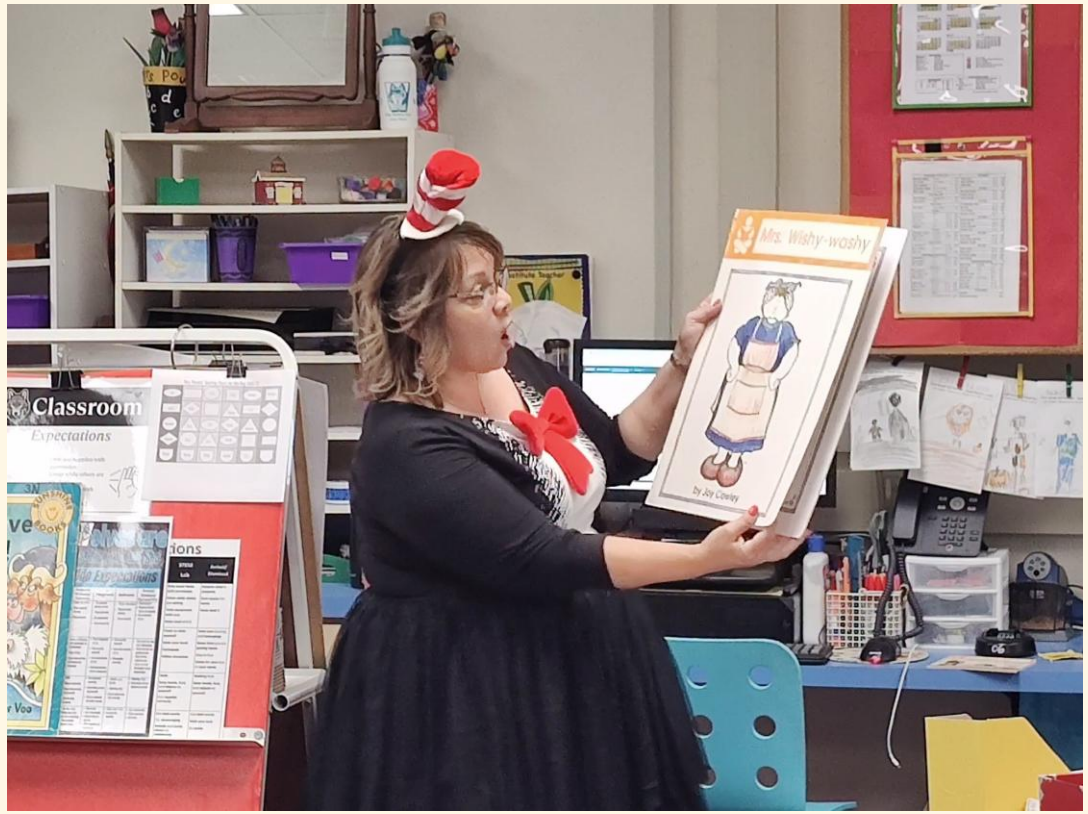






Ten Canyon del Oro High School construction students traveled to Phoenix earlier this month to compete against students from three other Arizona construction programs. All 10 students successfully completed their projects, and Alexandra Lougheed earned second place among 25 competitors.

Caring



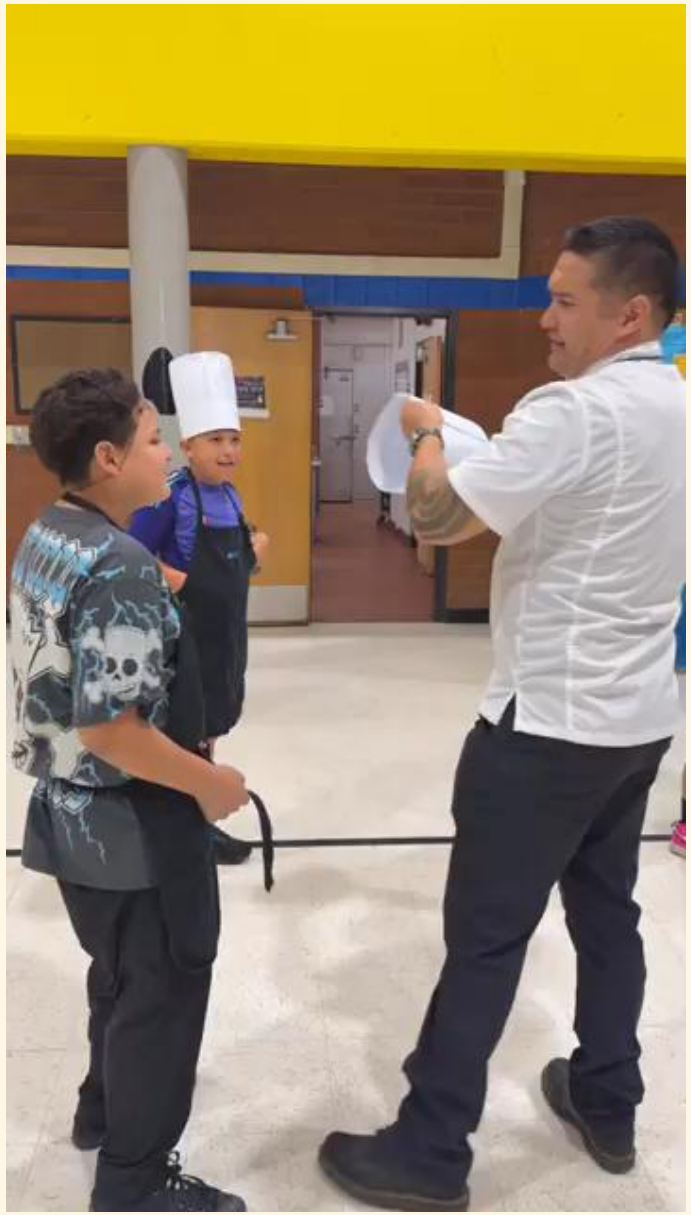


Thank you to the Women United volunteers who visited ECHO Afterschool programs at Keeling and Walker elementary schools last month to read with students and encourage a love of reading. The visits are part of Women United's efforts to support early literacy across Pima County.

Creative Thinking

Students at Keeling Elementary School participated in a Halloween-themed cooking activity last month through the District's Roving Chef program. Students gained hands-on experience in the kitchen as they prepared creative holiday treats while developing culinary skills.

Here's a little video showing the chefs in action.



Creative Thinking











Kindergarten students from Walker, Rio Vista, Prince and Keeling elementary schools visited the District Office for Halloween trick-or-treating. District departments transformed their offices into creative, themed destinations to make the experience special for students. District staff also joined students and staff at the Rillito Center for their Halloween celebration.

Creative Thinking

