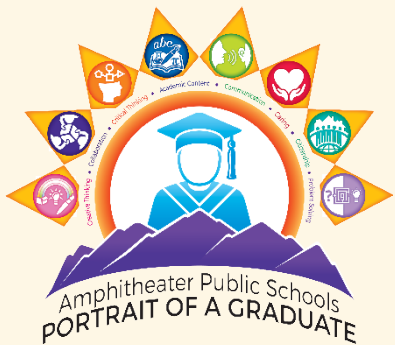




October 3, 2023

# Superintendent's Report





# Gifted Education (REACH) Institute

Vanessa Hill, District REACH Coordinator, and her team recently hosted students, parents, and staff for our REACH Institute on Saturday, September 16.

This year's institute included guest speaker, nationally renowned author and neuropsychologist, Dr. Paul Beljan.

Dr. Beljan, who has taught gifted education and pediatric neuropsychology at the master's and doctoral levels is also a noted expert in forensic neuropsychology within the civil, juvenile, and criminal justice levels. He was able to speak to the issues affecting twice-exceptional students.





# Around Our Schools



In September, we highlighted Creative Thinking throughout our schools. Thank you to our sites for sharing some of the activities that demonstrate Creative Thinking in our District. At left, students at Ironwood Ridge, top right, Cross Middle School, and bottom right, Amphi High.



# Around Our Schools



Last week Wilson K-8 School held its annual "Wilson Wrangler Round Up", which included performances, a silent auction, games, prizes, snacks, and -- of course -- the now famous chili cook-off contest.



# Around Our Schools



As we continue with our Year of the Portrait of a Graduate, we shifted from Creative Thinking Month (September) to Caring Month (October). Students at Harelson Elementary helped us announce the transition with a fun little video.

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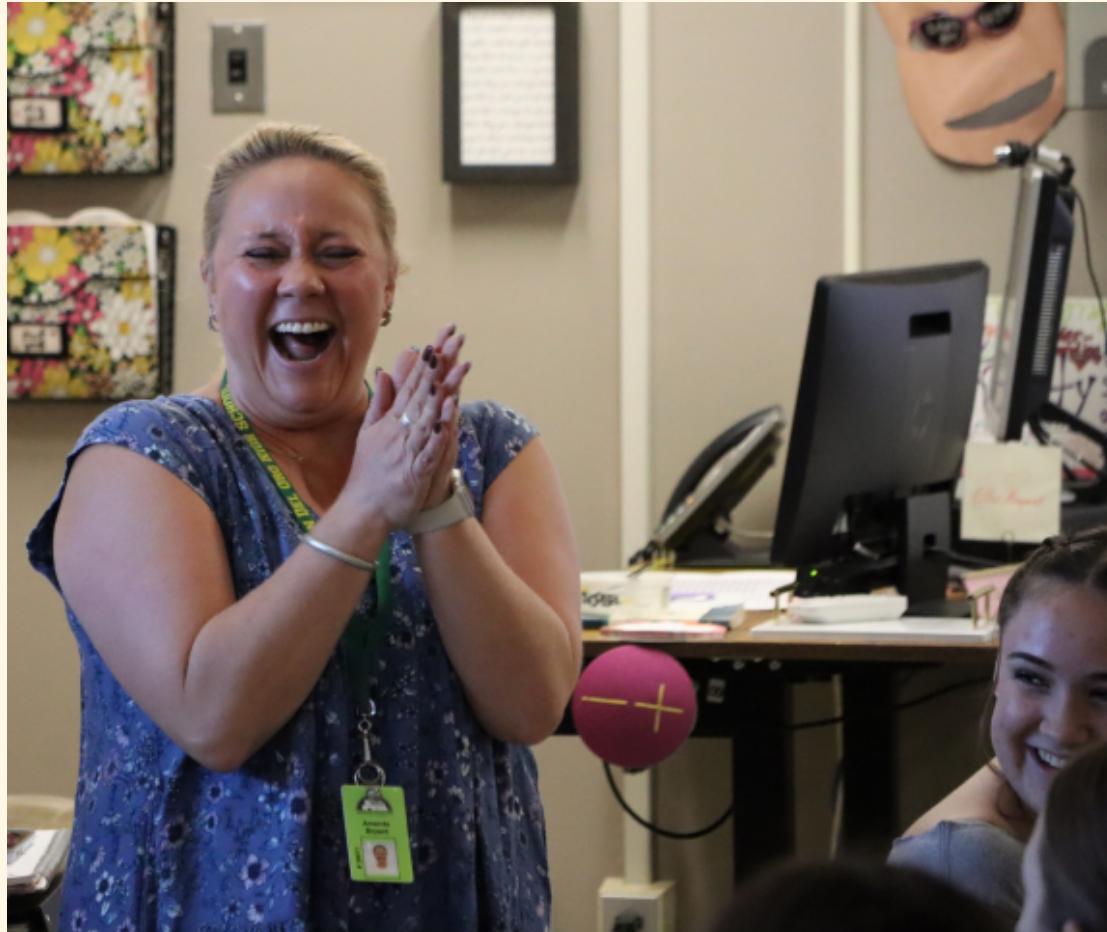
# Around Our Schools



Jeremy Tarbet, Automotive CTE Teacher at CDO High School, was honored just today with the news that he is one of 25 recipients, nation-wide, of the Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Award for Teacher Excellence. Mr. Tarbet is the only teacher in Arizona and the entire western region to win this year, which comes with a \$50,000 prize. Congratulations to Mr. Tarbet, CDO and the students in the automotive program!



# Around Our Schools



In another celebration honoring a CDO teacher, Amanda Bryant was recently the first of 20 teachers in the state to be selected for the Barstool Sports Arizona Bowl Extra Yard Teachers Grant program! Part of this recognition includes \$1,000 for her classroom, and she and her family will be recognized on the field at an Arizona Bowl game later this year.



# Emergency Test Tomorrow

- Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:20 a.m.
- FEMA and the FCC will conduct a joint, nation-wide test of the emergency alert system and wireless emergency alert system.
- The test will impact all cell phones, radios, and TVs.
- The test will begin with a loud tone followed by “THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System.”
- Staff, students and the community should be aware.





# Curriculum Adoption Committees

- We will have several upcoming textbook and curriculum adoption processes in the next several months.
- In keeping with our Governing Board Policy and other requirements, we will be convening a committee composed of educators and concerned citizens.
- We will publish notice of committee formation both internally and externally, via our website and newspaper advertisement, to solicit interested parties who may wish to participate.



# Addendum Review Committee

- It has been several years since we reviewed our addenda in the District – added duties and contractual terms for our certificated staff members.
- Mr. Munger, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Education, is chairing the group which was recently convened.
- The committee is charged with reviewing our existing addenda, studying other areas for which addenda may be warranted, and examining our comparability with other districts (among other things) with the ultimate result of recommendations to the Superintendent early in the Spring semester.



# Speaking Engagement

- I have been invited to speak at an event hosted by the Tucson League of Women Voters entitled, “Public Education - Challenges and Innovation”.
- I will be one of four panelists, and will be joined by Kathy Prather, CEO of JTED; Marcy Wood, Head of the Teaching, Learning and Sociocultural Studies at the University of Arizona; and Judi Moreillon, former school librarian and retired associate professor at Texas Woman’s University.
- The event will be held Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 10:00 AM until 11:30 AM at the Junior League of Tucson, 2099 E River Rd, Tucson, AZ.



# Our Sympathies

Our thoughts and hearts go out to Dr. Scott Baker, Governing Board Member and friend to us all, on the passing of his dear wife, Windy, just last evening.

I know that all of our Amphi family will keep him and their family close in our hearts.

