



April 9, 2024

Superintendent's Report





Around Our Schools



Students from around the District were able to observe and experience the solar eclipse yesterday with the help of some super stylish eclipse glasses. What a rare and wonderful learning opportunity for our students!



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Culinary Arts students at Ironwood Ridge High School got to learn about making sushi from a couple of local expert chefs this week. The chefs have been visiting these classes for more than 10 years, helping generations of students learn show how to create these dishes step-by-step.



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To prepare students for state-mandated testing, our schools held special activities over the past couple of weeks. At left, our Walker Elementary Wolves had a pump-up assembly to answer questions and wish third- and fifth-graders good luck on their tests. At right, Innovation Academy held its April 1st foot inspections for third-graders. The students removed their shoes and socks and cleaned one foot for measurement and inspection. Students learned two things. First, to study whether there is a direct correlation between foot size and student achievement. Second, and perhaps most importantly, it was April Fool's Day!



Around Our Schools



On March 30th, Canyon del Oro High School hosted the state Odyssey of the Mind Tournament. Teams from all over Arizona came to compete. Qualifying teams are headed to Ames, Iowa in May to compete at the World Finals, including 12 teams from Amphitheater! Special thank you to CDO Administration for hosting the competition and all of the volunteers who made this event possible.



Our Strong Science Fair Showing



Amphitheater schools had 94 winners in the annual regional SARSEF science fair competition. In addition to the projects that were recognized, **Keeling Elementary School** was named the “Top Elementary School”. Teachers and staff also earned awards:

- **SARSEF Champion Educator of Science and Engineering:** Kimberly Smith, Holaway Elementary School and Pam Vandivort for her work with Keeling Elementary School .
- **Education Advocate of Science and Engineering:** Lindsay Wong, at Harelson Elementary School, and Michaela Rodrigues from Innovation Academy.
- **Alex and Laura Schauss Teacher Award:**
[Rachelle Ferris from Innovation Academy]

And big congrats to Alexander Means, who took third place in the Arizona Science & Engineering Fair. He is a student at Innovation Academy.



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Students and staff from our schools in Oro Valley, along with board members and District staff, had the opportunity to celebrate the "50th Anniversary of the Town of Oro Valley" on Saturday by participating in a town parade. The parade began at Ironwood Ridge High School and finished at Town Hall. It was a fun event for all.



Thank You



Thank you to the Amphi Foundation and all of the community and business members who attended the annual Amphi Gala on Saturday night. The event featured many of our students, including Canyon del Oro High School and Prince Elementary School scholars shown above, as well as additional students displaying their work and activities during the student showcase portion of the evening. The Foundation offers invaluable support and resources to our students, staff members, and community, and we appreciate the efforts and dedication of the Foundation Board Members and volunteers.



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≻September≪ Creative Thinking	≻October≪ Caring	≻November≪ Critical Thinking
≻December≪ Scholarship	≻January≪ Collaboration	≻February≪ Problem Solving
≻March≪ Citizenship	≻April≪ Communication	 Amphitheater Public Schools PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

We are in our final month of our yearlong initiative that has focused on each of the characteristics of the Portrait of a Graduate.

For April, we are highlighting Communication throughout our schools and the District community.





Coming Up



Our annual Student Art Show starts tomorrow at Tucson Mall. The show features artwork created by district students in Kindergarten through high school. This event is a wonderful showcase of our students and our District's commitment to learning about art and importance of creative thinking.

STUDENT ART SHOW

April 10-24, 2024 | Tucson Mall

Featuring Student Artwork Kindergarten through High School