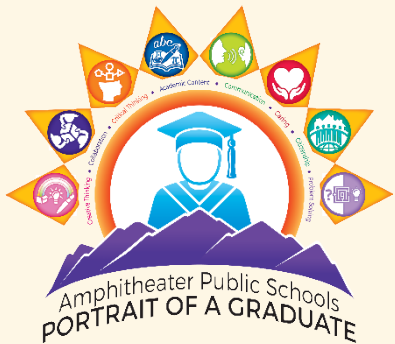




October 4, 2022

Superintendent's Report





Around the Schools



Wilson K-8 had a full house for their Fall Round Up last week. The event featured performances by choir and band, a dunk tank, a silent auction, inflatables, food trucks, and of course, the annual chili cookoff. At right, Prince Elementary School second-graders are learning about cultures and customs. They are shown here singing a Nigerian welcome song and performing a scarf dance in music class.



Around the Schools



Life Beyond the Books is back in action at Cross, LaCima and Coronado this year. The program provides our middle-schoolers an opportunity to learn practical skills and about career pathways they might become interested in pursuing. Guest speakers presented info on first aid, communication, safety and crime prevention, budgeting, changing a tire, and stress management. Thank you to all of our community volunteers who participated.



Around the Schools



Students from all three of our high schools gathered recently for Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Officer Training. CTSO officers from various CTE programs learned about club organization, fundraising and leadership at the session, which was put on by Pima County JTED and hosted at Amphi High School.



Around the Schools



At left, Keeling Elementary School students in Ms. Aldworth's have been showing great interest in pinecones. Ms. Aldworth's response: She cleared the entire day for an organized pinecone inquiry complete with "Science Investigation Hats" and magnifying glasses. At right, Innovation Academy had their Spirit Assembly on Friday. Students were recognized for their kindness, determination and academic and artistic achievement.



Observances

STEVEN SPIELBERG

OCTOBER is

KIERA KNIGHTLY

HENRY WINKLER

FLORENCE WELCH

JAY LENO

DYSLEXIA

WHOOPI GOLDBERG

SELMA HAYEK

AWARENESS MONTH

KEANU REEVES

CHER

PABLO PICASSO

CHANNING TATUM

DID YOU KNOW?

VINCE VAUGHN

WALT DISNEY

1 in 5 people
have dyslexia

MOHAMMED ALI

JENNIFER ANISTON

HENRY FORD

CHARLES SCHWAB

LEONARDO DA VINCI



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PRINCIPALS

MONTH



GREAT SCHOOLS HAVE GREAT PRINCIPALS



Fentanyl



In 2021, overdose involving fentanyl was the leading cause of death in individuals 1-19 years old. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. Under medical supervision, prescription fentanyl is used to treat severe pain. However, fentanyl is also illegally produced. Illicit fentanyl is often made to look like prescription pills, or more recently, multi-colored candy. Although they may look authentic, **one pill can kill.**

- **Know what an overdose looks like and how to respond.** Signs of an overdose include slow or no breathing, snoring or gurgling, extreme drowsiness, paleness, cool skin, and/or blue lips. **If you suspect an overdose, call 911 immediately and remain with the individual.** Arizona's Good Samaritan law protects you and the person who is overdosing from drug possession charges. Administer naloxone (Narcan[®]) -- a medication that temporarily reverses an opioid overdose. Multiple doses of naloxone may be necessary to counteract the potency of fentanyl. Naloxone wears off after 30 to 90 minutes and it is possible for overdose symptoms to return. Always seek medical attention even if person regains consciousness. Do not allow them to "sleep it off." **Parents and guardians are urged to carry naloxone/Narcan[®].** Narcan[®] is available in limited supply at Pima County libraries or can be purchased at a pharmacy. You can find more locations with free naloxone/Narcan[®] at PimaHelpline.org/Naloxone.



Thank You



The Long Realty Loves Literature Book Drive donated more than 600 books to Mesa Verde Elementary School teachers for their classrooms. Thank you for the generous donation!





Thank You, Governing Board!



Last week, our continuing employees received their Retention Incentive Stipends. Equivalent to 4.2% of their annual base pay, these stipends have been a boon to recruitment and retention of staff in a very competitive job market. Many expressions of gratitude to the Board have been received.

At the same time last week, our continuing teachers also received their annual Performance Pay Incentives – at the highest level in more than 15 years due to increases in sales tax revenue. Thank you to those teachers and other eligible staff whose performance and devotion to our students through difficult and unparalleled conditions last year certainly warranted this tangible recognition.