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Superintendent's Report





Around Our Schools



Thank you to all of the volunteers, businesses, students and community members who participated in this year's Oro Valley Cup. The annual golf tournament raises funds for all three of the Project Grad nights at our high schools. (I was unable to attend due to my daughter's wedding).



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Teen Maze, an interactive event that gives high school sophomores a feel for some of the real-life consequences of choosing to use alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs, is back at all three of our high schools. Ironwood Ridge held the Maze on Jan. 19, CDO's (left) was Feb. 6, and Amphi High is scheduled to host the program on March 1. Also recently, eighth-graders in the District had the chance to visit the high schools in their feeder patterns to learn more about Career & Technical Education programs and see what's in store for them next year.



An Amphi Showcase!



AVID Showcase Event:

Last Tuesday, Prince Elementary School hosted educators from across Pima County, showcasing their successful implementation of AVID.

Visitors to Prince were able to observe Prince's noted and recognized integration of AVID strategies school-wide, witness teachers using AVID strategies, and see how AVID has provided students with voice and agency in their learning.



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Founding Father, inventor, writer, and storm chaser Benjamin Franklin visited Copper Creek Elementary School last month to talk about his life, the times he lived in and how he came up with some of his inventions.



Members of the Tucson Symphony Orchestra visited fourth- and fifth-graders at Innovation Academy to answer some questions, perform a few music pieces, and inspire some kids to take up instruments in the future.



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Three of our new administrators, Assistant Principal Katherine Sheffield and Instructional Support Assistant Paul Avila, both from Amphi Middle School, and Assistant Principal Emily Rios of Ironwood Ridge High School, have completed this year's New Leader Academy. Throughout the year, our new administrators have the opportunity to learn about Amphitheater and the roles, duties and responsibilities of administrators in our District.

Congratulations to these three for their completion of the program!



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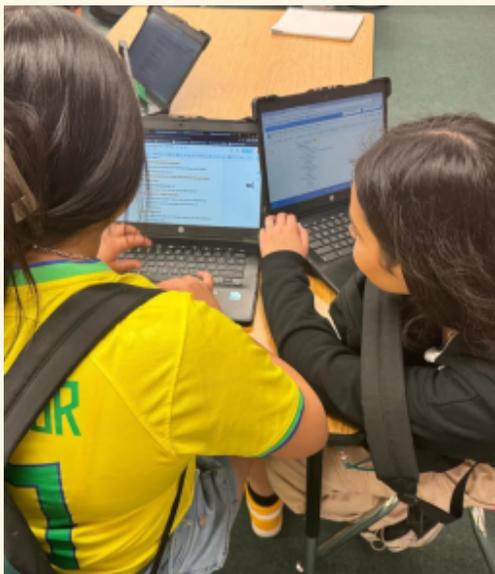
The Human Resources department hosted a District Career Fair this past Saturday. Despite rainy, cold weather, the fair brought out almost 130 candidates, which is more than we have seen in recent years. Special thanks to the HR team and all of the school and District staff members who helped run the fair!



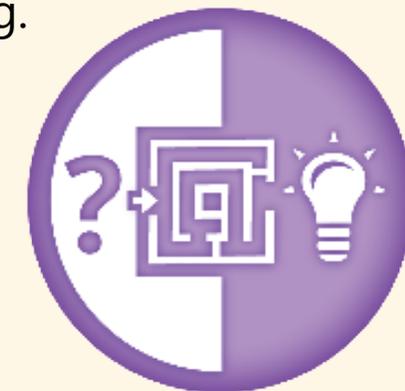
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January was Collaboration Month, part of the District's Portrait of a Graduate celebration initiative. At left below are Amphi Middle School students; at top left, we see Coronado K-8 students working together; and at bottom right, we see some of our Amphi High dual enrollment students teaching preschoolers ASL.



For February, we are focusing on Problem-Solving.





Center Court Congratulations!



2023 Teacher of the Year Finalist:

Jordan Castle is one of this year's finalists for the UArizona High School Teacher of the Year Award. On Thursday, Jordan was recognized during halftime at the U of A Basketball game.