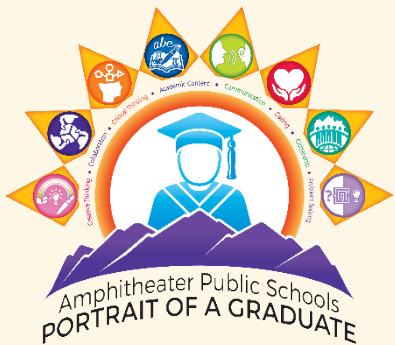
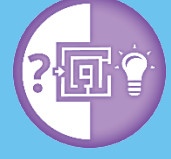


November 12, 2024

Superintendent's Report





Around Our Schools



Several of our schools honored veterans on Friday. At left, Wilson K-8 School held its annual Veterans Day assembly. The orchestra and choir performed to honor the many veterans and guests who attended this special event. This event is distinguished by a goosebump-inducing moment when the entire student body suddenly rises to join the choir in singing a thank-you song as they face an audience of veterans. At right, Donaldson Elementary celebrated Veterans Day with a special breakfast and performances for honored guests -- veterans and the families of Donaldson Dolphins.

Around Our Schools



This is High School: Fifth-graders from Keeling, Prince, Nash, Holaway, Rio Vista, and Walker K-8 visited Amphitheater High School last week for a glimpse into their future as high school students. They explored Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs and received a warm welcome from Amphi High's students and staff. Visits for other fifth-grade classes to CDO and Ironwood Ridge High School are coming soon.





Around Our Schools



Kindergartners from Donaldson, Holaway, Keeling, and Prince Elementary schools got a chance to trick-or-treat through the Wetmore offices on Halloween. This is always a fun tradition for the kids and the adults at Wetmore!



Around Our Schools



Staff from Wetmore and at Rillito also gathered to celebrate Halloween with students at the Rillito Center.



Around Our Schools



Ironwood Ridge High School's seniors celebrated their final year with a beautiful Senior Sunrise on October 30. A chilly morning was warmed up with hot drinks and bagels as the Nighthawk seniors marked this memorable moment together.



Congratulations!



Tucson Values Teachers presented Cross Middle School's Ethnee Taylor with the Raytheon Leader in Education Award for Middle School last week. Ms. Taylor has been teaching for 18 years and is currently teaching Eighth-grade Science.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Innovation Academy teacher Erin Engelhard, who was named a 2024 Arizona Bowl Extra Yard for Teachers Award recipient. Ms. Engelhard is one of 20 winners in the state and was a unanimous choice by the Arizona Bowl committee.



Proud of Our Students!



On Saturday, Ironwood Ridge hosted a state-wide Model UN event and competed against teams throughout Arizona. Ironwood Ridge's team is held in high regard by teams throughout Southern Arizona and at the University of Arizona.





Proud of Our Students!

CDO Chess Team at State

CDO's Chess team qualified for State and competing this weekend in the first round. CDO's team competed alongside 27 other teams from across Arizona. There are only 4 chess teams in Pima County.

(No pictures are available, as they were not permitted in the tournament area.)





Proud of Our Students!

Other Competitions:

- The CDO and Ironwood Ridge football teams have qualified for the 1st round of State Championship playoffs. CDO will travel to Snowflake on Friday, while Ironwood Ridge will host Raymond S. Kellis at home.
- Ironwood Ridge Band took 1st Place and CDO Band took 3rd place in the 3A Division competition at the annual University of Arizona Band Day.



Thank you, Amphi Voters!

PROPOSITION 412 – Amphitheater Bonds

Bond Approval, Yes	33,653
Bond Approval, No	26,652

PROPOSITION 413 - Amphitheater Override

Budget Override Continuation, Yes	33,170
Budget Override Continuation, No	27,423

Pima County Elections Department indicates that they "hope to finish all the ballots we have in our office" by tomorrow. They have a little over 53K late early ballots in their office. The Recorder also still has roughly 10K early and provisional ballots.

The Recorder must complete provisional ballots by Friday.

The Pima County Board of Supervisors are working on scheduling a special virtual meeting on November 21 at 9:00am with the purpose of canvassing the general election.

Thank you, also, to LEAP AHEAD, Beth Lake and Patsy Harris, co-chairs!