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Superintendent's Report





Our Schools



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We are so proud of our three schools that earned the prestigious A+ School Excellence Award from the Arizona Educational Foundation. Innovation Academy, Cross Middle School and Canyon del Oro High School went through a rigorous selection process that examined multiple areas, including student achievement, curriculum, leadership and family engagement. Congratulations to our A+ schools! More to come....



Our Schools



The Amphitheater Elementary Track meet was held Monday of this week. Congratulations to all our elementary students who participated. Schools included Copper Creek, Coronado, Donaldson, Harelson, Holaway, Innovation, Keeling, Mesa Verde, Nash, Painted Sky, Prince, Rillito, Rio Vista, Walker and Wilson. Thank you to CDO staff and students who helped host the event.





Our Schools



Our CTE students have been out and about promoting their programs. Our CDO Auto Club held its annual Diamonds in the Desert Car Show on Saturday. They had a record 225 cars entered in the show and about 4,000 visitors. Last weekend, Amphi High School's Welding program and CDO's Construction program participated in the Foothills Community Market Craft Fair to sell student-made items. The proceeds from the events are used to fund their Career and Technical Student Organization, a required part of all Career and Technical Education Programs.



Our Schools



Students from around the District participated in the SARSEF Regional Science and Engineering Fair this year, resulting in **more than 100 winning projects**. The awards were announced on Saturday. Congratulations to all our participating schools and to **Copper Creek** being named **Top Elementary School** and Imagine Preschool as Top Preschool. (Above, Prince Elementary, top right, Copper Creek Elementary and at right, Innovation Academy).





Our Schools



On Thursday, the District held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the ECHO Community Resource Center at Keeling. The center offers a variety of services to families, including a food bank, diaper bank, classes, literacy workshops and access to technology. Special thanks to our partners, including the Amphi Foundation, United Way and Angel Charity, along with First Things First Arizona, Rotary of Tucson and more.



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Fifth-graders from schools in Oro Valley attended Drug Awareness Day at Naranja Park on Friday. The event, designed to raise awareness about the dangers of drugs and foster positive relationships with students, was hosted by the Oro Valley Police Department and the Kyle Franks Foundation. Thank you to all the officers, community members and to Oro Valley Mayor Joe Winfield for supporting our students.



Our Schools



District middle school students have had some special experiences over the past few weeks. Above, Coronado students in Mr. Berger's class, learned about making cookies and burritos. At top right, the Mighty Mentors taught Amphi Middle School students that in places where people lack essentials, like shoes, they make them. AMS students tried their hands at making shoes from unusual materials. At right, La Cima students helped showcase their school in sessions with incoming Cardinals from their feeder-pattern.



Our Schools



Matt Brode, Chief Meteorologist at KVOA, brought his Weather IQ challenge to Mesa Verde last week. The program consists of a game that is described as equal parts weather, trivia, speed and knowledge.





Our Schools



Schools across the District celebrated Love of Reading Month in February and Dr. Suess's birthday last week. Above, we have Suess fans at Painted Sky. Above right, Pima Community College baseball players read to students at Walker Elementary, and at right I helped celebrate reading at Holaway Elementary.



Our Schools



It wouldn't be Valentine's Day without a Q and U wedding! This one at Innovation Academy included paparazzi and U's best friends, A, E, I and O.



Also at Innovation Academy, fourth-graders painted baseballs for players in town for the World Baseball Classic, and they got to go on a field trip to a game. Play ball!



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40 Educators from Montana who are beginning to implement personalized learning in their schools visited Amphitheater this week to see our personalized learning work in action. They toured Innovation Academy (pictured above), La Cima Middle School and Prince and Keeling Elementary schools.