



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

TITLE: Resolution Declaring the Wednesday Before Thanksgiving as “Kindness Day”

BACKGROUND:

World Kindness Day is observed in November as a recognition of the profound effect that acts of kindness can have on a community. Amphitheater Public Schools has a long history of understanding the benefits of kindness and of promoting kind acts and caring in schools. The District formally demonstrated its commitment to this important core value by including it in the Portrait of a Graduate.

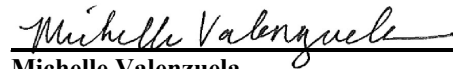
This year, the District will begin an annual tradition aimed at promoting kindness and encouraging staff, students and families to practice kindness each year on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

The 2021 Amphitheater Kindness Day will be observed on Wednesday, November 24, 2021. The attached Resolution serves to set that day apart here in our District.

RECOMMENDATION:

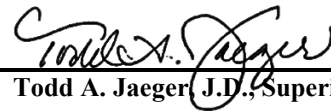
It is the recommendation of the Administration that the Governing Board approve the attached Resolution.

INITIATED BY:



Michelle Valenzuela
Communications Director

Date: November 1, 2021



Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA,
RECOGNIZING KINDNESS DAY**

WHEREAS, kindness and caring are among the core values of the Amphitheater Public School District as demonstrated throughout its history and are qualities deemed so important they are essential characteristics of the District's Portrait of a Graduate, which serves as a guiding vision for all Amphitheater students; and

WHEREAS, we are, all of us, living through a time when individuals may find that they themselves, as well as others they encounter, sometimes struggle to practice patience and demonstrate grace with people who have differing outlooks and understandings; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remember that, regardless of where we come from and what we believe, we are all human beings with similar needs and the common desire to be treated with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, even the very simplest acts of kindness have the power to transcend what can be divisive differences in opinion, thought and beliefs and enable communities to strengthen their bonds and build trust; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating a commitment to kindness sets a positive example for friends, families and colleagues and emphasizes the value of expressing gratitude and recognizing the good in others; and

WHEREAS, due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, some of our children may find themselves living in situations where stress and frustration are more prevalent than kindness; and

WHEREAS, now more than ever, those children need their teachers, support staff and classmates to provide them with the encouragement and positive influence that acts of kindness bring; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that practicing kindness can improve individuals' physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, the Amphitheater School District believes the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is an opportune time to encourage schools and departments to focus on spreading kindness and an attitude of gratitude by incorporating these values into school programs and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Amphitheater Unified School District No. 10 Governing Board that the District hereby set apart Wednesday, November 24, 2021 as "Kindness Day" in the District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board this 9th day of November 2021.

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