



♥ February 14, 2023

Superintendent's Report





Around the Schools



Congratulations to the letters Q and U, who were married today at Innovation Academy and some of our other elementary schools. Kindergarten students escorted the two forever-bound letters of the alphabet to the ceremony, which celebrated the special bond between Q and U. It is, of course, a quintessential Valentine's Day event in several of our schools.



Around the Schools



Thirty-seven Canyon del Oro High School construction students led by Instructor Josh Ronstadt competed at the SkillsUSA Regional Competition against seven other high school CTE construction programs last week. CDO took five of the seven gold medals! And, overall, Canyon del Oro won a total of 20 medals out of 33 possible. Great job, Dorados!



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The Food Service Department's Roving Chef program visited Harelson Elementary School last week. The program allows students an opportunity to learn about cooking, culinary arts, and practical skills. Students worked with our District cooks and culinary staff to make beautiful and delicious handmade pizzas.



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Copper Creek Elementary School celebrated its Love of Reading with its Literacy Night last week. Community partners, including the Oro Valley Public Library, Oro Valley Police Department (and special guest reader Chief Kara Riley), and the Humane Society of Southern Arizona supported the event. The District is celebrating Love of Reading with an invitation to staff to read to students across the District. Employees can find details in their email.



Around the Schools



The 20th annual OV Cup Golf Tournament was held on a beautiful day on Friday, February 3, 2023. The tournament supports Project Grad for all three of our high schools. Thank you to the Project Grad committees and volunteers and our staff, students and community partners who helped plan and run the tournament. Thanks also to all the golfers and donors for their participation and generosity.



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Sophomores at CDO, pictured above, and Ironwood Ridge high schools participated in the Teen Maze program last month. Amphi High students will have the experience in March. The Teen Maze teaches students the potential consequences of using alcohol, marijuana or misusing prescription drugs. It starts with students attending a “party”. Police break up the party and send students to different stations run by the school and community partners to learn what might happen if they find themselves in the principal’s office, in court, on probation, in the hospital, or in trouble with the police, etc. We are fortunate to hold the Teen Maze at all three high schools this year.



Around the Schools



Every student at Nash Elementary School had the opportunity to choose six free books from a special “store” set up in the library last month, thanks to KGUN-9’s “If You Give A Child A Book” program. The news station raises money through a community campaign to fund the books and support literacy. The children had so much fun choosing their books and were surprised and excited to learn that the books are theirs to keep, starting or adding to their book collections at home.



Around the Schools



Eighth-graders from across the District recently visited Ironwood Ridge, above, CDO, top right, and Amphi High for the “This is High School” program. The middle schoolers learned from high school students about the academic and extracurricular opportunities they will have when they enter high school next year.





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Wilson K-8 students and families came together for STEAM Night in January. The hands-on event featured rockets, robots, reptiles and much more. Thank you to the Wrangler PTO and community partners for celebrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math at Wilson.

