



Bill Dolezal, Superintendent

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A note from the **Superintendent...**



Dear Parents, Community & CCUSD Staff –

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 on their graduation! This is an exciting time as they leave the nest and embark on the next phase of their life's journey. Their hard work, dedication, and accomplishments have led them to this moment. As they move forward with their enrollment in higher education, enlisting in the military, or starting their employment, we wish them the best of luck and success in all their endeavors. They have accomplished so much already, and we have no doubt that they will continue to achieve great things in the future.

It is our hope that their time at Cactus Shadows and in CCUSD has taught them valuable skills they will carry with them: such as independence, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and a sense of empowerment to make a positive difference in both their lives and in the lives of others.

We congratulate the graduates of 2024 on their hard work and dedication. May they continue to learn, grow, laugh, love, and make a positive impact on their communities and the world.

Here are just a few noteworthy accomplishments of the Class of 2024:

The class of 2024 consists of approximately 425 graduating seniors

- Congratulations to Joshua Maxwell Toughill and Eric Mullenmeister on being named Co-Valedictorians. They each had a weighted GPA of 4.9.
- There were 760 Advanced Placement courses taken and 108 Dual Enrollment classes taken over the past two years by the Class of 2024.
- There were 78 graduates who were in the International Baccalaureate Program. Fourteen graduates are on track for the full IB diploma, and 64 graduates will earn an IB Certificate for one area of study.

- There were two graduates who were in the Early College Program.
- There were 65 seniors who attended EVIT.
- As of this article, we have 25 student athletes who have signed to continue playing at the collegiate level.
- A total of 44 seniors participated in the Superintendent's Challenge and these students contributed over 8818.35 hours of community services in our local community over their years at Cactus Shadows. Noah Edgin accumulated 1012 volunteer service hours to lead the class of 2024.

Again, congratulations to the Class of 2024! Always remember the lessons you've learned, the friendships you've made, and the experiences that have shaped you into the incredible individuals you are today. Your future is bright, we are proud of you, and we can't wait to witness the extraordinary things you will accomplish - WE ARE FALCONS!

We look forward to seeing you in our schools.

Together,




Bill Dolezal, Superintendent



COME JOIN OUR TEAM

<https://ccusd93.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>



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 Facebook: DWESRoadrunners
 Insta: dwesroadrunners
 Twitter: @BrandieBDunlap

Horseshoe Trails Elementary
 Facebook: HorseshoeTrailsElementary
 Twitter: @AaronJPettinato

Cave Creek Unified School District
 Facebook: CaveCreekUSD
 Insta: cavecreekusd93
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Sonoran Trails Middle School
 Facebook: STMSStingers
 Insta: stms.stingers
 Twitter: @STMSStingers


Cactus Shadows High School
 Insta: cshs_falcons
 Twitter: @CSHS_Falcons
 @CSHSathletics1

Black Mountain Elementary
 Facebook: bmesbobcats
 Twitter: @bmes_bobcats

Lone Mountain Elementary
 Facebook: LoneMountainElementary
 Insta: lonemountainelementary
 Twitter: @LMES_Eagles



FACE TO FACE
 Greet everyone with a smile
 Professional attire
 Be solutions oriented
 Organized workspace
EMAIL
 Professional language
 Review draft before sending
 Respond within one business day

**CAVE CREEK
CUSTOMER
SERVICE
STANDARDS**



April 2022

STAFF STANDARDS
 Act with Integrity
 Have a positive attitude
 Respect everyone
 Always be professional
PHONES
 Friendly positive greeting
 Listen with intent to help
 Respond within one business day

CONGRATS 2024 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR!



Hoveeg Boyadjian, CSHS



Ashley Fauss, STMS



Alisa Gould, HTES



Sara Jahns, DWES



Madison Jone, BMES



Natalie May, LMES



Kristine Paul, DSA

TEACHERS ARE
SHINING STARS!

This event was held at the Holland Community Center. Family and friends of the winners were invited to enjoy a sit down dinner and the awards ceremony. Thank you for your dedication to the students of the Cave Creek Unified School District – we appreciate you!

Arizona's Tax Credit Program



Arizona's tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows families a tax credit of up to \$400 if they contribute to extracurricular activities in public schools. Individuals can give up to \$200. Contributions that are made on or before the fifteenth day of the fourth month (April 15), following the close of the taxable year, may be applied to either the current or preceding taxable year and is considered to have been made the last day of that taxable year.

Extracurricular activities are school-sponsored activities that may require enrolled students to pay a fee, including fees for:

- Extracurricular activities.
- Character education programs.
- Standardized testing fees for college credit or readiness offered by a widely recognized and accepted educational testing organization.
- Preparation courses and materials for standardized testing.
- The career and technical education industry certification assessment.
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training pursuant to A.R.S. 15-718.01.

From and after June 30, 2019 through June 30, 2024, these items are also Tax Credit eligible:

- Capital items (example: furniture, furnishings, athletic equipment, computer software, pupil & nonpupil transportation vehicles & equipment, textbooks, instructional aids, library books)
- Student consumable health care supplies (example: tissues, hand wipes, bandages)
- Playground equipment, shade structures for playground equipment

A single individual or a head of household can use the tax credit for \$200. A married couple filing a joint return can use the tax credit for \$400. Tax credit donations made on or before April 15th may be applied to either the current or preceding tax year.

More information can be found here: <https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/4775>



How can I log into my child's library account?

To view your student's school library catalog or library history, please access the library through the school's homepage or your child's Clever account. Your student may need to log in with his/her Google credentials. Please reach out directly to your school's library aide if you have any additional questions.

CCUSD Students of the Month for April

The following students were recognized at the April 9, 2024 Governing Board meeting: Jennifer Hughes - Black Mountain Elementary School; Avery Tenney - Lone Mountain Elementary School; Allie Cowan - Horseshoe Trails Elementary School; Francesca Rundle - Desert Sun Academy; Shay Miller - Desert Willow Elementary School; James Dallas - Sonoran Trails Middle School; Ava Trans - Sonoran Trails Middle School; and Scott Negrete - Cactus Shadows High School. The students were recognized by the Governing Board and received a certificate and a small gift from Mr. Dolezal.



Sonoran Trails Middle School's Student Leader of the Month —...

Cole Henderson was STMS' Student Leader and was recognized at the April 9, 2024 Governing Board Meeting. Cole sat on the dais next to Mr. Dolezal and participated in the opening of the Board meeting. He introduced himself to the group:

Hi, I'm Cole Henderson and I am honored to be nominated and to be here tonight. What sets me apart is the fact that I strive to achieve excellence in everything that I do. I have joined the National Junior Honor Society to show my leadership and dedication. I am also in the Robotics program that has taught me to think and problem solve like an engineer.

I hold myself to high standards. Everybody makes mistakes, but it is how you handle them that defines you. I feel that is what makes me a leader, above all else. My school has provided me with an unprecedented level of learning, and that is why STMS is such a great school. I can have fun, connect with friends, and work hard in the classroom while at school. Here at STMS, there has been phenomenal educators, such as Mrs. Fauss and Mrs. Valva. In these classes, the teachers make it so easy to learn, that if I could take them next year, I would. STMS is an all-around amazing school that makes it easy for leaders like me to work hard and achieve great things. Thank you again for this honor, and I am proud to represent STMS.



CCUSD March Employees of the Month

We are delighted to announce that CCUEF, Kendrick Wealth Management and The Summit Diner are our esteemed sponsors for the 2023-2024 Employee of the Month program. Their support enables us to recognize and honor the exceptional contributions of our dedicated staff members.

Thank you for your continued support and for joining us in celebrating the incredible talent within CCUSD. Together, we applaud the hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievements of our staff. Congratulations once again to our well-deserving recipients!

When you visit The Summit Diner, check in with Kendrick Wealth Management or are in our schools – thank the amazing people that make this recognition possible and who are encouraging our CCUSD students to be the best they can be!

CONGRATULATIONS!

April 2024

CCUSD EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: DONNA VAN DUZEE, HTES | ROBERT GILMORE, CSHS | BRITTANY SHERMAN, DSA | DEIRDRE ROBINSON, DWES | BILL DOLEZAL, SUPERINTENDENT | AMY MCBETH, STMS | JEFF FORTNEY, GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

NOT PICTURED: JAKELINE SANCHEZ, BMES | KATHRYN STEMWEDEL, LMES | BILL BRETTELL, TRANSPORTATION

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Black Mountain Elementary School...

The students pictured below were recognized with the Jeff Cross Memorial Award for Outstanding Artwork at last month's Sonoran Arts League Celebration of the Arts.



Horseshoe Trails Elementary School...

Congratulations to the students pictured below for being recognized at the Sonoran Arts League Celebration of the Arts held late last month.



Sonoran Trails Middle School...

The students pictured below were recognized at the Sonoran Arts League Celebration of the Arts held late last month – Congratulations Stingers!



Lone Mountain Elementary School...

Congratulations to Makenzie, Perla, Leyla, Kaitlyn, Emma, Avery, Riley, Elle, Chloe and Declan – these talented Eagle art students were recognized at the Sonoran Arts League Celebration of the Arts late last month.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE –DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Congratulations Class of 2024 – Superintendent’s Challenge...

Congratulations to the following students from the Class of 2024 who participated in and completed the Superintendent’s Challenge! There were a total of 44 students who participated in the Superintendent’s Challenge for the Class of 2024 – collectively, those 44 students volunteered over 8818 hours

The students below completed the challenge and will be recognized in the graduation pamphlet and will receive an honor cord to wear on graduation day – WAY TO GO FALCONS!

Tara Bird – 275 hours
Maya Camas – 344 hours
Emily Cheang – 182 hours
Isabella Duncan – 307 hours
Rachel Eastburn – 179.5 hours
Noah Edgin – 1012 hours
Erika Espina – 189.3
Sarah Goodyear – 336 hours
Gracyn Griffith – 223 hours
Emma Hansen – 230.5
Ava Hernandez – 274.5 hours
Kylie Holt – 357.9 hours
Grace Kabajouzian – 198.5
Kayla Kohler – 176 hours
Sierra Lewis – 533.5 hours
Chloe Lippen 181 hours
Kaylee Manzeck – 197.5 hours
Alexsis Munhall – 218 hours
Erica Olson – 176 hours
Aidan Reeder – 294 hours
Ben Sidoti – 340 hours
Austin Stasik – 240 hours
Max Thomas – 188 hours
Jacob Wainman – 290.4 hours
Alexis Weinzetl – 189 hours
Cassidy Wikas – 175.5
Katelyn Woosley – 399.5





MAY WISH LIST

JELLY

PEANUTBUTTER

RICE (SMALL SIZES)

BEANS (SMALL SIZES)

DRY PASTA

PASTA SAUCE (canned)

SOUP (LOW SODIUM)

PAPER TOWELS

DIAPERS SIZE 4,5,6

TOILETRIES WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF:

SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER (SMALL SIZES),

RAZORS, BAR SOAP, TAMPONS



PURGE YOUR PANTRY

FOOD DRIVE



Call To Action!

Help us reach our collection goal of
44,000 lbs. of food in 44 days!

April 1 - May 14, 2024

Interested in hosting a food drive?

Get your group involved today!

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- Church Groups
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- Hiking & Book Clubs
- Neighborhood Communities
- School Clubs

Most Needed Items:

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- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Soup
- Canned Protein
- Canned Fruit
- Rice & Beans
- Cereal

For more info or to
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www.FoothillsFoodBank.com

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?



Arizona Voter Registration Eligibility

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED 29 DAYS PRIOR TO AN ELECTION TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THAT ELECTION. STATE LAW REQUIRES ARIZONA RESIDENTS MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA TO REGISTER:

- ✔ A citizen of the United States of America. This includes any U.S. citizen who has never resided in the United States but whose parent is a United States citizen registered to vote in Arizona (A.R.S. § 16-103).
- ✔ 18-years old on or before the date of the next general election.
- ✔ A resident of Arizona for 29 days preceding the election.
- ✔ Not convicted of a felony or treason, unless civil rights have been restored.
- ✔ Able to write his or her name or make his or her mark, unless physically disabled.
- ✔ Not adjudicated an incapacitated person (A.R.S. § 14-5101).

[Maricopa County Voter Dashboard](#)

Check your voter registration status [here](#) on the Maricopa County Elections Department website. If you're not registered to vote, you can get forms and information [here](#) – also on the Maricopa County Elections Department website.

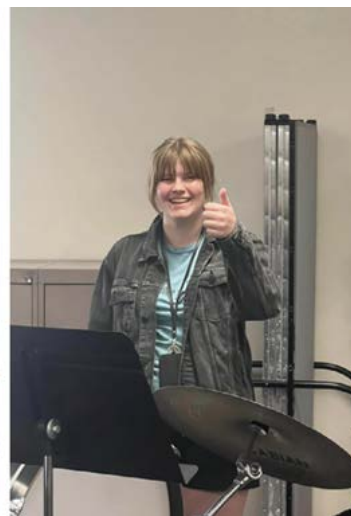
Sonoran Trails Middle School – Students of the Month!

Congratulations to the STMS Students of the Month: Way to go Stingers! Congratulations to: Brooks Motter (8th grade); Austin Peters (7th grade); Alex Robinson (8th grade); Ava Trans (8th grade); Finley Whalen (8th grade); Gabriel Cummins (7th grade); Loretta Freedman (7th grade); Roselyn Garcia Buelna (8th grade); Dylan Johnston (8th grade); Taylor Mariana (7th grade) and Amelia Mitchell (8th grade).



Sonoran Trails Middle School...

The students pictured below are STMS' Outstanding STAR Students! There are students out there who continue to do the right thing, don't always get recognized for their efforts, or just might need a little pick me up. We invite you to write up a nomination. Please revolve your answer around Safety, Trustworthy, Accountable, Respectful. Student names will be read on announcements OR they will get a special visit in one of their classrooms. When completing, you can remain anonymous if you so choose. Way to go Stingers!



CSHS March Falcon Athletes of the month!

Hailee Robidoux, Softball. From Coach Cundall: "Hailee had a great month in the circle and at the plate. Hailee had 20 strikeouts while only giving up 3 walks during March. She had an ERA of 3.45 and helped lead CSHS to 3 victories. At the plate, Hailee hit .430 with 3 doubles and a home run. Off the field, Hailee is closing out her high school academic career year with an impressive 4.3 weighted GPA!"



Preston Auer, Lacrosse. From Coach Perry: "We are happy to recommend Preston Auer for the Student Athlete of the Month. Preston is not only great in the classroom but also shines brightly on the field where he hasn't missed a practice or game in two years. In class, Preston is always one of the first to dive into discussions, setting a high bar for participation and enthusiasm. His academic prowess is evident, as he recently earned a New American Scholarship at Arizona State University, where he'll be majoring in Biochemical Engineering with a minor in Engineering Management. When he's not in the classroom, Preston leads by example on the Cactus Shadows lacrosse team where he is currently a three-year letterman. He's known for his encouragement and leadership, especially towards the younger players. Preston's ability and relentless drive to improve make him a standout player and a role model for his teammates. In short, Preston Auer embodies the perfect balance of academic excellence and athletic prowess. He's a true asset to our school community and a deserving candidate for this recognition."



Desert Sun Academy...

DSA held their First Annual Career Fair late last month – thanks to everyone who participated!



LMES Kinder – Garden...

The Eaglets had some planting time in their “Kinder-Garden” late last month. Here's hoping that April Showers will bring May flowers and veggies!



Sonoran Trails Stingers...

STMS Track and Field is having an awesome season – Go Stingers Go!



Horseshoe Trails Elementary School...

These fifth grade stallions taught their second grade buddies about the upcoming solar eclipse. The buddies then made an eclipse craft model together.



STMS Future Scientists...

Congratulations to STMS' Science Fair Winners: 1st Place 7th Grade: Zack Baumann for his research on how bridge design impacts weight capacity. 2nd Place 7th Grade: Gianna Sanchez for her work on how social media impacts sleep. 3rd Place 7th Grade: Harper Jett for her research on how artificial sweeteners can impact blood sugar. Honorable Mention 7th Grade: Reade Blum for his project on water powered engines. Honorable Mention 7th Grade: Vivienne Paradies for her work on butterfly flower preference. Honorable Mention 7th Grade: RJ Rye for his project on portable reverse osmosis filtration systems. Honorable Mention 7th Grade: Mary Mullenmeister for her research on bird feeders/food preference. Honorable Mention 7th Grade: Amanda Towns for her research on how pressure underwater can impact the lungs. 1st Place 8th Grade: Theo Whiting for his research on how electro-stimulation can impact plant growth. 2nd Place 8th Grade: Zachary Popenhagen for his research on yeast in sourdough. 3rd Place 8th Grade: T Little for his work on the impact of temperature on sound waves. Honorable Mention 8th Grade: Olivia Paysen for her project on the weathering of rocks via freezing and thawing. Honorable Mention 8th Grade: Carly Wistrom for her project on how different dam designs impact water pressure. Honorable Mention 8th Grade: Madi Barker for her work on type of sound and alarms. Honorable Mention 8th Grade: Issac Perez for his work on heat transfer and cost efficiency of fiberglass vs. recycled insulation. Louis Merickel for his research with salinity and brine shrimp.



Lone Mountain Elementary School STEAM...

Early last month, LMES' STEAM students built their house of cards and 3D projects – The Eagles have great problem solving and amazing creativity!



Black Mountain Elementary School...

These “baby” Bobcats are learning so much in preschool – Way to go!

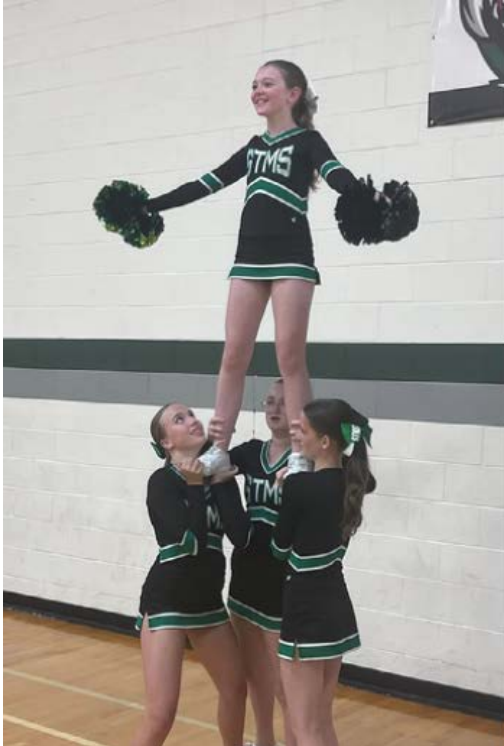


STMS Outdoor Classroom...

These budding musicians were using the outdoor classroom to hone their skills – they were able to spread out and enjoy the music!



STMS Stingers – on the court - Basketball...



Lone Mountain Elementary School – Pre School...

The Eaglets at LMES' Preschool were able to have fun learning about Bubble –ology with the Arizona Science Center!



Black Mountain Elementary School...

Congratulations to these Bobcats – they are now members of the International Thespian Society – way to go!



Horseshoe Trails Elementary School...

The Stallions were able to enjoy the Eclipse earlier this month – amazing!



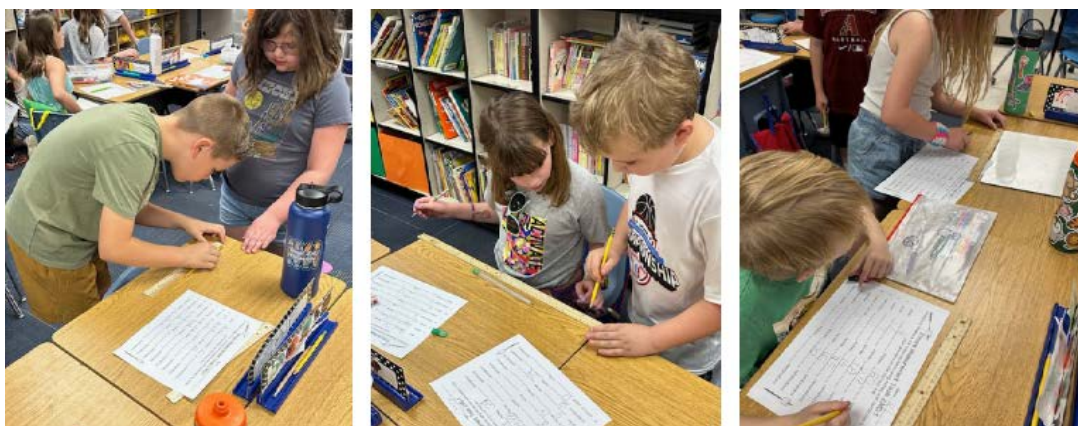
Cactus Shadows Falcons...

Congratulations to the following CSHS students who signed their letters of intent on April 17 - Kaylee Vasiloff for Soccer to Scottsdale Community College; Gavin Braucht for Football to Merchant Marines; Patrick Geary for Baseball to Mesa Community College and Ava Harris for Track and Cross Country to Westmont College.



Lone Mountain Elementary School...

Not sure how centimeters convert to inches or vice versa – just find a second grade LMES Eagle and they can help you out!



Desert Sun Academy...

DSA Kindergarteners had a STEAM night late last month – Way to go Coyotes!



Desert Willow Elementary School...

The fifth and sixth grade Roadrunners gathered a package to send to their pen pals in Spain!



Lone Mountain Elementary School...

LMES hosted an art show late last month. Mrs. Tanner, LMES Art Teacher did an outstanding job. Each LMES student had at least three pieces of artwork, including each student having ceramics on display. Click [here](#) to view the Glow in the Dark, Under the Sea Exhibit from the event – attendees were in awe!



Sonoran Trails Middle School...

Congratulations to the following 8th Grade Stingers who completed the Superintendent's Challenge: Juna Armgort; Cassia Barther; Charlotte Bradbury; Austin Carter; Sheila Delaney; Blake Duley; Eliana Duy; Kate Fey; Shaye Flower; Lyla Garsha; Megan Hughes; Matthew Lambrechts; Isabela Love; Jackson Mazur; Brooks Motter; Zachary Popenhagen; Clara Rice; Plivia Roberts; Michael Sutherland; Eliana Thomas; and Theo Whiting. They will receive a Superintendent's Challenge ribbon they can wear during their 8th grade celebrations later this month. Together these students contributed over 397 hours of community service – Way to go Stingers!



BMES Kindergarten...

The Bobcats made a cloud in their classroom – amazing!



CSHS Alum – what are they doing now?

Taylor (Orriss) Erickson, CSHS Class of 2008 ran in the Boston Marathon this past month. She was a member of CSHS' Cross Country Team while she was at CSHS. She ran the 26.2 miles in 3 hours, 12 minutes and 29 seconds...shaving ten minutes off her qualifying time. This is Taylor's third Marathon – She ran NYC Marathon two years ago and Carmel, IN Marathon last year that qualified her for Boston. Taylor lives in Bloomington, IN with her husband Chris and their son, Henry. She is a secondary biology teacher at Jackson Creek Middle School. Forever Falcon Pride!



Please send us updates on CSHS Alumni to feature in future News from the Creek. We'd LOVE to hear from them and see what they've been up to! FOREVER FALCON PRIDE! (send information to jscotto@ccusd93.net)

Desert Willow Elementary School...

Third grade Road Runners took a field trip to the Cave Creek Museum – thank you Kiwanis Club of Carefree for sponsoring this fieldtrip for the students!



Lone Mountain Third Grade...

There's an amazing Titanic display in LMES' third grade hallway. These Eagles have been learning about the Titanic...look at the travelers closely – we believe they are still in 3rd grade and attending LMES!



Desert Foothills Library - APRIL - JUNE 2024 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Information: for programs and events: Marjorie Sutherland-Smith, Special Events Manager, Desert Foothills Library, 480-488-2286, msmith@dfila.org, Kiersa Holleschau, Adult Program Coordinator at kholleschau@dfila.org, and Dawn Treude, Youth & Teen Librarian at dtreude@dfila.org

Where: Desert Foothills Library, 38443 North School House Road, Cave Creek, 85331

All information available digitally on our website at www.dfila.org, <https://desertfoothills.librarycalendar.com/events/month>
Also, check out our blog, the Foothills Footnote, to keep up to date with all the latest news from Desert Foothills Library!
<https://dfila.org/desert-foothills-library-news/>

Desert Foothills Library observes all federal holidays. The library will be closed on the following days: Monday, May 27th and Wednesday, June 19th

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cave Creek Mayoral and Council Candidate Debate Forum - Thursday, April 4, 5:00-7:00pm

Cave Creek Mayoral and Council Candidates Debate Forum moderated by Ray Michaels.

Ray Michaels is a professional Event Personality, Spokesperson, Presenter, Narrator, Host and Master of Ceremonies. He has worked with high profile companies such as royal Caribbean, Canon USA, Holland American Lines, Samsung, Walmart, and HBO. Carpooling advised. Please try to arrive early due to an expected full house. See you there!

No Registration required. Cost: Free

BubbleManiacs Foam Party- Summer Reading Program Event - Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 9:30AM-10:30AM

Join us for a spectacular start to our Summer Reading Program! The wonderful team at BubbleManiacs will create an epic mountain of foam up to six feet deep that's cool, clean, and completely allergy-safe. They bring along upbeat kid-friendly tunes, toss in fun toys like beach balls, and our professional host leads the party to get your group rocking. Great for ALL AGES, and especially for hard-to-please teens!

Arizona KPop Dance Workshop- Summer Reading Program Event - Saturday, June 29, 2024, 10:30AM-11:30AM

Calling all Teens ages 12 and above to join us for a KPop dance workshop! We'll begin with a 5-minute warm-up, followed by learning the choreography and dancing to the music. Optional filming and photo shooting at the end are also included. We will also bring a KPop random dance playlist for even more fun. This is a great program for those new to KPop as well as longtime fans! Free for Teens ages 12 and up

PapaHugs Children's Music Concert Saturday, July 27, 2024

Welcome back to the Desert Foothills Library PapaHugs! The PapaHugs world is a place where imagination and music can take you anywhere you want to go! Children, their Parents, and Grandparents will laugh and sing along to the GRAMMY® Award Nominated Children's songs of David "PapaHugs" Sharpe. All of the music is upbeat, interactive, and educational. This music is based upon all the imaginative things children say and do. Free

FEATURED PROGRAMS

The Beatles Next: The Solo Years - Saturday, June 15, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

This lecture will continue in the footsteps of The Beatles story and focus on the highlights of the "solo" post-Beatles careers of John, Paul, George and Ringo. We will explore the aftermath of The Beatles legacy and how they established themselves as solo artists. Our journey will also discuss their musical collaborations with each other on many of their solo projects. Coming full circle, we will explore their last collaborative project "The Beatles Anthology" released in the late 90's. As a Beatles Scholar and storyteller, Vinnie Bruno embraces the Beatles' legacy while presenting entertaining, interactive, and informative programs for both the casual listener and hard-core Beatles fans. As a 60s' Rock Historian, his program list includes historic and musical overviews of over 100 rock and roll musicians and groups, each of whom helped define the 50s, 60s and 70s by creating musical landscapes that captivated a generation and whose influence in popular culture still endures more than five decades later. Mr. Bruno retired as Director of First Year Programs at LaGuardia Community College (City University of New York). He holds an MPA from Baruch College and, as an adjunct professor for 25 years, taught courses in numerous disciplines including Humanities, Business and Mathematics. He currently resides in both New Jersey and Arizona Free | Register below or call 480-488-2286

The Space Wellness Center – Sound Healing Meditation - Wednesday, April 10, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Join The Space Healing Sanctuary for this 60 minute free introductory Sound Healing Meditation. Sound healing is a powerful modality that promotes wellness and assists healing with" anxiety, stress, pain, clarity, memory, immunity, creativity, and more. Everything in the known universe is vibrating at various frequencies. We are not only surrounded by these frequency emitting sounds, but we create our very own frequencies. With guided meditation and healing through the use of overtone emitting instruments like gongs, bowls, bells and chimes, we can allow our mind, body and spirit to cultivate a sense of relaxation and rejuvenation. This deep relaxation can encourage altered states of consciousness and help us

move the blockages associated with trauma, anxiety, stress, & negative emotions while promoting clarity, mindfulness and concentration. Sound can allow for healing physically, emotionally, and spiritually and help us return to our true nature. Register at www.dfla.org or call the library at 480-488-2286. Cost: Free

Hiking Safety – After the Fall; My Helicopter Rescue Off the Mountain - Friday, May 24, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

You suffer an immobilizing injury on the trail, now what happens? Now what do you do? Arizona's first responders are called upon to rescue hundreds of residents and visitors who have suffered debilitating injuries while exploring our beautiful mountain trails. "After the Fall; My Helicopter Rescue Off the Mountain" chronicles the dramatic real-life experience that Rick Kamel faced with his call for a chopper to rescue him as he lay helpless on the harsh desert mountain trail. The presenter, Rick Kamel from Phoenix said, "My goal is to provide those who attend this presentation, detailed insight into the strategies and tactics I used to facilitate a safe, speedy and smooth rescue. My hope is by telling my story, I will offer meaningful insight should a disabling trail mishap befall others hikers or bike riders." Rick Kamel is entirely retired and moved to Phoenix 5 years ago from the mid-west. He is an avid mountain and desert hiker as well as pavement walker averaging over 125 miles/month. His hikes have covered countless mountain ranges from Mexico to the Canadian Rockies, Death Valley, and even parts of the Mohave Desert. Rick enjoys forest hiking as well. Hiking parts of the Great Smoky Mt., Appalachian Trail, Ozark Mountains and the Heron, Hiawatha and Manistee National Forests. His latest treks this past summer took him to Gila National Forest in NM, parts of the Colorado Trail and the Rio Grande Gorge outside of Taos. Rick is now training for the Bataan Death March marathon held on the White Sands Missile Base just outside of Las Cruces NM. Registration required. Register at www.dfla.org or call the library at 480-488-2286. Cost: Free

COOKING CLASSES

Gnocchi ala Romano and Italian Pizzelle Cookie Culinary Class - Thursday, April 25, 1:00-2:30pm

Tom Subranni will teach you this classic Gnocchi alla Romana recipe - a must-try dish for those seeking Italian comfort food goodness. The baked semolina gnocchi dough, with plenty of grated Parmesan on top, results in a stunning secondi or side dish with a crisp golden exterior and soft interior. As an added bonus, Tom will show you how to make the classic Italian Pizzelle cookies. These crisp cookies are a popular sweet in Abruzzo for celebratory events. They are light, simple, and delicious and are a great accompaniment to gelato or sorbet- or on their own, with a platter of ripe summer fruits. Tom Subranni is a retired attorney and a recent snowbird resident of Lone Mountain. Besides being a dedicated plant person, he has been making bread and other Italian recipes for over 40 years. This is Tom's second year presenting baking recipes at the Desert Foothills Library. Tom's cell is 609-335-1882 and he would be glad to take calls. Free | Register below | Questions, please call 480-488-2286

Art & Travel Series - Step Into the Dazzling Colors of the Impressionist World - Thursday, April 11, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
- Presented by Dominique Flamm

On April 15, 1874, two weeks before the start of the official Paris Salon, a group of young artists, later known as the Impressionists, independently presented their works for the first time. The public was shocked. Why did Impressionism create such an emotional reaction? What made this new vision so exasperating to the society of the Belle Époque? Step into the dazzling colors of the Impressionist world with Dominique. Dominique graduated from the École du Louvre in Paris studying art history and museology and was an Art Lecturer of the French National Museums before moving to the United States where she began her teaching career. Free | Register at dfla.org | Questions, please call 480-488-2286

BugMan Steve - Friday, April 26, 2024, 10:30 AM- 11:30 AM

Come learn basic entomology and anatomy, as well as an overview of insect relatives (spiders, scorpions, etc). Discussion focuses on the importance of insects and native Arizona species, will lead to some incredible examples of world-wide insects, many of which are the largest species in the world. The audience also will have a chance to pet harmless, LIVE bugs and insects! Steve Miller has been presenting programs for years and is extremely knowledgeable about Arizona insect fauna and habitat. He's a great guy and we're blessed to have him on our Team. He'll introduce the audience to both native Arizona species and a variety of amazing exotic insects that will surely inspire everyone! Everyone loves insects... they just don't know it yet! This event will be first come first serve in terms of seating.

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ECS NEWS



Online registration www.cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com
Instructions for registration link www.ecsforall.org/register
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FUN & LEARNING WITH ECS

-Enrichment at Lone Mountain:

Drama (Finding Nemo: The Musical), Sports Galore, Academics, Art, STEAM, Culinary, Spanish, French, and More

-Enrichment at Cactus Shadows:

Basketball, Pickel ball, Volleyball, Dance, Spiritline, Edgenuity, Academic Support, and More

-**Wrap Around Childcare:** AM & PM available at the LMES site and **Full Day Kids Club Camps** at Black Mountain Elementary



Contact Information:

☎ 480-575-2440

ECS Office Hours:

M-F, 7:30AM-4:00PM

FOR MORE DETAILS AND
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Participating in the Superintendent's Challenge...

Superintendent's Challenge Information for the 2023-2024 School Year is posted here:

<https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/7297>

Students may start accruing hours for the 24-25 school year on May 24-2024

Volunteer Opportunities

A Peek at the Peak (The Peak) online magazine: <https://apeekatthepeak.org/>

American Cancer Society: <https://www.cancer.org/>

Arizona Helping Hands, Inc.: <https://azhelpinghands.org/>

Arizona Humane Society: <https://www.azhumane.org/>

Arizona Musicfest: <https://azmusicfest.org/>

Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce: <https://carefreecavecreek.org/>

Carefree Church: info@carefreechurch.com (email for volunteer opportunities)

Cave Creek Museum: <https://cavecreekmuseum.org/>

Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation (CCUEF): www.ccuef.org

Child Crisis Arizona: <https://childcrisisaz.org/>

Desert Broom Library: <https://www.phoenixpubliclibrary.org/locations/desert-broom>

Desert Foothills Foodbank: <https://foothillsfoodbank.com/>

Desert Foothills Library: <https://dfla.org/>

Desert Foothills YMCA: <https://valleyymca.org/desert-foothills/>

Desert Hills Presbyterian Church: <https://deserthills.org/>

Foothills Caring Corps: <https://foothillscaringcorps.com/>

Hands On Greater Phoenix: <https://www.handsonphoenix.org/>

ICAN: <https://www.icanaz.org/volunteer/>

JustServe: <https://www.justserve.org/>

Kiwanis Marketplace: <https://kiwanismarketplace.org/>

Mathnasium: betsy.washburn@mathnasium.com (STMS or CSHS only)

Puppy Luv Animal Rescue: <https://www.puppyluvar.com/>

St. Mary's Food Bank: <https://www.firstfoodbank.org/>

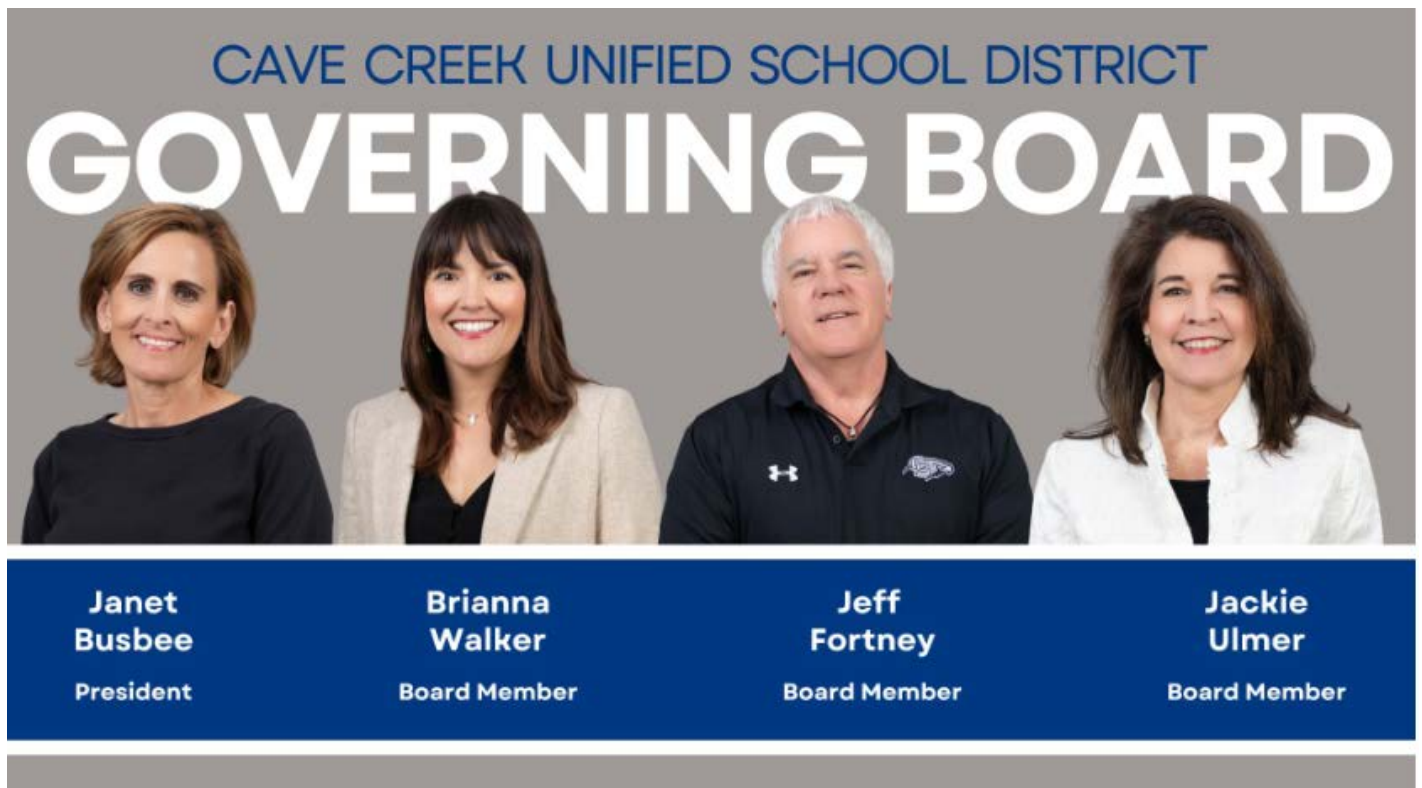
St. Vincent de Paul: <https://www.stvincentdepaul.net/>

United Food Bank: <https://www.unitedfoodbank.org/>

Valley of the Sun United Way: <https://vsuw.org/>

Wild At Heart Rescue: <https://wildatheartaptors.org/>





Governing Board Meetings

33016 North 60th Street

Scottsdale

May 14, 2024

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