



Bill Dolezal, Superintendent

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



Dear Parents, Community & CCUSD Staff –

As we enter the season of Arizona State Assessments for our students' in grades 3 through 8, as well as, 9 and 11, it is essential to recognize that while these assessments provide valuable insight into academic progress, they do not encompass the full spectrum of our student's potential or worth.

In the Cave Creek Unified School District (CCUSD), we are committed to fostering well-rounded individuals who excel not only academically, but also socially, emotionally, and creatively. We believe that a holistic approach to education is key to preparing students for success in all facets of life in the future of their choosing.

While we encourage our students to do their best on these assessments, we also emphasize the importance of maintaining balance and prioritizing their overall well-being by providing support and encouragement that can help them feel confident on test day. As our partners, here a few reminders to help your student perform their best on test day (and every other day):

- 1) **Prioritize Rest:** Adequate sleep is important for brain function and overall well-being. Ensuring your child gets enough rest can significantly improve memory, concentration, and performance. Research suggests that adults need 7-9 hours of sleep each night, while teenagers need 8-10 hours, and younger children need even more.
- 2) **Fuel with Nutrition:** A healthy breakfast fuels the body and mind, providing the energy and nutrients necessary for optimal cognitive functioning. Encourage your child to eat a balanced meal to support their performance on test day.
- 3) **Promote Mental Preparation:** In addition to physical well-being, mental preparedness is equally important. Encourage your child to stay calm and focused by practicing techniques such as deep

breathing, visualizing success, and positive self-talk. These strategies can help to reduce stress and enhance performance.

In CCUSD, student success is our top priority. We are dedicated to providing a supportive and engaging learning environment, led by passionate educators committed to nurturing the growth and development of every student.

As our students embark on this assessment journey, we extend our best wishes to each and every one of them. May they approach these assessments with confidence, knowing that they are prepared and that their worth extends far beyond a test score. Let us continue to work together to empower our students to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in education. We eagerly anticipate the continued growth and success of our students, both in and out of the classroom.

We look forward to seeing you in our schools.

Together,



Bill Dolezal, Superintendent



**COME JOIN OUR TEAM**

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



## Follow CCUSD on Social Media

### Desert Sun Academy

Insta: desertsunacademy  
Facebook: Desertsunacademy  
Twitter: @CCUSD\_93

### Desert Willow Elementary

Facebook: DWESRoadrunners  
Insta: dwesroadrunners  
Twitter: @BrandieBDunlap

### Horseshoe Trails Elementary

Facebook: HorseshoeTrailsElementary  
Twitter: @AaronJPettinato

### Cactus Shadows High School

Insta: cshs\_falcons  
Twitter: @CSHS\_Falcons  
@CSHSathletics1

### Cave Creek Unified School District

Facebook: CaveCreekUSD  
Insta: cavecreekusd93  
Twitter: @cavecreekusd93

### Sonoran Trails Middle School

Facebook: STMSStingers  
Insta: stms.stingers  
Twitter: @STMSStingers

### 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

#### 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



April 2022

## 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 March**

The following students were recognized at the March 26, 2024 Governing Board meeting: Kyle Castle - Black Mountain Elementary School; Anna Mulligan - Lone Mountain Elementary School; Rose Minnich - Horseshoe Trails Elementary School; Kayla Godby - Desert Sun Academy; Rhett Bohannon - Desert Willow Elementary School; Lucy Kai - Sonoran Trails Middle School; Myleigh Fosdick - Cactus Shadows High School; and Kaitlyn Hendrick - Cactus Shadows High School. The students were recognized by the Governing Board and received a certificate and a small gift from Mr. Dolezal.



### **Cactus Shadows High School's Student Leader of the Month –...**

Isabella Werneck was CSHS' Student Leader and was recognized at the March 26, 2024 Governing Board Meeting. Isabella sat on the dais next to Mr. Dolezal and participated in the opening of the Board meeting. She introduced herself to the group:



## 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!

## *March 2024*

### CCUSD EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: AMANDA TANNER, LMES | LEAH KRISS, DSA | JANET BUSBEE,  
GOVERNING BOARD PRESIDENT | VICKI COPE, STMS | BILL DOLEZAL, SUPERINTENDENT |  
LAURIE MACDONALD, FACILITIES | CHRISTOPHER DIXON II, CSHS  
NOT PICTURED: MICHELLE CALVIN, BMES | JUAN PABLO GONZALEZ, DWES | LARS SCHUMITZ,  
HTES  
SPONSORS: CCUEF, KENDRICK WEALTH MANAGEMENT, SUMMIT DINER





### Sonoran Trails Middle School...

Mrs. Izumi's art classes are turning out amazing work. The first picture is what happens prior to the work being completed. The second picture is their completed work – Awesome job Stingers!



### Black Mountain Elementary School...

Arrrgh! Reading books by David Shannon got the baby Bobcats in the mood for a good ole' fashion pirate day! They battened down the hatches and sailed to find buried treasure! A map from Redbeard was followed and with Ms Kelly as their captain, jewels and gold were found! No one had to walk the plank on this day of reading fun!



### Lone Mountain Elementary School...

These 6<sup>th</sup> grade Eagles were working on constellations in STEAM class earlier last month – future astronomers – Way to go Eagles!



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE –DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**



# Together

## CCUSD's Business Partners Breakfast!

Sponsored by  
**Colonial Life**

**Would you like to sponsor a door prize?**  
If so, please contact [jscotto@ccusd93.net](mailto:jscotto@ccusd93.net) - THANK YOU!

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

7:30am Networking

8-9am Breakfast

**The Holland Center-Foothills Community Foundation**  
**34250 N. 60<sup>th</sup> Street – Scottsdale, 85266**

Join us for breakfast, networking and all things CCUSD!

**Would you like to sponsor a breakfast for the  
24-25 School Year?**

If so, please contact [jscotto@ccusd93.net](mailto:jscotto@ccusd93.net) - THANK YOU!

Please RSVP to [jscotto@ccusd93.net](mailto:jscotto@ccusd93.net) no later than April 8, 2024. Please let us know who will be attending from your organization.





#### APRIL WISH LIST

JELLY

PEANUTBUTTER

RICE (SMALL SIZES)

BEANS (SMALL SIZES)

DRY PASTA

PASTA SAUCE (canned)

SOUP (LOW SODIUM)

PAPER TOWELS

#### 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!**

- Girl Scout & Boy Scout Troops
- Church Groups
- Home Owner's Associations
- Hiking & Book Clubs
- Neighborhood Communities
- School Clubs

#### Most Needed Items:

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

For more info or to  
schedule a pick-up: [info@foothillsfoodbank.com](mailto:info@foothillsfoodbank.com)

[www.FoothillsFoodBank.com](http://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.

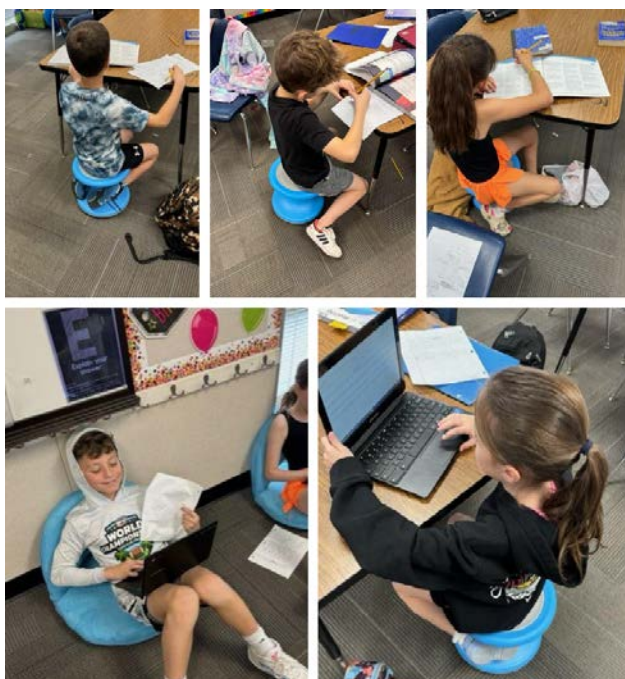
## Sonoran Trails Middle School – Students of the Month!

Congratulations to the STMS Students of the Month: Way to go Stingers! Congratulations to: Alex Pasucci (8<sup>th</sup> grade); Aubrey Pettinato (8<sup>th</sup> grade); Jessica Torke Zahrani (7<sup>th</sup> grade); Bryce Viavattene (7<sup>th</sup> grade); Zoey Wood (8<sup>th</sup> grade); Connor Dusek (7<sup>th</sup> grade); Meliah Evans (8<sup>th</sup> grade); Marissa Fozzard (8<sup>th</sup> grade); Emily Gotschall (7<sup>th</sup> grade); Kaito Holtz (8<sup>th</sup> grade); and Daniela Lopez Ballesteros (7<sup>th</sup> grade).



## DWES Flex Seating...

DWES has new flex seating compliments of a grant from Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation (CCUEF) – for more information about CCUEF – click [here](#).



## Horseshoe Trails Elementary School...

These Stallions are budding musicians! Way to go!





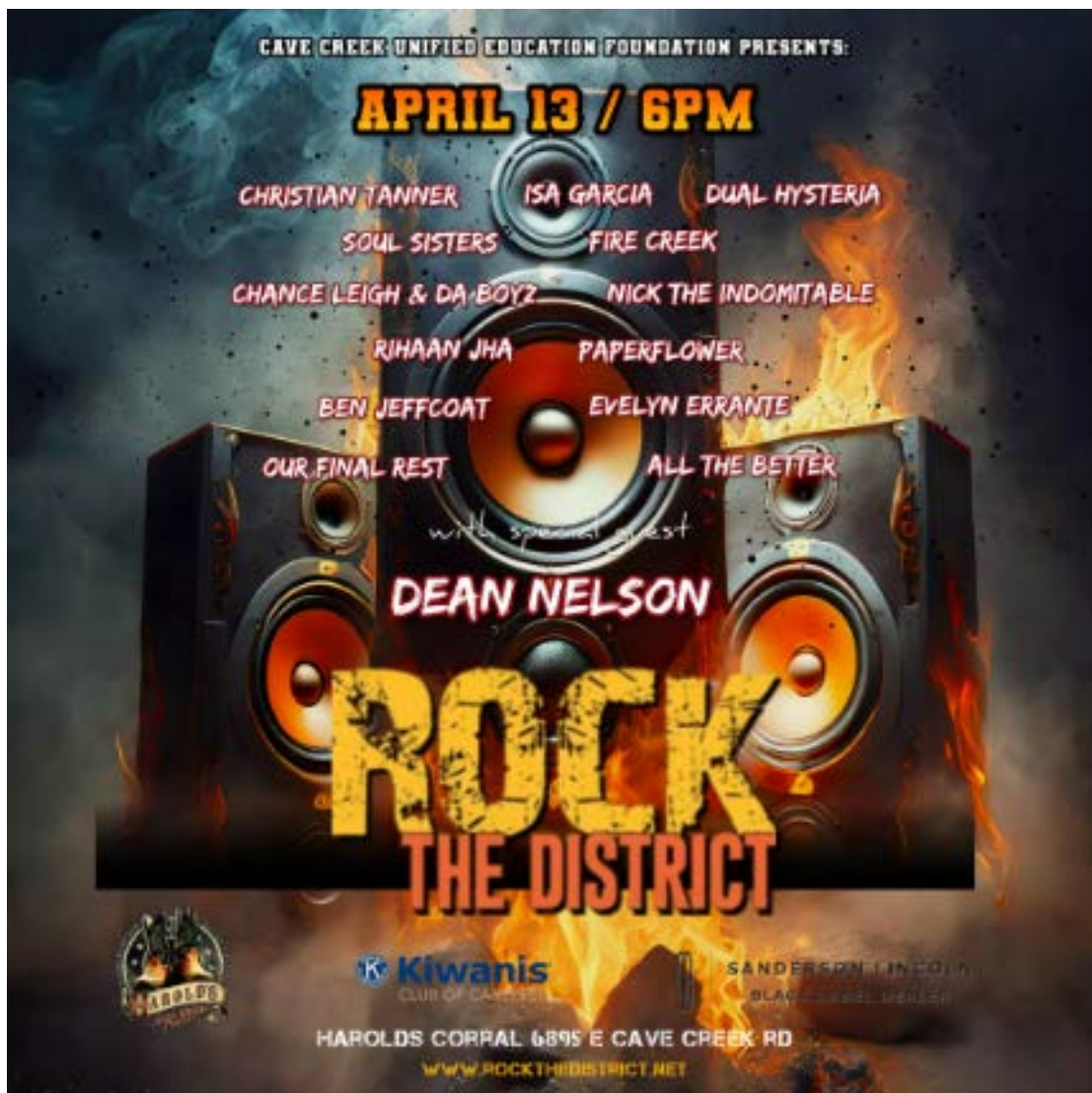
## Are you ready to ROCK for a REASON?

Rock the District, the flagship event for Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation, is coming up on April 13th, 2024 at Harold's in Cave Creek! Brought to you by CCUEF and Sanderson Lincoln, this event brings together 14 incredibly talented student bands in a professionally produced concert setting. Our performers range from 5th-12 grade and they can absolutely ROCK!!! Pair that with a silent auction filled with must-have items and this is an event you won't want to miss....all benefitting our CCUSD Classrooms!!

Because of the support of people like you, this year alone, we were able to grant nearly \$100K to 57 deserving CCUSD educators and the incredible students they impact every day! This brings our total to over \$350K....directly back into our classrooms!

On April 13th, we will be ROCKIN FOR A REASON! We hope you consider joining us!!

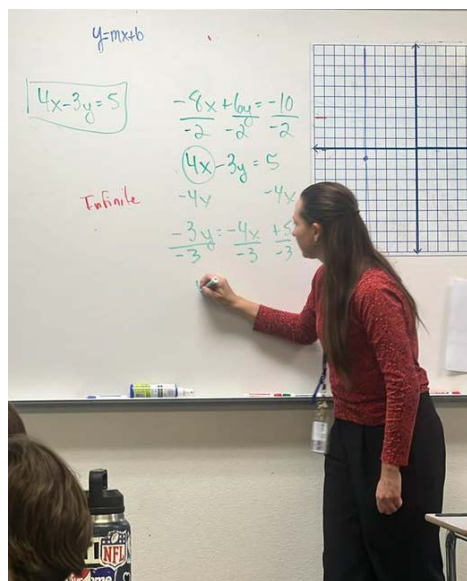
To learn more and get your tickets today, visit <https://ccuef.org/rock-the-district/>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR [ROCK THE DISTRICT](#) – April 13 – Harold's Cave Creek Corral

## STMS Mathematicians...

Ms. Lane teaching 8th grade students different types of solutions- infinite or not. The Stingers were asking really good questions to better understand this concept and great modeling by Ms. Lane.



## Maricopa County Superintendent Steve Watson visits BMES...

Superintendent Watson visited BMES' kindergarteners early March to read and give the gift of reading for Read Across America – Thank you for coming, Superintendent Watson!





### LMES future Statisticians...

Mrs. Schoreder's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Eagles were busy collecting data from their classmates and putting it into bar graphs and analyzing the data – Way to go Eagles!



### STMS Outdoor Classroom...

Ms. Gervasio's 7<sup>th</sup> grade students were the first to use STMS' outdoor classroom! Below are some pictures from the Grand Opening!





## Read Across America – Around CCUSD...

There were a lot of special guests invited to read to CCUSD students in celebration of Read Across America!



Superintendent Dolezal



Cave Creek Mayor, Bob Morris



Care Free Mayor, John Crane



First Responders



Governing Board Member, Brianna Walker



Governing Board Member, Jeff Fortney



Superintendent Dolezal



Dr. Patty Jensen

### Sonoran Trails Middle School SEED Club...

STMS' SEED club was on campus over the weekend prepping for the grand opening of their outdoor classroom. It is so cool how many kids have been involved in this project – Stinger Pride!



### Black Mountain Elementary School...

These second grade Bobcats are honing their skills at telling time by telling time to the hour and half hour game – way to go!



### Lone Mountain Elementary School...

Sixth graders in Mrs. Hiner's science class were busy learning all about abiotic and biotic factors in our environment – Outdoor Science class is the best!





### Former Bobcats return to the Den...

Early March, Mr. Owsley invited some very special guests to join him and staff for an amazing learning experience. Current CSHS seniors (former Bobcats) joined them to provide valuable insight and advice on how to best prepare current Bobcats for STMS, CSHS, and beyond. BMES takes “preparing students for the global stage” seriously and were thrilled to learn how to do that from the very students they have worked to prepare.



### Cactus Shadows Annual College and Career Fair...

CSHS' 3<sup>rd</sup> annual college and career fair was a huge success. Thank you to CSHS' counseling team and the colleges, Universities, and business community who were a part of the amazing day.



### LMES Eagle Garden...

LMES fourth graders weeded the Eagle's garden late last month. They learned about annuals and perennials in the process – Way to SOAR Eagles!





## Sonoran Trails Middle School – Science Night...

STMS's Science night was a huge success – the campus was buzzing with eager scientists ready to share their projects – way to go Stingers!



Thank you to our community members who came to judge the students' projects!

## Desert Willow Elementary School – PTO...

DWES' PTO participated in the Cave Creek Rodeo Parade – check out their float!



## **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](mailto:msmith@dfila.org), Kiersa Holleschau, Adult Program Coordinator at [kholleschau@dfila.org](mailto:kholleschau@dfila.org), and Dawn Treude, Youth & Teen Librarian at [dtreude@dfila.org](mailto: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](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

# TOGETHER



## ECS NEWS



Online registration [www.cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com)  
Instructions for registration link [www.ecsforall.org/register](http://www.ecsforall.org/register)  
Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cavecreekecs>  
Information about ECS [www.ecsforall.org](http://www.ecsforall.org)  
ECS Office 480-575-2440

# SUMMER ENRICHMENT ENROLLMENT OPEN

**FUN & LEARNING WITH ECS**

- Enrichment at Lone Mountain: Drama (Finding Nemo: The Musical), Sports Galore, Academics, Art, Stitch it Up, Cooking, STEAM, and More
- Wrap Around Childcare Available AM & PM at the LMES site and Full Day Kids Club Camps at Black Mountain Elementary
- Enrichment at Cactus Shadows: Basketball, Pickel ball, Dance, Edgenuity, Academic Support, Performing Arts, and More

**JOIN FUN ACTIVITIES ALL YEAR LONG WITH ECS!**

**Contact Information:**

☎ 480-575-2440  
ECS Office Hours:  
M-F, 7:30AM-4:00PM  
FOR MORE DETAILS AND  
REGISTRATION:  
[CAVECREEK.CE.ELEYO.COM](http://CAVECREEK.CE.ELEYO.COM)

For more details & registration: [www.cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com)



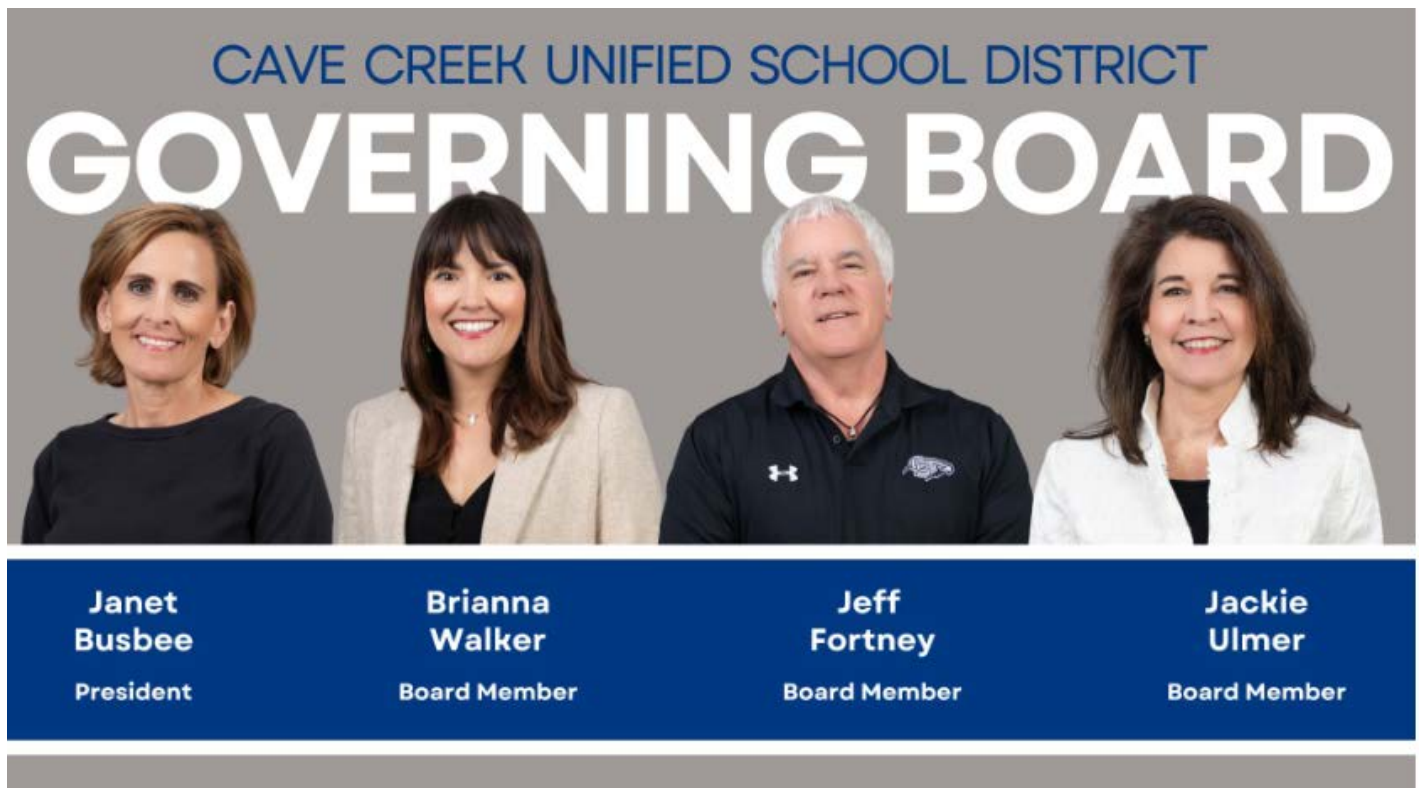
### **Participating in the Superintendent's Challenge...**

Superintendent's Challenge Information for the 2023-2024 School Year is posted here:  
<https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/7297>

### **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](mailto:info@carefreechurch.com) (email for volunteer opportunities)  
 Cave Creek Museum: <https://cavecreekmuseum.org/>  
 Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation (CCUEF): [www.ccuef.org](http://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://valleymca.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](mailto: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/>





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