

In the 2024-25 school year, Prescott Unified School District has been the recipient of three 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) Grants which fund FREE before and after school programs at various school sites in PUSD. These new grants, **totaling 1.6 million dollars over a 5-year period**, are in addition to an already established 21st CCLC Program at Lincoln Elementary School. The new 21st CCLC Grant sites are Abia Judd Elementary School, Taylor Hicks Elementary School and Granite Mountain Upper Elementary School.

The 21st CCLC Grants fund free academic and enrichment activities before and after school to support the academic and social development of all students on campus. Academic activities at each school site vary, but all address the needs of the school and community and support all students in meeting the challenging state academic standards in core content areas of reading/literacy and math. Some examples of academic clubs at schools include: ***Adventures in Reading Club, For the Love of Poetry Club, Math Games Club, Newspaper Club, Become an Author Club, AR Reading Club*** and a variety of STEAM centered clubs. Students engage in hands-on activities using data-driven curriculum to support their academic success during the school day.

Enrichment activities designed to support youth development are incorporated into both before and after school clubs and include project-based learning, character education, youth leadership, student voice, student choice and service learning. Some examples of enrichment clubs at various sites include: ***Gardening Club, Tennis Club, Knifty Knitters Club, Chess Club, Rugby for Boys and Girls, Science Snackers Club, Board Game Mania Club, Move and Groove Club*** and many more. Teachers and staff at each site run these after school clubs to ensure that activities complement and are aligned to the students' academic programs during the regular school day.

Parent engagement is also a large part of the 21st CCLC Programs. Parents, families, and caregivers are essential partners in supporting student success. The goal of family engagement activities is to offer families of all 21st CCLC students opportunities designed to empower them in active and meaningful engagement to raise student academic outcomes and social skills. By supporting students and families in these intentional ways, academic outcomes are bolstered. Family engagement activities include but are not limited to: Parenting Seminars, Family Fun Math Nights, Family Literacy Night, Family Art Night and a Student Success Celebration.

Summer school is included in the 21st CCLC Grant programming and will take place in June every summer over the 5 year grant period. Summer activities will also be based on academic achievement and social development and are free to all enrolled students at these sites.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants are an amazing addition to PUSD's many resources to support and enhance student achievement and wellbeing!