R5 High School

Phoenix Gazette

Hello R5 Community,

The 3rd quarter is nearly complete with only 9 days remaining. Learners are working hard on their projects and fulfilling their graduation requirements as we approach our end-of-quarter exhibitions.

First, we want to ask for your support and help to encourage your students to show up daily to school. Our attendance rates are lower than usual for this time of the year. With only 9 days left in the quarter, there is still time for learners to attend everyday and get work done to earn credits towards graduation. If you need help or support with encouraging your student or addressing absence challenges, please reach out to us as we are happy to partner with you in supporting their consistent attendance and progress.

Second, save the date for our ***Q3 Learner Exhibitions on Wednesday, March 11th from 10-10:30 am.*** R5 l earners will be sharing their impressive projects with the public and are very excited for this opportunity. A key portion of successful project work for learners involves feedback and support from community members and our learners are hoping to have a large turn out. We look forward to your presence at this inspiring event.

Third, don't forget spring break at the end of this quarter. ***There will be no school for students from March 16th - 20th. The 4th quarter starts on Monday, March 23rd for all learners.*** We hope everyone has a wonderful spring break and we look forward to entering the 4th and final quarter of this school year.

Last, a quick reminder about graduation celebrations and deadlines for all learners planning to graduate this year. ***The final date for all learners to turn in work for credit and be eligible to walk in the 2026 R5HS Graduation Commencement is Tuesday, May 5th at 3pm.*** Any learner who does not have their work submitted by this time will not be allowed to participate in the Commencement. Please encourage learners to remember this important deadline.

We will celebrate all graduates at our ***R5 High School Sweet Success Banquet on Wednesday, May 6th at R5 High School at 6:30 pm***. Mark your calendars for this celebration as graduating seniors may invite up to 2 family members to join us. We will hand out awards and recognize our graduates at this event. And ***don't forget to add Tuesday, May 12th at 9am to your calendars for the 2025 R5 High School Graduation Commencement at Stoker Stadium***. We look forward to celebrating with you and your graduating students on this special day.

As always, reach out to our main office if you have any questions. We look forward to another great month together.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT 51
FOUNDATION

WHAT IS THE DISTRICT 51 FOUNDATION?

The D51 Foundation (D51F) raises money to support our local schools, prioritizing funding for professional learning, technology and innovation, and staff and student wellness. Our mission is to raise funds for academic growth and achievement while promoting outreach to benefit kids and our community.

WWW.D51FOUNDATION.ORG

Student of the Month
Chloe Pitchford

Chloe shows reflective ownership by attending class every day and consistently putting strong effort into each assignment, demonstrating that she takes responsibility for her learning. Her willingness to try hard and engage fully with the material shows future readiness, as she is building the habits needed for success beyond the classroom. Chloe models perseverance and focus, showing she understands the material and is committed to growth. Through her positive participation and dedication, she demonstrates community responsibility by setting a strong example for her peers and encouraging a culture of learning. Chloe communicates truthfully to R-5 classmates and faculty by trusting in restorative circles, confidently speaking up for herself, and voicing her needs.





Connection Walk

SATURDAY
MARCH 28
STARTS AT LAS COLONIAS PARK - 9:00AM

Connection. Hope. Compassion. For families navigating medically complex journeys.



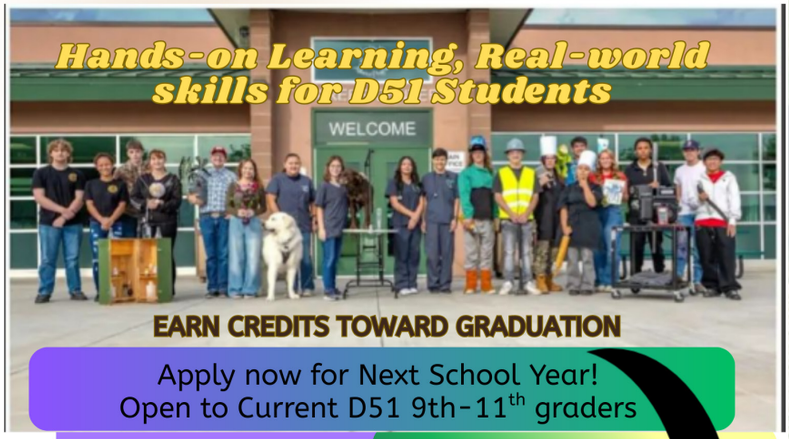
WALK, CONNECT, ADVOCATE

All ages and abilities are welcome

Come walk with us in community - connecting hearts, building understanding, and reminding families that no one walks alone.

Free to participate - registeration requested , please visit:

www.thelavendergrayproject.com



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Bus transportation provided to and from home high school

Visit our website for more information
https://cc.d51schools.org/

Nicole Lee



Consistently stepping up with grace and compassion, embracing change and taking on extra responsibilities—especially during demanding times—to support both staff and learners with a positive attitude and a smile.

Builds genuine relationships and a strong sense of belonging, going out of her way to connect with every learner through kindness, conversation, and thoughtful support that reflects the core values of the R5 community.

A trusted problem-solver and team asset, always willing to help others find solutions with care, intention, and empathy, making her an invaluable support to everyone around her.

R5 ROCKSTAR



IMPORTANT DATES

March 11th - Last Day of 3rd Quarter/Student Exhibitions
March 12th - No School/District InService Day
March 13th - No School/Teacher Workday
March 16th - March 20th - SPRING BREAK!
March 23rd - First Day of 4th Quarter



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2026 GRADUATION INFORMATION

Here are some critical dates for graduation - mark your calendars!

- February 4th, 2026 @ 9:45 AM - SENIOR CLASS MEETING - Meet in the Harry Butler Boardroom (at R5) at 9:45 a.m. You will hear important details about graduation and be voting on your class song and motto. A representative from Josten's will be available for questions regarding caps, gowns, rings, and special orders.

Your parents and/or guardians are welcome to attend this meeting.

- February 4th, 2026 DEADLINE - Parents and/or students are responsible for purchasing learner caps and gowns. You can order your basic package from Jostens at www.jostens.com or you can call 970-242-5030.

- April 24th, 2026 DEADLINE - DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR GRADUATION SPEECH. If you would like to make a speech at graduation, please prepare a 3-5 minute speech, type it out, and email your submission to your ELA Teacher: Ms. Casey @ sutton.casey@d51schools.org, Ms. Jay @ candace.Jay@d51schools.org, or Mr. Morales @ mario.morales@d51schools.org by April 25th.

- May 1st, 2026 DEADLINE - LAST DAY TO TAKE WORKKEYS TEST. *THIS IS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.*

- May 5th, 2026 DEADLINE - All assignments that are due for credit, must be turned in to your teachers by 3:00 p.m. No exceptions will be made for this deadline.

- May 5th, 2026 DEADLINE - ALL SCHOOL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO GRADUATION! - Please check with the front office to find out how much you may owe. You will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies until your fees are paid in full.

- WEEK BEFORE GRADUATION - Pick up your cap and gown from the front office at R5. TAKE IT OUT OF THE PACKAGE AND HANG IT UP! To remove creases: put it in the dryer (on a low setting) for a short time with a wet washcloth.

- MONDAY, MAY 11TH, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. @ Stocker Stadium - GRADUATION REHEARSAL

➢ ***WEAR YOUR CAP AND GOWN (THE GRADUATING CLASS PHOTO WILL BE TAKEN, YOU MUST BE IN CAP AND GOWN TO BE IN THE PHOTO).***

Adornments may be worn with your cap and gown but they must comply with the revised D51 dress code Board Policy JICA. Any adornments or cap decorations that do not comply will be removed and not allowed in the ceremony.

PRACTICE IS MANDATORY IF YOU WANT TO WALK IN THE CEREMONY

Once rehearsal is finished, graduate speakers will meet at the stage to go over and practice their speeches.

- TUESDAY, MAY 12TH, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m. - GRADUATION DAY!

➢ ***WEAR YOUR CAP AND GOWN - REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS***

LEARNERS: Please dress professionally. Wear long pants, dresses or skirts, and nice shoes

⇒Arrive at Stocker Stadium by 8:30 a.m. for the Graduation Line-Up - Don't be late!⇐

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2026 IMFORMACIÓN DE GRADUACIÓN

¡He aquí algunas fechas importantes para la graduación, así que apúntelas en su calendario!

- 4 de febrero de 2026 - REUNIÓN DE ESTUDIANTES DEL GRADO 12 (Senior) a las 9:45 AM en Harry Butler Boardroom (at R5). Escucharán detalles importantes sobre la graduación y votarán por la canción y el lema de su clase. Un representante de Josten's estará disponible para responder preguntas sobre gorra, capa, anillos y pedidos especiales.

  Sus padres y/o tutores son bienvenidos a asistir a esta reunión.

  4 de febrero de 2026 FECHA LÍMITE - Los padres o estudiantes son responsables de comprar los gorros y capas de graduación del estudiante. Usted puede ordenar su paquete básico de www.jostens.com o puede llamar al 970-242-5030.

- 24 DE ABRIL de 2026 FECHA LÍMITE - FECHA LÍMITE PARA ENTREGAR TU DISCURSO DE GRADUACIÓN. Si deseas dar un discurso en la ceremonia de graduación, por favor prepara un discurso de 3 a 5 minutos, escríbalo y envíe su versión final por correo electrónico a su maestra(o) de inglés (ELA) Srta. Casey @ sutton.casey@d51schools.org, Srta. Jay @ candace.Jay@d51schools.org, o Sr. Morales @ mario.morales@d51schools.org antes del 25 de abril.

- 1ero de mayo de 2026 – FECHA LÍMITE. Último día para tomar el examen workkeys. ¡ESTO ES REQUISITO PARA GRADUARSE!

- 5 de mayo de 2026 – FECHA LÍMITE - TODAS LAS TAREAS QUE SE ENTREGAN PARA CRÉDITO DEBEN SER ENTREGADAS A TUS MAESTROS ANTES DE LAS 3:00 p. m. No se harán excepciones con respecto a esta fecha límite.

- 5 de mayo de 2026 – FECHA LÍMITE - ALL ¡TODAS LAS CUOTAS ESCOLARES DEBEN ESTAR PAGADAS ANTES DE LA GRADUACIÓN! Por favor, consulta con la oficina principal para saber cuánto debe.
  No se le permitirá participar en la ceremonia de graduación hasta que sus cuotas estén pagadas en su totalidad.

- UNA SEMANA ANTES DE LA GRADUACIÓN - Recoja su capa y gorro de graduación en la oficina de la escuela R5. ¡EN CASA, SÁQUELOS DEL PAQUETE Y CUÉLGUELOS! Para quitar las arrugas: póngalos en la secadora (a temperatura baja) junto con un paño/trapo húmedo durante pocos minutos.

- LUNES, 11 DE MAYO DE 2025 - PRÁCTICA DE CEREMONIA DE GRADUACIÓN en Stocker Stadium a las 9:00 a.m.

  ➢ **USE SU GORRO Y CAPA (SE TOMARÁ LA FOTO DE LA CLASE DE GRADUADOS, DEBE ESTAR CON GORRO Y CAPA PARA SALIR EN LA FOTO).**

Se pueden usar adornos con la gorra y la capa, pero deben cumplir con la Póliza JICA de mesa directica escolar y el código de vestimenta del D51. Cualquier adorno o decoración del gorro que no cumpla con esta norma será retirado y no se permitirá en la ceremonia.

LA PRÁCTICA ES OBLIGATORIA SI DESEA PARTICIPAR EN LA CEREMONIA
Una vez finalizado el ensayo, los oradores que se gradúan, se reunirán en el escenario para repasar y practicar sus discursos.

- MARTES, 12 DE MAYO DE 2026 a las 9:00 a.m. - ¡DÍA DE LA GRADUACIÓN!

  ➢ **USE SU GORRO Y CAPA - OBLIGATORIO PARA TODOS LOS PARTICIPANTES**

ESTUDIANTES: Por favor, vistan de manera profesional. Usen pantalones largos, vestidos o faldas, y zapatos elegantes.
⇒Por favor llegue a Stocker Stadium a las 8:30 a.m. para formar una fila para la ceremonia de graduación!⇐





If you need assistance with anything at R5, please visit the R5 website or call the main office at 970-254-6880 during the hours of 8:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. M-F

OUR STAFF IS COMMITTED EACH AND EVERY DAY TO THEIR WORK, OUR MISSION:

R5 USES RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AND PROJECT-BASED LEARNING TO SUPPORT LEARNERS IN BECOMING THRIVING CITIZENS. R5 IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING ALL LEARNERS WILL DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS, CULTURAL AND SELF-AWARENESS, AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP THROUGH AN INDIVIDUALIZED WHOLE-PERSON APPROACH, COMMANDING HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND PROVIDING MASTERY LEARNING WITH A COMPASSIONATE, RESPONSIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT. . . .
TO GUARANTEE THAT 100% OF OUR GRADUATES WILL BE POST-SECONDARY READY.