



January 7, 2022

Dear CCUSD families,

Happy New Year! We know this week's update is long as we kick off 2022. As we continue to provide Friday updates to our community, please read the following:

Suicide Prevention Parent Presentation

Sonoran Trails Middle School is hosting a suicide prevention parent presentation by the Arizona Attorney General's Office. **This is open to and we encourage ALL CCUSD families PreK-12 to attend.** Please join us and the Attorney General's Office Thursday, January 13 at 6:00 PM in the STMS gymnasium.

CCUSD Teacher of the Year

We believe teachers are at the core of this mission as they influence our students daily. Each year, we recognize seven teachers, one from each school, who exemplify what it means to be a part of our Cave Creek USD learning community. The criteria we use to select these teachers is based in part on the Arizona Education Foundation, as well as highlights from our CCUSD Strategic Plan. Nominate a teacher [here](#).

Education and Community Services (ECS) new programs

ECS is launching a new full menu of classes for teens-adults that address anxiety, mindfulness, parenting, etc. The link to the "Health, Wellness, Parent & Staff Support, and CPR/First Aid" enrichment programs is [here](#).

Run the District

CCUEF (Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation) is holding our first Run the District 5K tomorrow on Saturday, 1/8/22 at 8AM at the CSHS Football Field. This is going to be a big fundraiser to help CCUEF continue to raise money for our students' classrooms! Here are 2 ways you can help:

- 1) Register to Run - This is a perfect way to kick off the new year with some fun, fitness and fundraising! You can run or walk and everyone gets a t-shirt and medal for only \$20! Plus it is tax deductible since CCUEF is a 501c3 organization. Register here: <https://ccuef.org/run-the-district-5k/>
- 2) Volunteer - We can use volunteers of all ages to help pass out water, direct runners along route, cheer, time the runners, check-in, etc. Younger kids will need a parent, but it will be fun and great for community service hours or just to help the community! <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/10c0f49aea92baaf9c16-5kvolunteers>

CCUSD Business Partner Breakfast

We are hosting our second business partner breakfast on January 20 at 7:30 at the Holland Center. If you have a Cave Creek area business and would like to attend please RSVP to Julia Scotto jscotto@ccusd93.net no later than January 14.

Tax Credit Donations

Arizona's tax law (ARS 43-1089.01) allows families a dollar for dollar tax credit of up to \$400 if they contribute to extracurricular activities in public schools. Individuals can give up to \$200. More information along with forms can be found [here](#).

MCDPH Updated Isolation and Quarantine Guidance

While the MCDPH is still in the process of updating their letters and flowcharts, they have communicated new guidance for the k-12 setting effective immediately. Please see the [2021-2022 Operational Plan](#) for details in the MCDPH Isolation and Quarantine sections. If you have any questions, contact our district nurse at adiitberner@ccusd93.net.

COVID Testing Site

If you need to get tested for COVID, the Embury testing site located off of 56th St between Carefree Highway and Dove Valley Rd link for appointments is [here](#).

COVID Community Vaccine Event

In our ongoing effort to provide options for our families and the community. CCUSD will again partner with Albertsons/Safeway pharmacies for another future vaccine event. Once we have the finalized dates, we will communicate that information along with how to sign up for a time slot.

When students are sick

If your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness, keep them home. It is best practice to keep your children home when they are feeling any symptoms of an illness. Do not send your child to school if you are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test.

Face Coverings

Face coverings are strongly encouraged for all students, staff and individuals, regardless of vaccination status while indoors and on school property to help prevent the spread at our schools. We urge families to consider this. Remember, that the distance for being identified as a close contact shrinks from 6 feet to 3 feet when students are wearing face coverings. This could reduce the number of students quarantined by the MCDPH and keep more students in school.

Transportation

In Cave Creek Unified School District the safety and security of our students is of the utmost importance. In an effort to provide safety to our bus riders we are requiring all students who ride the bus to be signed up for transportation through the parent portal. This can be done by clicking the following link [transportation sign up](#). Starting on January 18th 2022, if your student is not signed up for transportation through the parent portal, for safety reasons we will not be able to transport your student. If you need assistance signing up for transportation in the parent portal contact Chris Aden at caden@ccusd93.net. If you have any questions contact Pam Nelson pnelson@ccusd93.net in transportation. Thank you for supporting us in keeping our students safe.

Social Media/Tik Tok Challenges

These challenges ask students to do the various malicious activities and video record it and post it to Tik Tok. Students and families should be aware that we have zero tolerance for this type of behavior. Students involved will be disciplined, assessed damages and fees for replacement of items, and we will prosecute through the appropriate law enforcement agency. If you hear or see anything, please notify your school immediately.

Anonymous Tip Line

In CCUSD, we are all responsible for keeping our schools safe and orderly. Report alcohol/drug abuse, safety risks, theft, weapons, vandalism or other concerns anonymously at anonymoustips.com. It takes all of us working together to keep our students and campuses focused on our primary goal - educating students.

Other Reminders:

- Please "like" your school's Facebook page and follow them on Twitter for up to date information. We would love you to comment and share or retweet any posts.

One Team

CCUSD Administration