



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



Dear CCUSD Families, Community and Staff,

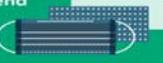
As we begin month #2 of the most novel school year in our recent history, I want to say how impressed I am with the resiliency, the patience and the understanding from all shareholders—thank you! We are looking forward to starting school in person for students in the Distance Learning Option on September 8th. Welcome back students!

In September, remember we celebrate Monday, September 7th—Labor Day—with no school. Our fingers are crossed that we then come back to school in person on Tuesday, September 8th—we will confirm this for our families later this week. Then our Fall Recess is Monday, September 28th.

We have had many questions about proper masks. Reminder that masks must be worn when we return to school in our classrooms and where students are not able to physically distance. See below for guidance from the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. As always, I look forward to when I can see you in our schools!

Sincerely,  
*Debbi Burdick*  
Debbi Burdick, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

**CCUSD's Logistic Plan can be found on the front of the CCUSD Website or by clicking [here](#).**

<p><b>✓ CLOTH FACE MASKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended by CDC for use in public</li> <li>Effective at reducing spread of COVID-19</li> <li>Most effective when they fit snugly over the nose and mouth, use a thick material, multiple layers, and a poly-cotton blend</li> </ul>  	<p><b>⊖ FACE SHIELDS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not recommended by CDC without a cloth face mask</li> <li>Not proven to reduce spread of COVID-19</li> <li>Should wrap around the sides of the wearer's face and extend below the chin</li> </ul> 		
<p><b>⊖ NECK GAITERS/ BANDANAS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convenient to take on and off</li> <li>Less effective at preventing droplet spread</li> <li>If used, should consider thicker materials, folding them to create multiple layers, and a poly-cotton blend</li> </ul>  	<p><b>✗ VALVE MASKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easier to exhale</li> <li>Puts others at risk from wearer's respiratory droplets that shoot out of the valve</li> <li>Specifically excluded from allowable masks under Maricopa County mask mandate</li> </ul> 		
<p>INFORMATION &amp; UPDATES: <a href="http://MARICOPA.GOV/COVID19">MARICOPA.GOV/COVID19</a> </p>			



### Cactus Shadows' own – Sera Hanagan...

CSHS's Class of '21 – Sera Hanagan, made a verbal commitment to Fresno State University's swimming team. You can read all about it by clicking [here](#).



(photo courtesy Fresno State)

### Lone Mountain Eagles – getting it done...

These Lone Mountain Elementary School Eagles are awesome! Shout out to Galen, Thompson, Max and Nico who joined forces to raise money to purchase hand sanitizer for their school. The boys collected \$161.00 in two hours - EAGLE PRIDE!



### New Superintendent Search – Esurvey...

The Cave Creek Unified School District Governing Board is in the process of searching for a new District Superintendent. To assist in this process, the Board has secured the assistance of the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA). One aspect of the search is to collect the thoughts of community stakeholders related to the position of superintendent. To assist in accomplishing this, ASBA has established an E-survey that can be accessed through the District's web-page or the link below beginning August 19, 2020.

**The survey will remain open until September 14, 2020, at noon.** The Board is hoping to collect a large number of responses from community members, staff members, and students. Please take time to access this important survey and respond with your thoughts. The information gathered will be presented to the Governing Board on September 21, 2020. Information gathered and presented will not identify individuals who respond to the survey.

Thank you for your support of the Cave Creek Unified School District.

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Cave\\_Creek\\_USD\\_Comm\\_ESurvey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Cave_Creek_USD_Comm_ESurvey)



**DON'T FORGET TO [VOTE NOVEMBER 3, 2020!](#)**

### CCUEF's Quarantine Cookbook...

Send your recipes in for the Quarantine Cookbook - this is a fundraiser for each school and the Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation (CCUEF)!

Visit [HERE](#) to submit your recipes and photo.

Quarantine Cookbooks will be available for sale in the fall all proceeds will go to CCUEF and ALL of our CCUSD schools!

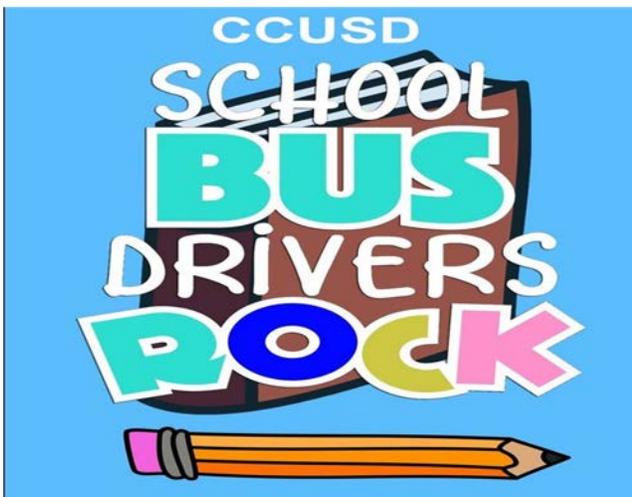
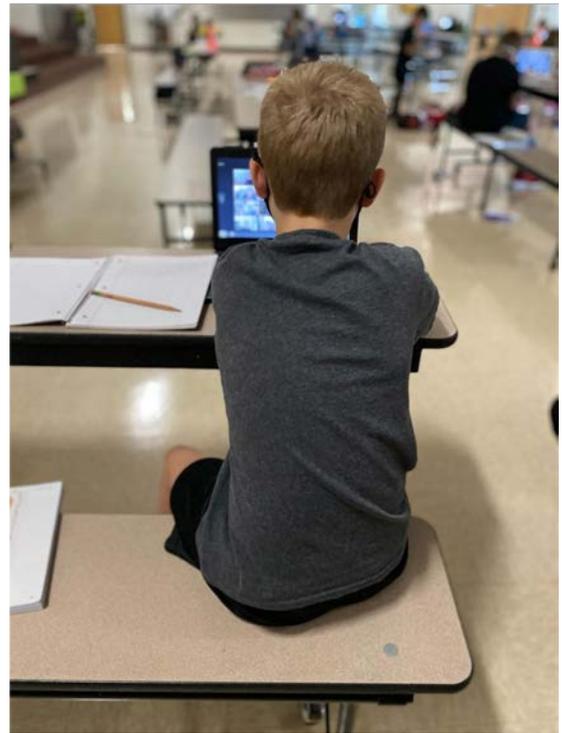


### OUR EMPLOYEES ARE THE BEST!

"The ECS - Education and Community Services Cave Creek staff (Kid's Club, Preschool and ECS Office) are a true example of what it means to be dedicated to the needs of students and families. Starting this summer, they really stepped up and took on the risks and responsibilities of making sure the students who have parents in essential job positions, are taken care of in a safe environment. Rigorous cleaning requirements, physical distancing, mask mandates, extra paperwork, and daily health checks added to the stress and complexity of the program. Staffing the Onsite Learning program came with more challenges that all the staff took on with smiles on their faces. They were faced with learning Canvas, Zoom, IC and other programs that they were unfamiliar with, not to mention, memorizing every student's class schedule to make sure that all students are attending all subjects on time which is no easy task! Thank you for your willingness to do what it takes to make sure the students are well cared for, learning and most of all safe. I also wanted to thank the Nutrition Department, SPED, Transportation, and HTES office for helping make this program successful." - Heather Turner, Interim Coordinator, School Aged Children - Education and Community Services Department

### OUR EMPLOYEES ARE THE BEST!

"Our bus drivers have really stepped up this week to help supervise students in onsite learning. I was really impressed by the willingness to jump in and do a job very outside of their typical job duties. At DWES we were greeted by several drivers who were eager, happy, and willing to do whatever it takes to support kids during distance learning. It was really awesome - definitely helpful - and a great example of the teamwork that makes our district such an amazing place to be." Staci Wiese, Principal - Desert Willow Elementary School



## UPDATED INFORMATION FROM Connect Arizona:

New Wifi Map and Free Tech Support Hot Line Launches to help Arizona students access internet via open hotspots for virtual learning

As schools begin online instruction this month, a coalition of statewide organizations realized that 200,000 Arizona families will struggle to access internet with enough bandwidth to facilitate virtual instruction.

In collaboration with the AZ State Library, School Connect, Common Sense Media, the Commerce Authority and the AZ Broadband Stakeholder Network, our Connect Arizona website provides an interactive map of Free Wifi spots across the state (public libraries, schools, internet providers, community organizations).

This web site is available in English and Spanish and provides:

Easy access on mobile phones

Simple training on how to access a hotspot

Free Tech Support phone line by Arizona public library staff (AZ LibTAP)

Special discounts provided by Arizona internet providers

Google Map with step by step directions to get to these free WiFi spots.

<https://sites.google.com/view/azlibtap/home>



**CCUSD wants YOU as a part of its team!**  
CCUSD is hiring for the following positions:

### CERTIFIED

Special Education Teacher for Elementary

- Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid

Secondary Math Teachers

- Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid

World Language Teachers needed for elementary and secondary classrooms for Chinese and French

- Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid.

Secondary ELA Teacher

- Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid

Speech and Language Pathologist - District Wide

- Full Time with 100% Health Insurance; Part Time with ASRS and Paid Sick Days.

### CLASSIFIED

Plant Manager BMES

- Full time with 100% Health Insurance Paid

Warehouse Courier

- Part-time with earned sick days

Health Clinic Assist BMES

- Full time with 100% Health Insurance Paid

Receptionist CSHS

- Full time with 100% Health Insurance Paid

Bus Drivers

- Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid;

Paraprofessional II (multiple sites)

- Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid

Classified & Certified Substitutes at various sites for the 2020-2021 school year.

**Please apply online:**

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

### CCUSD's Academy of Excellence...

Every week at CCUSD's Academy of Excellence (AOE) is spirit week, where students can participate in optional extra fun! Last week was Pen Pal Week and this week is College Week! Next week... hats off to online learning! Our amazing AOE teachers participated in professional development for yesterday's early release.



The online registration link is [www.cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com). For instructions on how to register, visit [ecsforall.org/register](http://ecsforall.org/register). For up-to-date ECS activity, follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cavecreekecs>.

Find more information about ECS at [www.ecsforall.org](http://www.ecsforall.org). Please call the ECS Office at 480-575-2440 for further assistance. Summer office hours are M-Th, 7:00AM-5:00PM.

## **AZ Grandparent Ambassadors and Kinship Caregivers Summit 2020**

September 26, 9:00 am -3:30 pm via Zoom

The annual statewide meeting "The AZGA Summit" will be held online on September 26. This year they are featuring trauma training for kinship caregivers, small group meetings to get to know other kinship caregivers, Q&A from DCS, and a legislative panel so lawmakers can hear directly from families. All kinship families are invited to join - whether they are a formal kinship family through DCS or adoption, or an informal family who is taking care of kids without any help or involvement from the state. The more caregivers they have who attend the summit, the better informed everyone can be about what challenges they are facing and what policies need to change at the legislature. They love meeting new caregivers and want need to connect with someone who is going through the same experiences.

Arizona Grandparent Ambassadors - <https://www.azga.org/>

### **Enrichment:**

As we have become "digital citizens," we are becoming increasingly aware of the difference between "digital candy" and "digital vegetables," as Katey McPherson pointed out in our most recent A.W.A.R.E. Parent/Community virtual forum. In our attempts to avoid too much "digital candy," we celebrate the creative individuals developing "digital vegetables" to enrich our lives through academic support, opportunities for movement, exploring hobbies, and special interests. The ECS Enrichment department is partnering with these passionate individuals and organizations who are bringing new and innovative classes, games, and interactive experiences to our community. Explore the virtual Enrichment offerings for all ages beginning mid to late September and help us celebrate the positives that are coming from the need to rethink the essentials.

<https://cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com/courses/category/126/virtual-enrichment>

### **ECS and Sonoran Arts League (SAL) Art Contest**

Students grades K-12, join in with our partner, the Sonoran Arts League, to enter a statewide Art Contest honoring those who serve. Registration is through September 20, 2020. Click here for more details.

<https://www.sonoranartsleague.org/docs/2020 - Statewide Art Contest - K-12 Grades - Honoring Those Who Serve.pdf>

### **Kid's Club:**

Registration is open for before and after care and will resume on September 8 for face-to-face childcare. Hours are 6:30 am to start of school and end of school to 6:00 pm. The childcare protocols will follow the CDC guidelines of strict cleaning, proper hygiene, and physical distancing guidelines. Staff and students are required to wear facemasks. Staff and students must stay home if they are exposed to COVID-19 or exhibiting any symptoms noted by the Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

### **Child's Play Preschool:**

We are still accepting preschool registration for in person learning which will start September 8 and is on-line on our Eleyo system. Registration fee and September 2020 tuition is required at the time of registration. Birth certificate and Immunization record are also required to process and accept your child's registration. Children must be three by August 1, 2020 and potty-trained (Diapers/pull-ups are not allowed). (Birth Certificates are required for new students only and Immunization records are required for new and returning students.)

### **Registration information:**

The online registration link is [www.cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com](http://www.cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com)

For instructions on how to register, visit [www.ecsforall.org/register](http://www.ecsforall.org/register). For up-to-date ECS activity, follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cavecreekecs>

**Find more information about ECS at [www.ecsforall.org](http://www.ecsforall.org). Please call the ECS Office at 480-575-2440 for further assistance. Office hours are M-F, 7:30AM-4:00PM.**



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

Superintendent's Challenge Information for the 2020-2021 School Year will be and posted here: <https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/7297> mid-June. You can start accruing Superintendent's Challenge hours beginning June 1.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

A Peek at the Peak (The Peak) online magazine: [lesconklin@gppaaz.org](mailto:lesconklin@gppaaz.org)

(email for opportunities)

Arizona Helping Hands, Inc.: [www.azhelpinghands.org/volunteer](http://www.azhelpinghands.org/volunteer)

Arizona Humane Society: [www.azhumane.org/volunteer](http://www.azhumane.org/volunteer)

Arizona Musicfest: [www.azmusicfest.org/getinvolved/volunteer](http://www.azmusicfest.org/getinvolved/volunteer)

Carefree\*Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce: [director@carefreecavecreek.org](mailto:director@carefreecavecreek.org)

(email for opportunities)

Cave Creek Museum: <https://cavecreekmuseum.org/volunteer-with-the-cave-creek-museum/>

Cave Creek Youth Education Foundation (CCYEF): <http://ccuef.org/ccyef/>

Child Crisis Arizona: [www.childcrisisaz.org/how-to-help/volunteer](http://www.childcrisisaz.org/how-to-help/volunteer)

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

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

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

Desert Hills Presbyterian Church: email for volunteer opportunities (high school age students only)

[darlaqil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:darlaqil@sbcglobal.net)

Families Giving Back: [www.familiesgivingback.org](http://www.familiesgivingback.org)

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

HandsOn Greater Phoenix: [www.handsonphoenix.org](http://www.handsonphoenix.org)

Hoof and Paw Rescue: [www.hoofandpawrescue.com](http://www.hoofandpawrescue.com)

ICAN: [www.icanaz.org/volunteer](http://www.icanaz.org/volunteer)

Keep America Beautiful: [kazb.org/events](http://kazb.org/events) or [www.kpbvolunteers.org](http://www.kpbvolunteers.org)

Kiwanis Marketplace: [gm@kiwaniscarefree.com](mailto:gm@kiwaniscarefree.com)

(email for opportunities)

Relay for Life: [www.RelayForLife.org/CaveCreekAZ](http://www.RelayForLife.org/CaveCreekAZ)

St. Mary's Food Bank: [www.volunteer.firstfoodbank.org](http://www.volunteer.firstfoodbank.org)

St. Vincent de Paul: [www.stvincentdepaul.net/volunteer](http://www.stvincentdepaul.net/volunteer)

Tempe Municipal Volunteer Program: [www.tempe.gov/volunteer](http://www.tempe.gov/volunteer)

United Food Bank: [www.unitedfoodbank.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://www.unitedfoodbank.org/get-involved/volunteer)

Valley of the Sun United Way: [www.vsuw.org/volunteer](http://www.vsuw.org/volunteer)

## Community Spotlight

This month's Community Member of the Month is Ms. Jenny Padgett, a Desert Willow Elementary School parent who not only helped our Return to School Team design the parent and staff surveys sent out this summer but also aggregated the results for us. We so appreciate having an expert do all this work for us—PRICELESS!

*Do you know of a phenomenal parent(s)/grandparent(s)/community member? If so, send in a short paragraph and let us know what they're doing to Inspire Excellence in our schools or for our District! Send your nomination to [jscotto@ccusd93.net](mailto:jscotto@ccusd93.net) – they may be included in an upcoming issue of News from the Creek!*

## For Your Information

Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation: [www.ccuef.org](http://www.ccuef.org)

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

CCUSD's Annual Report – Click [here](#)

CCUSD's 2019-2020 Budget Resource Guide - Click [here](#)

CCUSD® Schools Accepting Open Enrollment – Click [here](#)

CCUSD® Partners Page - Click [here](#)

Desert Foothills Library information—Click [here](#) – Volunteer opportunity contact Erin Meadows at [emeadows@dfla.org](mailto:emeadows@dfla.org) or call 480-488-2286

## CCUSD Governing Board Superintendent Burdick



## Business Partners of the Month:



### The Business Partner of the Month is Sprouts Farmers Market who donated

promotional items for our CCUSD Employee Recognition programs! Sprouts generously donated cow bells, stress balls, insulated cups, rally towels, mason jars, coffee mugs, chip clips, a gift card and \$5 off coupons totaling \$350.00. Thank you for supporting our amazing staff members!



### Governing Board Meetings

33016 North 60th Street  
Scottsdale, AZ 6:00 p.m.  
September 14 & 21, 2020

### Governing Board Members

*Kathryn Hill, President  
James Rich, Vice President  
Scott Brown, Member  
Janet Busbee, Member  
Beth Hatcher, Member*

*Julia Scotto, Editor*