Dear CCUSD Families, Community and Staff,

This is my last News from the Creek note before retiring on December 31st. I want to thank all of our families, staff, students and community for all of the help and support over the past 13 years—we have accomplished so many amazing things as a team focused on student success. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your superintendent. I know that you will warmly welcome Dr. Cort Monroe as he begins his superintendency in CCUSD on January 1, 2021. Best of luck, CCUSD!

Dates to note on your calendars this month are Grades 7-12 Early Release for exams on December 16-18; K-6 Early Release on December 18; End of the quarter and semester on December 18; Winter Break December 21-January 1. School resumes on January 4th.

Happy Holidays and I will see you out in our community!

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

Superintendent’s Student Cadre – Sock & Mask Drive...

The Superintendent's Student Cadre is holding a Sock & Mask drive for the homeless senior citizens that frequent the Justa Center in Phoenix. Collection bins will be in the front offices of each school, at the District Office and in the ECS office. The drive begins on November 9 and ends on December 9.

A note from the Superintendent...

Collection bins are in:
- Front offices of all CCUSD schools
- District office
- Education & Community Service front office

Superintendent’s Student Cadre

Sock & Mask Donation Drive!

November 9th-December 9th

Preferably Cloth Masks
Lone Mountain Elementary Trunk or Treat…
Lone Mountain Elementary School held a Socially Distant, Masked, and Gloved Trunk or Treat at LMES this past month.

Congratulations to Cactus Shadows High School's Lady Falcons Golf Team - STATE RUNNER UP! Calynne Rosholt was named the 2020 DII State Champion with rounds of -5 and -1; Kylee Loewe had a 5th place finish; and Chloe Tarkany and Paige Hammarstrom finished in 9th place.

Horseshoe Trails Elementary School Terrific Kids…
Congratulations to Horseshoe Trails Elementary School's October Terrific Kids of Character! Terrific Kids are nominated by their teachers, and one student is chosen per grade level each month for demonstrating strong character. Thank you to Kiwanis Club of Carefree, AZ for sponsoring this important recognition! Bobbi B. - Preschool; Jackson W. - Kindergarten; Caroline C. - 1st Grade; Cole A. - 2nd Grade; Brody H. - 3rd Grade; Madison N. - 4th Grade; Katalina D. - 5th Grade; and Anaya E. - 6th Grade.

Cactus Shadows High School's Boys Golf Team WON STATE! Shout out to Jacob Tarkany who won the Individual State Championship.
Black Mountain Elementary School – DonorsChoose Opportunities...
Here are some DonorsChoose Opportunities from BMES teachers – click on the links to see the teacher’s projects:

Amanda Barnes
https://www.donorschoose.org/project/a-final-push-to-11-technology/5114971/

Mia Morande
https://www.donorschoose.org/project/adaptive-technology-for-individualized-n/5031134/

Erika Oliver
https://www.donorschoose.org/project/11-technology-in-second-grade/5110246/

Erika Oliver (2nd Project)
https://www.donorschoose.org/project/engaging-technology/5025053/

Jen Parks
https://www.donorschoose.org/project/easily-accessible-technology-for-special/5091860/

Gigi Powers
https://www.donorschoose.org/project/learning-to-communicate-through-literacy/5142221/

Cactus Shadows High Schools, CSPress paper for the 2019-2020 School Year, has been named one of 60 finalists for the National Scholastic Press Association Award. They were recognized online November 21.

CSHS Lady Falcons Volleyball finished the season as STATE RUNNER UP – Way to go ladies!

Horseshoe Trails Elementary School celebrated their Excellence Award Winners at the November 16, 2020 Governing Board Meeting. Congratulations to: Lina Yan, Kindergarten Chinese Immersion Teacher; Eusebio Sarabia, Community Member/Parent/ Recess Aide; and Aidan Goryl, 6th grade student leader.

CCUSD is registering for KINDERGARTEN! Do you have a child who will be five by September 1, 2021? CCUSD's Kindergarten enrollment, at our five award-winning elementary schools, opens December 1 for the 2021-2022 school year. The first students to enroll will also receive a Future Falcons t-shirt, thanks to generous donations from our community. Register online: https://www.ccusd93.org/Page/8080

Kindergarten Round-Up is January 28, 2021 from 5:30-7pm – format to be determined.
The Cave Creek Unified School District Governing Board has selected Dr. Cort Monroe, the assistant superintendent of Student Support Services for the Queen Creek Unified School District, to serve as superintendent beginning January 1, 2021 and voted to approve Dr. Monroe’s contract at its November 16, 2020 board meeting. The search was conducted by the Arizona School Boards Association.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Cort Monroe joining the collaborative culture that is a hallmark of our school district,” said Kathryn Hill, Cave Creek USD Governing Board President.

Dr. Cort Monroe was recently the Assistant Superintendent of Student Support Services for the Queen Creek Unified School District, a position he held since 2017. Prior to this appointment, he served Queen Creek Unified as the Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning for two years. The Queen Creek Unified School District is one of the fastest growing school districts in the State of Arizona and is known for excellence in academic achievement, athletics, and fine arts. During his time in QCUSD, schools have received various accolades that include the National Blue Ribbon Award, the A+ School of Excellence Award from the Arizona Education Foundation, and multiple schools with A-letter grades from the Arizona Department of Education.

Dr. Cort Monroe has more than twenty years in K-12 education serving in a wide variety of roles. During his tenure, he has held a variety of school based and administrative roles including; Director of Student Services in the Higley Unified School District in Gilbert, Principal of Cortina Elementary School, Principal in the Mesa Public Schools at Pedro Guerrero Elementary School and an Assistant Principal at Manuel Pena Elementary School, teacher at Islands Elementary School and a high school coach at Mesquite High School, a teacher at Taylor Elementary School in the Nebo School District. Dr. Cort Monroe has also taught undergraduate classes for the University of Phoenix, Chandler, and Gilbert Community College.

He currently serves as a Graduate School Adjunct Professor for Northern Arizona University. Dr. Cort Monroe earned his Doctorate Degree from Northern Arizona University in the area of Educational Leadership in 2014. Dr. Cort Monroe has lived in Arizona since 1999 with his wife and four daughters. He is fluent in Spanish and spent two years of volunteer service in Argentina. He enjoys being active, sports, and spending time with his family.

“I am excited for the opportunity to work with our great team of educators and professionals who serve our students in the Cave Creek USD. As superintendent, I express my commitment to begin the work by engaging and listening to stakeholders so that we can continue the many great things already going on and collaborate on how we can continue to improve. I look forward to visiting schools to connect with our administrators, teachers, staff, and students, meeting with our parents and community groups. Together, we will continue “to inspire excellence” within Cave Creek and build upon its success,” said Dr. Cort Monroe.

The Cave Creek USD is a Pre-K-12 school district spanning 175 district square miles encompassing Cave Creek, Carefree, Maricopa County, North Phoenix and Scottsdale, offers well-rounded, rigorous academic programs at all of our five elementary schools, middle school and high school – each one with its own signature curriculum and point of pride.

Our focus in the coming months will be to ensure a smooth transition of leadership and we honor the extraordinary work that Dr. Debbi Burdick has done and welcome Dr. Cort Monroe to the Cave Creek USD. As a board, we have been dedicated to building and maintaining a school district that honors students, staff, and stakeholders, and we reaffirm that commitment.

Please welcome Dr. Cort Monroe to the Cave Creek USD family and community.
**Employee of the Month Recipients for November 2020**

Employees of the Month are honored with a plaque and a gift certificate from our sponsor, Summit Diner. One of the lucky winners will be randomly chosen to receive a facial from Summit Aesthetics. CCUSD thanks the sponsors of the Employees of the Month program: The Summit Diner, Noah Kendrick of Kendrick Wealth Management Group, and Summit Aesthetics.

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**Inspiration Citation Winners for November 2020**

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We thank our sponsors Chick Fil A, Cobblestone Auto Spa, Rancho Manana Golf Club, and Sprouts Farmers Market.
CCUSD Celebrating our Veterans for the month of November! (submitted by their families)

Steven Morgan - Steve is a Grandfather to Madison Morgan (4th grade) and Matthew Morgan (2nd grade). Steve was in the Army. His rank was E4 and he was in the Airborne Division. He served in the Vietnam War.

Joseph C. Wintermeyer - Joe served in the Navy from 1963 to 1966 and was in charge of interior communications. He received a National Defense Ribbon while serving. Following his service to his country Joe worked for Western Electric for 30 years as a Communications Specialist. Originally from New York, he retired with his wife Lynn to Cave Creek to be closer to their (3) Grandsons (Joey, Nicky & Ryan), all of whom are attending or have graduated from Cactus Shadows High School. Joe enjoys driving his 1967 Austin Healey he bought over 50 years ago and spending time with family.

Steve Herling - Here’s Tenley Tracy, BMES 1st Grade Ms. Klebosky class and her Papa Steve Herling. He served in the US Army and attained rank of SGT E-5.

Victor W. Gagnon - Victor is the great grandfather to Addison-11th Grade, Audrey-6th Grade, and Andrew-8th Grade. He was a decorated army veteran who passed away in 1994. He was born in upstate New York in 1918 and enlisted in the Army on April 1, 1942. He was 24-years old at that time and had attended Syracuse University for one year and had dropped out working odd jobs as a groundskeeper. His initial service was to extend 6-months thru the end of World War II however even after the war was over he continued to climb the ranks and did not end his service career until after the Korean War ended in 1953. He ended his service with an officer's rank of Captain and had earned a silver star and two purple hearts. The only story he ever told me about the war was a story of a missile landing nearby and killing most of his men. A piece of shrapnel cut off the bottom part of his ear which I always asked him about as a kid, I guess he finally got tired of my questions. After returning home he contracted a terrible infection in his foot and his leg had to be amputated above the knee. Ever since I knew him as a kid he wore a prosthetic limb but it didn’t slow him down one bit. He was a very loving, hard-working grandfather and always made sure he provided for his family.

Brent Collins - Brent Collins is the grandfather of Academy of Excellence 2nd grader, Zahnyah Payne. He retired from the Navy after 22 years of service. He did 3 tours of active service. Also, while in the Navy he raised his children and graduated with his BA in Business Management. Since his retirement he has worked for the VA Health Services and is currently Chief of EMS here in Phoenix. He has worked at VA Hospitals in Nashville, TN and Salt Lake City, UT. He and his wife Nicole moved here in June 2020. They have had their granddaughter, Zahnyah since March of 2020. Her Mother is a Nurse in Nashville. Their son is following in his Father's footsteps and is stationed as an MP stationed in Maryland. Brent retired as Chief Petty Officer. After retirement he continues to serve his Brother’s and Sister’s through the Veteran's Health System and will serve his country and people until he retires… and then some. He is a wonderful Man! His only downfall is that he is an Ohio State fan…
James Van Kruiningen - Proud Grandfather of Morgan (12th grade) and Aidan (8th grade). Sadly, James recently passed away on August 13, 2020. He joined the Army in 1966 and served for two years during the Vietnam War. He held the rank of SP5. He was a proud Veteran and had a love for his family, friends and classic cars, especially his 1960 Thunderbird. He is deeply missed.

Captain Philip D’Alessandro - Philip was in the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He’s grandpa to Preston Sayegh, a junior at CSHS and Bella Sayegh, a Sophomore at George Washington University.

A. Ryan Harper - Ryan enlisted in the USMC in September 2005. After training, he was deployed to Iraq end of January 2007. On February 16, 2007, he was driving a Humvee in a convoy when his vehicle was hit by mortar in Ramadi. He suffered severe injuries but knew he was responsible to get everyone to safety. He drove a mile to an aid station. While he himself was getting medical attention, going in/out of consciousness, he kept asking about the men from his vehicle. He was flown back to the states where he had 3 surgeries within a week. He continued his Service as a Marine in the Wounded Warriors division and was medically discharged February 2009. He received the Purple Heart and Bronze Star with Valor for his heroic actions on that day. His commanding officer sent a hand-written letter to his parents recognizing Ryan for his selfless and heroic actions.

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Joseph DiTommaso - Petty officer second class Joseph DiTommaso served in the U.S. Navy from 1967 to 1971. He is a proud Seabee and was stationed at Port Hueneme in California after serving in Vietnam. After the Navy Joe began his 25 year career as a Treasury Agent in the Criminal Investigation Division of the IRS. He retired in 1996 and with his wife Beverly (now married 51 years) and two daughters moved from Brooklyn, NY to Phoenix, AZ where they've resided ever since. Known as “Poppy” to his biggest little fans, his three grandchildren all attend schools in the Cave Creek USD - Giovanna (CCAOE), Angelo (DSA), and Luciana (HTES). Nothing gives him more pride than supporting his grandchildren in sports and dance. Thank you Poppy for your service!
Gage Denson - Gage attended CCUSD from Kindergarten-8th grade. He enlisted in the Marine Corp in 2016 and served until 2020. He was with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Infantry and specifically with the Weapons Company. He successfully completed two deployments. His first deployment took him to Australia via the USS Bonhomme Richard and his second deployment took him to the Middle East via USS John P. Murtha.

Otto Staack - Otto was a true patriot, and he deeply loved his country. He joined the United States Navy on his 17th birthday, after being inspired to serve by the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. He then served in the South Pacific, based in Pearl Harbor as an aviation ordnance petty officer 1st class turret technician, serving for four years. He said “I only gave two oaths in my life, one to my wife and one to my country, and would do it again”. Tenley Tracy’s, 1st grade BMES Great Grandpa Otto Staack who she just adored.

Bob Johnson - "My father, Bob Johnson, served in the USAF from 1950-1954. He served during the Korean War. He built radio/communication towers. He spent time in Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland before being transferred to Luke AFB in Arizona. He was honorably discharged as an A/1C. My father absolutely loved serving his country, and even in old age he said he would do it all over again if he could. He passed away in April of 2019, but I am proud to honor him this Veteran’s Day, and always. Lovingly, Cathy Smith"

Scout Mohrman - LCPL Scout Mohrman-Marine with his sisters. Henley and Hayden Mohrman (Horseshoe Trails Elementary School). Scout is currently deployed on the USS Makin.

**Anthony Mohrman** - Anthony was an E4 senior airman with the US Air Force. He is father to Henley and Hayden Mohrman who attend Horseshoe Trails Elementary School.

![Anthony Mohrman](image)

**Gilbert Blumenthal** - This is Bryce and Grant’s grandpop, Gilbert Blumenthal. He proudly served in our US Army during the Vietnam war, stationed in Germany. We are so proud to be part of his family! Submitted by Jennifer Blumenthal (Bryce and Grant Blumenthal are in AOE, 8th and 5th grades.)

![Gilbert Blumenthal](image)

**Joe Caley** - Captain Joe Caley US Army (Ret) entered military service in 1990 as an enlisted servicemen and was commissioned from the US Army Officer Candidate School as an Infantry officer in 2007. More recently, he was deployed on multiple combat tours. Capt. Caley, a parachutist and Army Ranger, was attached to the 1-155th CAB on his 43rd combat mission on September 18th, 2009, southwest of Baghdad, when he was seriously wounded by a large secondary explosion while rescuing an Iraq civilian from a burning vehicle that was damaged from an Improvised Explosive Device or IED. Caley was medically evacuated and taken to Germany for medical treatment and onto Walter Reed National Medical Center. He was awarded 2 Bronze Stars with “Valor” device and Purple Heart before his medical retirement in 2011. Captain Joe Caley is the Uncle to Bryce and Grant Blumenthal, who are in 8th and 5th grade on AOE. Captain Caley is pictured here on the left - the night before his last mission.

![Joe Caley](image)

**Robert Hammersmark** - Robert Hammersmark, 22 years USAF/ Air National Guard. Desert Storm Veteran and proud dad of Tyler and Amanda.

![Robert Hammersmark](image)

**John King** - "Major John King is the father of Bella King, Freshman at Cactus Shadows, Ana Luisa King, 6th Grader at Lone Mountain Elementary, and Joshua King (Pre-schooler). Major King has been serving in the Army Reserve Components for the past 26 years. His Army career started in 1994 as a M1A1 Tanker, then became a Locomotive Engineer, followed by MLRS crew member training and then to Officer Candidate School after which he became a Field Artillery Officer. He has worked extensively with the HIMARS weapons system and as a Fire Support Officer with Apache attack helicopters. John later branched over to become a Civil Affairs Officer. In Civil Affairs, he currently serves as a Company Commander. He has deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan and is a recipient of the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. We are extremely proud of his accomplishments with the military! We are so grateful for his love, passion and selfless sacrifice to our country!"

![John King](image)

**Jack Crane** - Jack P. Crane, Great Grandfather of Liam E. Crane had just graduated from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado, as a licensed engineer, and he was stationed at the Charleston Naval Base during the war from 1941-1944. He and his team built many new structures on the base during the war in order to meet the demands of the war. Jack was in the reserves for several decades and retired as a Captain of the U.S. Navy.

![Jack Crane](image)
George L. Fowler - George L. Fowler, Great Grandfather of Liam Crane, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, from November 3, 1942 to May 14, 1946, achieving the rank of Captain of a Net Tender Ship responsible for protecting military harbors from Japanese submarines in the South Pacific. After World War II, George continued serving in the Judge Advocate General’s Corps, U.S. Navy (uniformed lawyer of the U.S. Navy).

Fred Clayton - Fred Clayton, Great Grandfather of Liam Crane, before his 18th birthday he signed up for the Army Air Corp, and got accepted in 1942. Fred Clayton was a cadet trainer at Texas A&M Coulter Field and then he was stationed at Avenger Field in Sweetwater. He was taught how to repair their own planes in case they broke down some place without a mechanic. After the war, he purchased one of the DC3’s, and he continued to serve in the Civil Air Patrol and did many Air Shows around Texas.

Virgel Cain - "Everyone’s favorite substitute is my husband Virgel Cain. He entered the US Navy at age 17, right out of high school. He did two tours of duty on a guided missile destroyer during the Vietnam War. Afterwards he used his GI bill to go to college, and eventually got his degree in Business Management from Cal State Fullerton. He’s a great husband, father and grandfather of 4, and he has been in CCUSD over 10 years." Submitted by Marcia Cain

Edward Winbourne - Jack Corning’s Grandfather. “I was in the Republic of Viet Nam from March 9, 1968 to March 9, 1969. My unit was Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, First Cavalry Division. The photo is of me sitting on a mule with my pack on the ground. It was taken at Landing Zone (LZ) Sharon approximately five miles west of Quang Tri city. I held the rank of Sergeant (E5). My job was as a radio operator for the battalion command. The first nine months were spent in the area immediately south of the Demilitarized Zone including relieving the Marines besieged in Khe Sanh and fighting on the notorious A Shau Valley. In December 1968 the First Cavalry was moved the area west of Saigon, now Ho Chi Minh City.”

I have three Veterans in my life! My husband was a Blackhawk pilot and served in the Army for 25 years. My son attended Sonoran Trails and Cactus Shadows, until we moved then he attended Westpoint and served five years in the Army. My Son-in-law is a graduate of Cactus Shadows and did 12 years as a Marine! Submitted by Ronda Walton, DSA First Grade/Kinder French immersion.

Nick Gaudio - Anthony Stutz’s (Kindergarten) grandfather, Nick Gaudio, was born in Calabria, Italy. After coming to the United States when he was 15, he obtained his citizenship and later enlisted in the United States Air Force. He traveled all over the United States and had two tours (3 months and 1 year) in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He specialized in electronic countermeasures and worked on the flight line to maintain and repair planes that would assist fighter jets in jamming enemy signals. After serving four years, he was honorably discharged and went on to become a very successful electrical engineer. He has since retired and enjoys watching Anthony play soccer and helping with his math skills!
David Caley - This is retired Army Lieutenant-Colonel David Caley, Bryce and Grant's step-grandfather. (The man their grandmother married— we call him "Opa David"). Bryce and Grant are in 8th and 5th grades at AOE.

Werner W. Jansch - "The sailor is Werner W. Jansch, the grandfather of Bryce and Grant Blumenthal. He died before they were born but Bryce looks a bit like him. Bryce is in 8th grade at AOE." Submitted by Jen Blumenthal

A huge congratulations to our own Carrie McCulloch, DSA Developmental Kindergarten Teacher, for renewing her NCBT certificate—she is one of 25 NCBTs successfully renewing in Arizona and continuing the commitment to accomplished teaching and Arizona's students.

CCUSD Celebrated National School Psychology Week...
THANK YOU to our CCUSD Psychologists: Shannon Morse-Lead Psych; Susan Nelson- Lead Psych; Dawn Trueblood; Kate Christensen; Nancy Engelsen; Sonia Moran; Marcy McCauley; and Jordan Nelson. During the week of November 9-13, 2020 schools throughout the United States will celebrate National School Psychology Week (NSPW) to highlight the important work school psychologists and other educators do to help all students thrive. This year's theme is "The Power of Possibility." The word "possibility" implies hope, growth, resilience and renewal. Possibility suggests that even something as small as a seed can grow into something magnificent. The word "power" implies that things can and will happen. When we focus on what is possible, we have hope that students will grow, thrive and bloom.
CCUSD wants YOU as a part of its team!
CCUSD is hiring for the following positions:

**CERTIFIED**
- Secondary Math Teachers
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid
- Secondary ELA Teachers
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid
- Secondary Spanish Teacher
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid
- Secondary Film/TV - Business/Finance Teacher
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid
- Secondary Hearing Impaired Teacher
  - .80 FTE with 100% Health Insurance Paid
- Elementary and Secondary Special Ed Resource Teachers
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid
- Elementary French Immersion Teacher
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid
- Elementary and Secondary World Language Teachers - Chinese
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid

**CLASSIFIED**
- Kitchen Manager – HTES
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid
- Food Service Worker
  - Part – Time with earned sick days
- Bus Drivers
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid;
    Paraprofessional II (multiple sites)
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid
- Paraprofessional I
  - Full Time with 100% Health Insurance Paid
- Occupational Therapy Assistant COTA - Sped
  - Part-Time with earned sick days
- Teacher Aide - Campus Monitor - STMS
  - Part- Time with earned sick days
- Teacher Aide - Lunch/Recess - LMES
  - Part- Time with earned sick days

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<td>The outdoor testing site will be in the Holland Center parking lot on the Black Mountain Campus, next to Paradise Valley Community College and the YMCA. Testing is available Monday through Friday from 7AM to 6PM. Appointments are required and are booked directly through Embry Health at <a href="https://embrywomenshealth.com/covid-19-testing-at-the-holl.../">https://embrywomenshealth.com/covid-19-testing-at-the-holl...</a>.</td>
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<td>COVID testing is zero-cost to patients, regardless of insurance. Testing is available for all ages, kids and adults. Kids under 18 must have a legal guardian present. All providers have certified medical backgrounds. Results are typically posted in 24-48 hours. More information can be found at <a href="http://www.embrywomenshealth.com">www.embrywomenshealth.com</a></td>
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Enrichment:
Virtual Enrichment can be Fun and Rewarding for Children, Teens, and Adults! In addition, we have a New A.W.A.R.E. Parents Forum this month on “Stress & Anxiety in Students.” Enrichment instructors virtually meet small groups of students live, in their homes, to introduce new challenges and creative prompts to engage students in learning, exploring interests, and developing skills. 

New Elementary classes beginning in January or February include Bonanza LEGO, Kids Who Cook, Yoga, Young Rembrandts, Ramp Up Reading, French, and Self-paced Spanish.

For teens who are ready to get behind the wheel, Driving MBA offers an interactive Driving Permit Prep program that not only prepares students for the test but also equips them with many safety facts and scenarios.

Adults, we have not forgotten about you! During this time of increased stressors, we are offering Mindfulness Fundamentals to provide participants with foundational understanding of the biology of stress and a variety of techniques to help manage it. Course begins in January. The link to those mentioned above (some are new and open for registration mid-December):
https://cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com/courses/category/126/virtual-enrichment

Prevention:
A.W.A.R.E. Parents Forum, Stress & Anxiety in Students
Our upcoming A.W.A.R.E. Parents Forum, Stress & Anxiety in Students, is being held on December 15, 2020. You can attend for free with a simple RSVP through our registration system. Here is the link:

Kid’s Club:
Winter Wonderland Camp
Week 1: December 21 - 23
Week 2: December 28 - 30
7:00 am – 5:30 pm - $150.00 per week - Ages 3 years to 12 years - Black Mountain Elementary School
Registration deadline is December 16. Kids participate in awesome activities such as arts and crafts, science, cooking, active games and fun open play opportunities with our experienced Kid’s Club staff members. Please pack a lunch each day. Snack is included. Social distancing – masks required – extra cleaning protocols – smaller ratios
Register online at https://cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com/ or call 480-575-2440 for more information.

Child’s Play Preschool:
SY 2021/2022 Preschool Registration Schedule:
Monday, January 4 – Friday, January 15, 2021
Desert Willow only registration
Current SY 20/21 families (all 5 campuses), employees and incoming siblings
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
New Families Lottery Meeting – Desert Willow – Computer Lab – 4:15 pm
Monday, Tuesday January 25-26, 2021
Place families in class – Desert Willow and inform families via phone calls January 25-29, 2021
Monday, Tuesday February 8-9, 2021
Enrollment for BM/DSA/HT/LM returning families (Registration fee/August Tuition/Immunization Records/Birth Certificate)
Thursday, Friday February 11-12, 2021
Enrollment for BM/DSA/HT/LM new families (Registration fee/August Tuition/Immunization Records/Birth Certificate)
We are still accepting preschool registration for SY 20/21. Please visit Eleyo, our online registration system. Registration fee and 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 3 by August 1, 2019 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.)
Cave Creek Museum

Tucked away near a dry creek, on a hill a few blocks from the center of Cave Creek, is a desert foothills treasure in the rough. It’s the Cave Creek Museum and its resources in terms of culture, historical preservation, education, and entertainment are substantial. If you discover it, like a miner back in the early days prospecting for gold, you’ll be amply rewarded.

The Cave Creek Museum is the repository of the rich and highly varied history of the area. Native Americans, miners, ranchers, dude ranch guests, 1880’s tuberculosis patients, artists, musicians, eccentrics, and successful business people have called the desert foothills “home.” This is where all the records and artifacts are kept. “We’re in the position to provide that hands-on onsite experience that only a small museum can,” explained Suzanne D. Johnson, Interim Executive Director, Cave Creek Museum.

The Museum’s newly renovated History Wing (formerly the Pioneer Wing) is a look into the past and the future. “We’re telling familiar tales that people have heard in the past at the museum, but we’re expanding from the 1860’s to present day,” explained Elizabeth Kapp, Museum Curator. “Yavapai life, mining and ranching, everything all the way up to the Ocotillo Fire. It serves as a visual explanation of how life has changed or not changed. It’s how the people have enjoyed the same space for over 150 years.”

On November 18, the Cave Creek Museum reopened officially, celebrating the 2020-2021 Season Opening with everyone who visits the Museum. The museum will be open from 11:30am to 4:30pm, including a very special Kitchen and Garden Boutique, hosted by Rita Treat. The Hibachibot food truck will be on site, selling the delicious Korean barbecue that its owners Virginia Schenck and Eddy Sparr are known for. Entertainment will be provided by Gary Sprague 'The Singing Cowboy' and Dusty, his famous horse. Everyone is invited to stop by! And if you can’t make it on Opening Day, then be sure to visit the Museum for one of the monthly Stamp Mill Demonstrations and Kiwanis Family Sundays … or anytime.

Kiwanis Family Sundays are held once a month at the Museum, and cover a variety of interesting topics. “Kiwanis Family Sundays are a chance for kids to experience the Museum and participate in varying educational events,” stated Museum Program Coordinator Remington Pettus, “I want to encourage children of all ages to get a chance to learn, while making it fun!”

The Cave Creek Museum is located at 6140 E. Skyline Drive, Cave Creek and is open Wednesdays through Sundays, 11:30am to 4:30pm. Please visit the Cave Creek Museum website for all CDC-compliant guidelines. www.cavecreekmuseum.org

Cave Creek Museum Stamp Mill Demonstration - November 14, 2020; December 12, 2020; and January 9, 2020 at 1:30pm
The Cave Creek Museum Golden Reef Stamp Mill, complete with Tramway, is Arizona’s only fully operational ten-stamp ore crushing mill. Watch history come alive as the ten 1,000 lb. stamps slam down with synchronized precision and hear the pounding echo from the desert foothills, just as it did over 140 years ago. Videos, photos, and fascinating historical tidbits and tales are regularly posted on the Cave Creek Museum Facebook Page. There is something for everyone of all ages and interests!

Cave Creek Museum - Kiwanis Family Sundays - December 13, 2020 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Merry Christmas, Arizona
Have you ever wondered how residents of the Southwest decorate their Christmas trees? Take home a saguaro-themed craft and reconstruct your very own Christmas tree. Be sure to tag the Cave Creek Museum social media websites so everyone at the Museum can see your artwork!

Cave Creek Museum - Kiwanis Family Sundays - January 10, 2021 - 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Desert Safety in the Sonoran Desert
Gila monsters, rattlesnakes, chuckwallas … oh, my! Learn about desert wildlife and safety in our northern Sonoran Desert with special guests, Phoenix Herpetological Society.
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 (email for opportunities)
Arizona Helping Hands, Inc.: www.azhelpinghands.org/volunteer
Arizona Humane Society: www.azhumane.org/volunteer
Arizona Musicfest: www.azmusicfest.org/getinvolved/volunteer
Carefree*Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce: 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://ccyef.org/ccyef/
Child Crisis Arizona: 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) darlagil@sbcglobal.net
Families Giving Back: www.familiesgivingback.org
Foothills Caring Corps.: http://foothillscairngorps.com
HandsOn Greater Phoenix: www.handsonphoenix.org
Hoof and Paw Rescue: www.hoofandpawrescue.com
ICAN: www.icanaz.org/volunteer
Keep America Beautiful: kazb.org/events or www.kpbvolunteers.org
Kiwanis Marketplace: gm@kiwaniscarefree.com (email for opportunities)
Relay for Life: www.RelayForLife.org/CaveCreekAZ
St. Mary’s Food Bank: www.volunteer.firstfoodbank.org
St. Vincent de Paul: www.stvincentdepaulp.net/volunteer
Tempe Municipal Volunteer Program: www.tempe.gov/volunteer
United Food Bank: www.unitedfoodbank.org/get-involved/volunteer
Valley of the Sun United Way: www.vsuw.org/volunteer

Q: Where can I volunteer in the Cave Creek area?

A: Over 25 opportunities to choose from within an approximate nine-mile radius. Please consider volunteering at these service organizations during the month of June. Many of these organizations have been hard at work for the community all year long. They need volunteers to help them meet their current service obligations. Check out their websites to learn more.

- Arizona Humane Society
- Arizona Musicfest
- Cave Creek Youth Education Foundation
- Child Crisis Arizona
- Desert Foothills Foodbank
- Desert Foothills Library
- Desert Foothills YMCA
- Desert Hills Presbyterian Church
- Families Giving Back
- Foothills Caring Corps.
- HandsOn Greater Phoenix
- Hoof and Paw Rescue
- ICAN
- Keep America Beautiful
- Kiwanis Marketplace
- Relay for Life
- St. Mary’s Food Bank
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Tempe Municipal Volunteer Program
- United Food Bank
- Valley of the Sun United Way
Community Spotlight

SUMMIT AESTHETICS

The Community Member of the Month is Ms. Samantha Schaefer with Summit Aesthetics. Summit Aesthetics donated 10 Gift Certificates for services with a total value of $2000.00 for the CCUSD Recognition Program. Thank you so much, Ms. Schaefer for supporting CCUSD employees.

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 — they may be included in an upcoming issue of News from the Creek!

For Your Information
Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation: www.ccuef.org
Cave Creek Museum: http://cavcreekmuseum.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 or call 480-488-2286

Business Partners of the Month:

The Business Partner of the Month is once again our local Sprouts store in Cave Creek who donated coffee mugs and swag that went to our CCUSD Psychologists last month to thank them during National School Psychology Week. Thank you, Sprouts for your continued support of CCUSD!

Inspire Excellence

CCUSD Governing Board and Superintendent Burdick

Governing Board Meetings
33016 North 60th Street
Scottsdale, AZ
December 14, 2020

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Beth Hatcher, Member

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