A Note from the Superintendent...

Dear CCUSD Parents, Community and Staff,

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year! For our students, the school year officially begins on Thursday, August 10th and we cannot wait to get started. Our principals, teachers and staff have been planning for the best CCUSD school year yet. Please check your school communications so as not to miss any of the “Opening of School” events and Curriculum Nights.

Remember to watch for students in the roadways and make sure to wave to our dedicated bus drivers. I look forward to seeing you in our schools!

Sincerely,
Debbi Burdick
CSHS Class of ‘17 receive AZ & CCUSD Seals of Biliteracy...
Congratulations to the following graduates who received both the Arizona and CCUSD Seal of Biliteracy:

Spanish: Helena Benedetto; Dylan Dorough, Gage Duncan; Rachel Dutcher; Griffin Gabler; Jordyn Hill; Riann Johnston; Black Lee; Ella Marencic; Taylor Martos; Kameron Moore; Natalie Nabaty; Kourtney O’Connor; Gabrielle Payne; Bridget Powers; Cody Radigan; Chantal Savoie; Abigail Steward; Nolan Stirling; Josee Teegardin; Levi Ulmer; Daniel Witkop and Jordan Wittman.
French: Regan Anderson; Laila Elias; and Olivia Nicholls.

Cactus Shadows High School would also like to congratulate the following graduates who received the Arizona Seal of Biliteracy:

Spanish: Ashland Campbell; Ariana Heiner; Alex Inchausti; Gregory Isho; Korie Kerr; Peter Magitbay; Shavonne Morin; Cassidy Nguyen; Dominic Rafie; Shannon Smith; and Madison Swaney.
French: Michael Marcin; Rebecca Meils; and Audrey Woods.

Cactus Shadows Pom...
Over Summer break – both Varsity and JV Pom won a superior trophy for their performances. Varsity also won 110% trophy for always working hard and JV won most improved.

The Falcons also had 10 girls win All American! Varsity Pom: Piper McKernan, Emma Povinelli, Shannon Chumbly, Jenny Brown, and Baylee Soltau; and JV Pom: Isabel Arnett, Kennedi Bacon, Lauren Benjamin, Katelyn Mizera and Sydney Phillips.

Cactus Shadows own Spencer Ciammitti...
Congratulations to Cactus Shadows own Spencer Ciammitti ('18)! Spencer has been awarded the 2016 NICA (National Interscholastic Cycling Award) sponsored by the REI/International Mountain Bicycling Association Teen Trail Corps. This award honors an individual who has demonstrated respect, empathy and compassion towards other trail users by working both on and off the bike to build awareness and care for trails in their community.
SCHOOL NEWS

CCUSD Office hours...
CCUSD elementary school office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm; Sonoran Trails Middle School and Cactus Shadows High School office hours are 7:00am to 3:00pm; and the District Office hours are from 7:30am-4:00pm.

It’s Official...
Are you looking for OFFICIAL Cactus Shadows High School gear – look no further. Here’s the link to Cactus Shadows High School’s new ONLINE DECA store...all others are just imitation:  http://varsityshop.com/ccusd_cactus_shadows_high

FACTULY AND STAFF NEWS

Please welcome...
• Mr. Aaron Bagwell is the new principal of Desert Sun Academy. Mr. Bagwell has served as the assistant principal at Ira A. Murphy Elementary School in the Peoria School District for the past 5 years and prior to that, he was a teacher in the Peoria and Washington School Districts.
• Dr. Rodney Egan is the new principal of Desert Willow Elementary School. Dr. Egan was the principal at Carmichael Elementary, a Pre-K-5 school in the Sierra Vista school district for 7 years, and prior to that was an assistant principal in the Florence schools. He also taught elementary grades in Mesa schools.
• Mr. Robert Miller is the new principal of Lone Mountain Elementary School. Mr. Miller was the principal at Santa Fe Elementary, a K-8 School in the Peoria School District, for the past 12 years. Prior to that, he was an assistant principal at CCUSD’s Desert Arroyo Middle School.

DISTRICT NEWS

Are you participating in the Superintendent’s Challenge...
CCUSD 5th-12th graders...Have you accepted the Superintendent’s Challenge? Click here for 2017-18 information and for a list of volunteer opportunities!

New volunteer opportunity for high school students: November 1-5, 2017:
Wild West Days - High School Volunteers needed. Contact: Evelyn Johnson, Cave Creek Museum, Ex. Director: evelyn@cavecreekmuseum.com
Foothills Caring Corps: All volunteers must be 18 years or older or have a parent who will accompany them. Foothills Caring Corps is a local non-profit agency that provides a variety of non-medical services for older adults and individuals with disabling conditions through a large force of volunteers. FCC provides services to those living in Carefree, Cave Creek, North Scottsdale and North Phoenix. At Foothills Caring Corps students would have the opportunity to be matched with our Neighbors for a variety of services. They could assist a Neighbor with grocery shopping, mobile meals delivery, or be matched up as a friendly visitor to stop in and visit with them once a week. Many older adults also need assistance with computers or smart phones and could use the help of a younger person to walk them through how to use a new device. These are just a few of the services Foothills Caring Corps provides! Contact Amanda Weiler (Health Advocacy & Volunteer Coordinator) amandaw@foothillscaringcorps.com to learn more.

CCUSD is hiring...
CCUSD is hiring for the following positions:

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Here’s the line for an application: [https://ccusd93.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx](https://ccusd93.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx)
DID YOU KNOW...
CCUSD is ranked the #1 school district in Maricopa County for Student Achievement! Proud to be CCUSD!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT & BUSINESS PARTNER OF THE MONTH

Community Spotlight of the Month:
This month’s Community Member of the Month is Ms. Sarah Byrne, parent of CSHS student, Spencer Byrne. The new Vice-Chair of CCUEF (Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation), Ms. Byrne was one of many powerhouses behind the scenes at last spring’s CCUEF fundraiser, Rock the District. The event could not have been the success it was to bring in dollars to support our schools and programs had it not been for her tenacity and hard work. Thank you, Sarah Byrne!

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.org – they may be included in an upcoming issue of News from the Creek!

Business Partner of the Month:
The Business Partner of the Month is the Digital Citizenship Academy (DCA). DWES parent, Dr. Lisa Strohman, developed the DCA, providing time and resources to Sonoran Trails Middle School last year in a pilot program to educate our adolescents on the challenges and the proper use of digital platforms. For this school year, Carefree Kiwanis is partnering with Dr. Strohman to fund education software for all students at Sonoran Trails Middle School and Cactus Shadows High School. Our students will greatly benefit from information learned from the DCA and the expertise of Dr. Strohman.

Business Partner of the Month is to highlight the extraordinary businesses that go above and beyond to Inspire Excellence in the Cave Creek Unified School district.

ECS NEWS

Please visit the ECS website at www.ecsforall.org!

The ECS Fall Enrichment Programs are available this month!
Missoula Children’s Theater: Ahoy Mates! Join in on the Treasure Island adventure held at the Cactus Shadows Fine Arts Center on August 21-26. Performances are Friday 8/25 for school assemblies and Saturday 8/26 for the public. Grades K-12 students are welcome to come along on this journey with the adventurous Jim
Hawkins, a ragged map and the legendary Long John Silver through uncharted seas. Visit cavecreek.ce.eleyo.com and type in “Missoula” in the search bar to find registration information. For instructions on how to register, visit ecsforall.org/register.

Fall ECS Enrichment Catalog: The catalog with new, exciting listing of Fall Semester offerings will be online and distributed to the schools the week of August 14. Last year’s favorites and brand new classes will be offered. We hope your family enjoys the new mix of opportunities!

The ECS Enrichment Programs provide quality, affordable classes and seminars for ages 3 years through adults. Complete fall information can be found at www.ecsforall.org after August 14. For more information and registration visit www.ecsforall.org/register. Please call the ECS Office 480-575-2440 for further assistance.

**Child’s Play Preschool**

We are enrolling for Young Rembrandts at Desert Willow Elementary for 4 & 5 year olds. They do not need to be enrolled in our preschool program to attend. Class begins Thursday, September 14th.

We still have availability in our preschool program. Please call the ECS office for more information.

**Kid’s Club Before and After-school Program**

The Kid’s Club Before and After-school Program at all Elementary Schools will resume on August 10th, 2017. We are looking forward to a great year. All sites are currently open for enrollment. Please go to ecsforall.org to enroll on our new online system.

Night Owls, Parents Night Out will be back starting in September with the theme: Cupcake Wars! More information to come!

We are looking for dedicated, positive and dependable Program Leaders and Teen Assistants who love working with kids. Please apply at www.ccusd93.org or call 480-575-2440 for more information on the available positions.

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**For Your Information**

**The award winning CSHS’ CSPress** – Please visit www.cactusshadowscspress.com

**Cave Creek Unified Education Foundation (CCUEF)** – Please visit www.ccuef.org

**CCUSD’s 2016-2017 Budget Resource Guide** - Click here

**CCUSD® Schools Accepting Open Enrollment** – Click here
CCUSD® Partners Page - Click here

MedReturn Box – Drug Disposal Facility - MCSO District 4 Office, 37622 N. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek, AZ.

Desert Foothills Library information – Please visit www.desertfoothillslibrary.org