

# Esperero Canyon Middle School



September 16-20, 2019

## Monday, September 16

- Community Schools Activities/Sports 2:45 pm
- Softball v. Amphi 4:00 pm, ECMS
- Boys volleyball v. Marana 4:30 pm, ECMS
- Tennis v. Amphi 4:00 pm, Amphi
- 6<sup>th</sup> Flag Football v. Orange Grove 4:00 pm, ECMS

## Tuesday, September 17

- Community Schools Activities/Sports 2:45 pm
- Girls volleyball v. Orange Grove 4:00 pm, ECMS

## Wednesday, September 18

- Community Schools Activities/Sports 2:45 pm
- Cross Country v. Orange Grove/Pusch Ridge 4:00 pm, ECMS
- Softball v. La Cima 4:30 pm, La Cima
- Boys Volleyball v. Twin Peaks 4:30 pm, Twin Peaks
- Tennis v. Orange Grove 4:00 pm, OGMS
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Flag Football v. Twin Peaks 4:30 pm, Crossroads Park

## Thursday, September 19

- Community Schools Activities/Sports 2:45 pm

## Friday, September 20

- FFO General Meeting 8:15 am, Library
- Community Schools Activities 2:45 pm

### ECMS UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 3	Fall Band Concert, 7 pm, MPR
Oct 4	Fall Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, MPR
Oct 9	Student Photo Retakes
Oct 10	Fall Choir Concert
Oct 11	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter

### ECMS STUDENT CALENDAR, 2019-2020

Oct 15, 16	HALF DAY SCHEDULE, Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct 17-18	NO SCHOOL, Fall Break
Nov 11	NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day Holiday
Nov 27-29	NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break
Dec 23-Jan 3	NO SCHOOL, Winter Break

## A Summary Report of the September 10, 2019 CFSD Governing Board Meeting



### **Deep Learning Showcase**

The governing board viewed a deep learning showcase that included a video, Project Wet, Rainwater Harvesting Program at Esperero Canyon Middle School. The showcase featured Science Teacher Casey Virgil, Dr. Joaquin Murrieta-Saldivar, Watershed Management Group, and Students Francesca Barreli, Sabina Coan, Sonali Coan, Lily Figueroa and Ethan Fouts. Ms. Virgil gave an overview, and students talked about how the project inspired them, the benefits to the environment, the campus beautification, and how much they enjoyed being part of the team.



### **Outstanding Achievements!**

Superintendent Mary Kamerzell shared the following student and staff achievements.

#### **Stamp Design Contest**

Ventana Vista Student Luna Spigut's artwork was selected in the Tucson Birthday Stamp Design Contest in the 5-8 age group. She was awarded a Bookmans' gift certificate, collectable stamps, and her design will be printed as collectible art work on envelopes used to commemorate the event.

#### **Desmos Teaching Fellowship**

CFHS Math Teacher Matt Collins was accepted into the 2019 cohort of the Desmos Teaching Fellowship. The Desmos' mission is to help every student learn math and love learning math. To accomplish this goal, the Desmos Fellowship was created to better connect with teachers across the United States and Canada and learn from their unique backgrounds and experiences. Matt is one of 40 people accepted to the cohort from over 600 applications. Desmos reported that these are a few of the central reasons that Matt was selected: strong opinions (clearly articulated and loosely held); strong communication skills, especially in writing; and the capacity for supporting diverse learners.

#### **AP Scholars**

We have one hundred forty-six (146) 2019 AP Scholars: 54 AP Scholars - granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams; 32 AP Scholars with Honor - granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams; 59 AP Scholars with Distinction - granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams; 9 National AP Scholars - granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. Additionally, 2 students earned the AP Capstone Diploma, and 3 students earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

#### **Approval of Revisions to Policy GBEA Staff Ethics (second reading)**

Assistant Superintendent Denise Bartlett presented the second reading of the policy. Language was added to offer clarity to the limitations on staff to promote their beliefs/views in political, sectarian/religious, and personal areas of concern. She reviewed the minor revision to the policy discussed at the first reading on August 27. There weren't any other changes from the first reading on August 27. The board approved the policy, as presented.

#### **Approval of Revisions to Policy GBEB and Regulation GBEB-R Staff Conduct (second reading)**

Dr. Bartlett presented the second reading of revisions to the policy and regulation due to legislative action, House Bill 2119, that enacted a new law that affects employees

reporting serious offenses. Language was added to the "Reporting Suspected Crimes or Incidents" section of the policy on school safety reporting. In the regulation, Dr. Bartlett reported that the revision included the statute number in two separate areas. She reviewed the revisions to the policy that were discussed at the first reading on August 27. There was one minor revision, the word "legal" was added before guardian. The board approved the policy, as amended.

**Approval of Revisions to JIH Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrest (second reading)**

Dr. Bartlett presented the second reading of revisions to the policy due to legislative action, House Bill 2119, that enacted a new law on school safety about crime reporting; policies, procedures, notification and discipline. She reported that language was added requiring staff members to report any suspected crime that was a serious offense. At the first reading on August 27, the recommendation was to add a new heading to the end of the policy entitled "Reporting Suspected Crimes," and move language to the end under the new heading. The word "legal" was added before guardian in several areas. All other revisions from the first reading were not modified. The board approved the policy, as presented.

**Approval of New Policy JLDAC Screening/Testing of Students (Vision Screening for Children)(second reading)**

Dr. Kameronzell presented the new policy in response to Senate Bill 1456 and the new statute A.R.S. 36-899.10 that addressed vision screening for children. She reviewed the revisions discussed at the first reading on August 27 that included reformatting the first section, inserting language referencing the Department of Health Services' rule, changing the word "department" to "Department of Health Services," and adding the word "legal" before guardian. There were no other changes from the first reading on August 27. The board approved the policy, as presented.

**Consideration of New Policy GBEFA Staff Use of Digital Wireless Communications or Electronic Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle (first reading)**

Dr. Bartlett presented the new policy that is in response to House Bill 2318 and the new statute, A.R.S. 28-914, which replicates Arizona law addressing the use of digital, portable, wireless communication devices and stand-alone electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle. The board recommended a change to clarify that the policy is effective for CFSD staff at date of adoption. This new policy will be brought back to the board for a second reading at its next meeting on September 24.

**Consideration of Revisions to Policy GCF Professional Staff Hiring (first reading)**

Dr. Bartlett reviewed the necessary changes to the policy due to House Bill 2119 that changed A.R.S. 15-

512. Specifically, the rules about fingerprinting employees and allowing school districts to share background information. She reviewed the language added to the policy about districts sharing background investigations, including records that a current or former employee who had been disciplined for violating district policies under A.R.S. 15-153, Crime Reporting. The board recommended a few language changes to the policy for clarity. The board will review the policy for a second reading at its next meeting on September 24.

**Consideration of Revisions to Policy GCFC and Exhibit GCFC-E, Professional Staff Certification and Credentialing Requirements (Fingerprinting Requirements) (first reading)**

Dr. Bartlett reviewed the necessary changes to the policy due to Senate Bill 1180 that changed A.R.S. 15-512 on fingerprinting of employees. She reported that new language has been added under the section of "New Hires" and also to the exhibit at the end of the first paragraph about candidates, providing information on charges or convictions that have been vacated, set aside or expunged. The board will review the policy for a second reading at its next meeting on September 24.

**Consideration of Revisions to Policy GDF Support Staff Hiring (first reading)**

Dr. Bartlett reviewed the recommended changes to the policy due to House Bill 2119 that changed A.R.S. 15-512 about fingerprinting employees. She reviewed the language added about districts sharing background investigations, including records that a current or former employee has been disciplined for violating district policies under A.R.S. 15-153, Crime Reporting. The board will review the policy for a second reading at its next meeting on September 24.

**Consideration of Revisions to Policy GDFA and Exhibit GDFA-E, Support Staff Qualifications and Requirements (Fingerprinting Requirements) (first reading)**

Dr. Bartlett reviewed the necessary changes to the policy due to Senate Bill 1180 that changed A.R.S. 15-512 on fingerprinting of employees. She reported that the word "legal" had been added before guardians, and new language added under the section "New Hires" and also to the exhibit at the end of the first paragraph about candidates providing information on charges or convictions that had been vacated, set aside or expunged. The board will review the policy for a second reading at its next meeting on September 24.

**Consideration of Revisions to Catalina Foothills School District (CFSD) Performance Award Plan**

Dr. Bartlett presented the proposed revision to the 2019-2020 Performance Award Plan. In the plan approved by the board at its May 14 meeting, teachers were required to take part in eight (8) of ten (10) hours of school-based professional learning to be eligible for the performance award. She reported that the district's administrative team recommended revising required hours from ten

(10) to (5), giving the school five extra hours during their early release/late start to give time for collaboration or fulfill other teacher responsibilities. Dr. Bartlett reported that if approved, teachers would now need to attend five hours of school-based professional learning to be eligible for the performance award. The board approved the revision, as presented.

### **Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Law Conference Report**

Board Member Eileen Jackson reviewed information from the recent ASBA Law Conference. She reported that the conference sessions that she attended were informative, and the general session speakers were excellent.

### **Arizona School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Report**

Ms. Jackson shared information from the ASBA Delegate Assembly held September 7 where she represented the CFSD Governing Board as a delegate. She reviewed the process and the outcome of the political agenda. Ms. Jackson indicated that delegates did a systematic review of each item on the political agenda recommended by ASBA's Legislative Committee.

### **2019 Arizona Legislative / Governmental Activity**

There was no discussion.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

The governing board approved the following consent agenda items.

- August 27, 2019, regular governing board meeting minutes
- Expense voucher memorandum
- Field trip request memorandum
- Fundraising request memorandum
- Personnel memorandum
- Gift and Donations memorandum
- IGA between CFSD and the Arizona Department of Economic Security / Rehabilitation Services Administration for Transition from School to Work Services

### **Upcoming Board Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled governing board meeting is **Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 6:30 p.m., at the Professional Learning Center at Valley View Early Learning Center.**

- Super Volunteer Recognition
- Approval of New Policy GBEFA *Staff Use of Digital Wireless Communications or Electronic Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle* (second reading)
- Approval of Revisions to Policy GCF *Professional Staff Hiring* (second reading)
- Approval of Revisions to Policy GCFC and Exhibit

GCFC-E *Professional Staff Certification and Credentialing Requirements (Fingerprinting Requirements)* (second reading)

- Approval of Revisions to Policy GDF *Support Staff Hiring* (second reading)
- Approval of Revisions to Policy GDFA and Exhibit GDFA-E *Support Staff Qualifications and Requirements (Fingerprinting Requirements)* (second reading)
- Pima County Board / Superintendent Collaborative September 16 Meeting Report



Please welcome new CFSD staff members:

Noah Lennon, Software Applications Specialist,  
MAC

Andrea Lopez, Bursar, CFHS

Brenda Pinto, Office Clerk, CFHS

John Downs, Security Monitor, CFHS

# TUCSON BANDITS Lacrosse

**K-8TH  
GRADE**

**BOYS  
& GIRLS  
WELCOME!**



**Registration is September 15, 2019**

Join us 11am-12:30pm at rillito park field #7

**Register, meet the coaches and other players.**

**learn more about lacrosse and have fun!**

**[tucsonbanditslacrosse.com](http://tucsonbanditslacrosse.com)**

**Tucson Bandits season is from November through March/April.**

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# CFHS Cheer Clinic

**September 28th @ High School Dance Room in Gym**

**9am-12pm**

**ages: 4-13**

**Cost: \$25**

**Includes: snack, t-shirt and opportunity to perform at a HS Varsity football game on 10/4/19 (free admission to the game for participant and one guardian)**

***Jumps!***

***Motions!***

***Cheer!***

***Dance!***

For more information contact:

Head Coach Moreno: [bmoreno@cfsd16.org](mailto:bmoreno@cfsd16.org)

*\*Please bring water and dress in athletic attire. Hair should be tied back.*

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