



**GOOD NEWS UPDATE**

**October 19, 2016**

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## Teaching & Learning

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On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the District's Student Chief Science Officers attended the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual SciTech Festival Kickoff Conference. As student ambassadors for STEM education they attended sessions alongside educators and community leaders to learn about opportunities related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Thank you to the CSO sponsors for attending this event with the students as well as providing them with the encouragement and mentoring needed to be an ambassador for STEM education in Arizona: *Jessica Cummins*, *Katherine Hoornstra*, *Hayley Robinson*, and *Colleen Allen*.

On Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> we hosted a KP Mathematics training in the ULC North, provided by Dr. Kimberly Rimbey. Teachers from Littleton ESD as well as surrounding neighboring school districts had the opportunity to "play" with mathematics. The training was a huge success! The teachers who attend the event will be receiving a KP Mathematics Manipulatives Kit so they can take their learning back into the classroom! Thank you to Dr. Kimberly Rimbey for providing selecting Littleton ESD as the host for this opportunity.

Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> will kick off our Math 20/20 professional development series! We are excited to engage teachers in professional development that will provide an intensive look at the standards for content and math practices at their grade level. The sessions will be facilitated by Littleton ESD instructional coaches which will allow teachers to have ongoing support with implementation. Thank you to our facilitators: *Mia De La Rosa*, *Gina Forney*, *Sandra Miller*, *Brittany Jimenez*, and *Kathy Larm*.

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## Transportation

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The mechanics, school bus drivers and Transportation office staff received training for our Zonar equipment, the student tracking and bus monitoring system.

Transportation of field trips and sports teams has been going well. The drivers are excited for the upcoming championship competitions between the district teams.

The Transportation Department received an employee led safety training prior to mandatory bus evacuations. All schools participated and met expectations for safely exiting a school bus in emergency situations.

Our department will be celebrating breast cancer awareness month with a pot luck dinner on October 26, 2016.

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## Operations Department

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The Operations Department is welcoming in two new custodians who will continue to keep our schools looking their best. The new custodians include:

Quentin Elementary: *Kamilah Soriano* – Night Custodian. Ms. Soriano started this week at Quentin.

Collier Elementary: *Manuel Ramirez* – Night Custodian. Mr. Ramirez will start at Collier next week.



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## **Exceptional Student Services Department**

The Exceptional Student Services department has been working with contractors to staff hard to fill special education positions.

The Exceptional Student Services department is covering transportation costs for students and staff from Littleton and Quentin's self-contained programs, to attend the annual Kids' Day at the Fair, sponsored by Oak Craft Cabinetry.