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SCUSD WELCOMES BACK STAFF AND STUDENTS

By Cheryl Mae Haozous

Welcome Back Students and Staff!

San Carlos Unified School District would like to thank the parents, guardians and grandparents for getting their children and grandchildren registered and ready for school! A big thank you to the staff for preparing for a great year for our students!

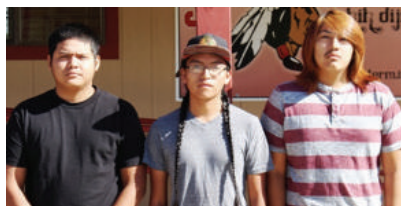
This will be an exciting year as we welcome a new Interim Superintendent to the district, Dr. Deborah Dennison, who will take lead of our administrative team into a new direction. She comes to our district with years of experience with methods for quality learning and student achievement to our school system.

San Carlos Unified School District is looking forward to more parent participation in our schools this year.

Join us as we make the 2016-2017 school year, a great year for our district and our community!

Go Braves!

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL RECOGNIZES PERFECT ATTENDANCE STUDENTS



AM Session
L to R: Brian Perez, JT Thompson, and Adriano Talgo



PM Session
L to R: Andrew Hinton and Benny Cheney

SUPERINTENDENT DR. DENNISON BRINGS EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP TO SCUSD

Dr. Deborah Jackson-Dennison comes to San Carlos Unified School District from the Navajo Nation. Being one of very few American Indian women public school superintendent's for nearly 15 years, her leadership vision has always been on finding ways to reform school systems to better serve predominately American Indian students. Through her leadership, Dr. Dennison has been instrumental in bringing forth positive changes and direction with the academic learning of the students in two large Navajo Nation public school districts. She recognized and witnessed early in her teaching career the dire and urgent need for improvement of, and systemic reforms needed to address the conditions that exist in most schools on Indian Country. She believes the time is now to address the historical challenges that exist in Indian education through research based reforms that align and correlate with culturally responsive goals, values, wisdom and learning philosophies of the tribes and the students being served all across Indian Country.

On October 27, 2016, the Governing Board extended Dr. Dennison's interim contract to become our superintendent through June 2018. While interim superintendent, her team has already begun with refinement and alignment of the organizational structure to better support and address the identified needs of the San Carlos Apache Indian students, parents and community. Furthermore, a complete assessment on the instructional program of our district has been conducted and the results will be used to lend way to improving the instructional and organizational effectiveness to provide quality learning for all San Carlos USD students.



Dr. Deborah Jackson-Dennison

LIL' MISS RICE ELEMENTARY 2016-2017



Lil' Miss Rice Elementary - Cheyene Gilson
1st Attendant - Jazlynn Allen
2nd Attendant - Emily Joey Hooke
Miss Congeniality - Kayana Jackson
Best Talent-Cheyene Gilson

MISS RICE ELEMENTARY 2016-2017

Miss Rice Elementary School - Latisha Chapman
1st Attendant - Jacelyn Bullis
2nd Attendant - Kuliana Tellez
Best Talent - Jacelyn Bullis
Miss Congeniality-Jacelyn Bullis



LAUREN PINA CROWNED MISS SAN CARLOS SECONDARY SCHOOL 2016-2017

Miss San Carlos Secondary School
Lauren Pina
1st Attendant
Alyssa Sneezy
2nd Attendant
Allison McIntosh
Special Recognition
Jovecka Hinton



SCSS ROBOTICS AZFIRST CLASS INSPIRES STUDENTS WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The Robotics class is taught by Ms. Magboo, who was the sponsor of the former Robotics Club.

AzFIRST, which stands for AZ For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, is the second part of the course, encompasses the combination of the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology.



Students learn the science and technology of building robots

The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting Mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

We call FIRST Robotics Competition the ultimate Sport for the Mind. High-school student participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have." Under strict rules, limited resources, and an intense six-week time limit, students are challenged to design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and build and program industrial-size robots to play a difficult field game against like-minded competitors. It's as close to real-world engineering as a student can get.

MR. VOIGT'S AGRICULTURE CLASS LOOKS TO GREEN UP SCSS CAMPUS

Mr. Voigt's 1st hour CTE Ag class is trying to green up campus. After learning about how plants and grass grow for the first 5 weeks of school, the class has been actively transforming the area in and around the softball field in preparation to seed grass.



Students in Mr. Voigt's class prep soil

Using organic materials like wood chips and top soil, the class has been prepping the soil to plant grass. The grasses planted will be a mixture of warm and cool season grasses that should create a sturdy sod like turf that should stay green year round.

Good job students!

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL MR. PROVIDO CONTRIBUTES EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE TO SCSS

Mr. Geony Provideo is currently the Associate Principal for San Carlos Secondary School. He began working for SCUSD as master teacher in 2012 and then was assigned as instructional coach. Last year, he was appointed Dean of Students.



*Associate Principal
Mr. Geony Provideo*

Mr. Provideo wants to see all students at SCSS become college and career ready. He believes it is important for the student to acquire knowledge and skills that will enable them to sustainably develop and manage the San Carlos Reservation in the future. Whether the students will remain in the rez or settle elsewhere, it is important for them to have the skills set to succeed in the increasingly competitive world.

Mr. Provideo is a graduate of civil engineering and has four masteral degrees and one post-graduate diploma, all coming from three continents.

While working with teachers at San Carlos, first supervising them and then leading professional learning communities as well as working with CTE teachers as the CTE Director, Mr. Provideo then decided to pursue his 4th masteral degree in the area of educational leadership which he finally completed last year.

Mr. Provideo is married to Nesza Provideo, a former instructional coach and math teacher at SCUSD. The couple is blessed with three children (Jessa, George and Chris).

TITLE VI AND JOM ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017 SCUSD SCHOOL YEAR

Johnson O'Malley Coordinator Vickie Goode got off to an early start in the year to get Title VI and JOM officers elected so they could plan their projected outlook for the students of San Carlos Unified School District.

The committees reached out to the parents to participate in the yearly planning process by becoming members of the committees. Both committees got right to work to ensure the students received the assistance they needed for academic achievement through tutoring and parent involvement as well as quality teachers for the Apache language classes. JOM/Title VI invites all interested parents, guardians and grandparents to attend their monthly meetings every first Tuesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the District Training room.



Newly elected officers for Title VI (no longer Title VII) and JOM. The Title VI Officers are Hilda Key, Chairperson; Susan Alden, Vice-Chairperson; and Cynthia Hoffman, Secretary.



The Johnson O'Malley Officers IEC are Hilda Key, Chairperson; Beatrice Lee, Vice-Chairperson; and Natalie Anderson, Secretary.

NEW STATE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

A new law went into effect on July 1, 2016. It said that any student who wants to graduate from high school or earn a GED must pass the Arizona Civics Test. This test is the same as the test given by the U.S. Immigration Service. It has 100 questions about the history of the United States, our government, and our culture. Students must correctly answer at least 60 of the questions in order to pass.

The test is offered to all juniors and seniors at San Carlos Secondary and Alternative Schools. Students will have five opportunities during the year to take the test. Students may retake the test as many times as necessary. Anyone who wants to earn a GED may contact the district office to schedule a date to take the test.

As of October 1, 53 students at the Secondary and 27 students at the Alternative school have passed the test. That means that 50% of the junior and senior classes have already passed the test this year and are eligible to graduate.

Study materials for the exam, including the exact questions and answers, are available at <https://www.uscis.gov>

SCUSD BULLYING POLICY

San Carlos Unified School District does not tolerate bullying, harassment or intimidation.

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STUDENT VIOLENCE/HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION/BULLYING

The Governing Board believes it is the right of every student to be educated in a positive, safe, caring, and respectful learning environment. The Board further believes a school environment inclusive of these traits maximizes student achievement, fosters student personal growth, and helps students build a sense of community that promotes positive participation as members of society.

The District, in partnership with parents, guardians, and students, shall establish and maintain a school environment based on these beliefs. The District shall identify and implement age-appropriate programs designed to instill in students the values of positive interpersonal relationships, mutual respect, and appropriate conflict resolution.

To assist in achieving a school environment based on the beliefs of the Governing Board, bullying, harassment or intimidation as defined by this policy will not be tolerated.

PROHIBITIONS AND DISCIPLINE

Students are prohibited from bullying on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, at school sponsored events and activities, and through the use of electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on school computers, networks, forums, or mailing lists.

All suspected violations of law will be reported to local law enforcement.

REPORTING INCIDENTS OF BULLYING

A student who is experiencing bullying, or believes another student is experiencing bullying, is to report the situation to the principal or another school employee. A school employee who becomes aware of or suspects a student is being bullied shall immediately notify the school administrator. School personnel shall maintain confidentiality of the reported information.

Additional information on the Bullying Policy can be found on the district website, sancarlosbraves.org

SCSS WEIGHTS AND CONDITIONING CLASS TO BE FEATURED IN A NATIONAL MAGAZINE!

San Carlos Secondary School will be featured in a popular strength and conditioning magazine in their quarterly article to be published soon. The editor of the magazine interviewed



Christina Flores the SCUSD Physical Education Coordinator about her role in bringing the Bigger Faster Stronger program to the Secondary PE curriculum. The title of the article will be *"Unification in Action at the San Carlos Apache Reservation."*

"Bigger Faster Stronger is a scientific, results oriented strength and conditioning program which all athletes can use. Whether our student athlete is a male or female, a varsity athlete or a junior high athlete, a volleyball player or a football player the benefits for the athlete who is committed to the program are tremendous," said Christina Flores the PEP Coordinator.

All coaches in the district were invited to the July workshop which was titled "Be an 11"! "The focus of the program is hard, smart work and giving your best in all you do," said Flores. "The program has all athletes breaking their own personal weight lifting records every time they lift weights." "The kids and the coaches can really see the improvement in their performance on the fields and courts."

Coach Shawn Pietila is the strength and conditioning teacher at the Secondary and his efforts help to unify all our athletes in their sports goals. "Coach Pietila is organized, motivated and has really dedicated himself to all sports in San Carlos with his efforts to implement BFS," said Flores, "the athletes are competing at a higher level and because of improved fitness levels we hope to see less injuries and more State Championships!.... Way to Go Braves Coaches and Athletes!

FCCLA ATTEND LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FCCLA (Family, Career, Community, Leaders of America) students representing SCSS did an amazing job at the FCCLA Leadership in Prescott Arizona. They attended the camp for three days. They participated in all teamwork activities, and they are all winners, but only three of them won medals. FCCLA is sponsored by Mrs. Leyva.

"I would like to congratulate the following members = Anthony May, Christianna Thorne, and Alexandra Hernandez for receiving medals in the competition. I am very proud of all my students because they were Braves all the way. They were responsible, respectful, and safe."

-Mrs. Leyva



Down: Christianna Thorne. Front (left to right: Lavinia Palmer, Christina Gooday, Likisha Harvey, Mrs. Leyva, Elijah Thompson, Anthony May. Back (left to right): Tashina Swift, Shaula Newman (FCCLA president), Alexandra Hernandez, and Tyler Polk.

COMMUNITY ENJOYS RES HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Ghosts and witches were all around the Rice Elementary school campus on Thursday night to celebrate the annual Halloween carnival with their friends and family.

Rice Elementary School student council and staff worked hard together to showcase another successful carnival for the community. With staff manning tables filled with games, face painting, bouncy castles and booths filled plenty of food and drinks it was easy to see the excitement in the student's faces everywhere!

A very special thank you goes out to all the parents of the students who donated baked goodies to Rice Elementary School! Tables were heavily laden with cookies, candy apples, cupcakes, cakes, brownies and rice crispy treats just waiting to be won by the lucky participants for the cake walk.

Kudos go out to the Rice Elementary School administration, staff, teachers, custodians and security for another successful event for the students and the community.

Go Lil' Braves!



GUITAR CLASS HAS ARRIVED TO SCSS!

SCSS teacher, Mr. Gatewood has introduced the guitar to students at the Secondary School. This is just one of the classes students can choose in school.

Good job students and to Mr. Gatewood for bringing music back into the school!



Mr Anthony Gatewood's guitar class strumming their rendition of Beethoven's Ode to Joy during the San Carlos Secondary School's First Family Night on October 19, 2016. Featured guitarists are Amber Brown (10th Gr), Shana Bullis (10th Gr), Christina Gooday (10th Gr), and Kira Johnson (11th Gr).

RES THIRD GRADE LEARN NEW SKILLS IN CLASS

In the third grade classrooms in reading thus far, we have been working on comprehension skills. We have been working on cause and effect, story structure, and sequencing using signal words. We have been incorporating the "Big Ten" reading strategies from Balanced Literacy which we learned from our professional development.

In math, we are reviewing addition and subtraction with and without regrouping. We have been focusing on applying the word solving model in our Saxon Math Curriculum. We began skip counting as a prerequisite skill to multiplication. We are integrating money in addition and subtraction for real world connections. We are also using technology to foster student engagement such as Reflex Math, ST Math, and the I-Ready Math Programs.

In our writing curriculum, we are using the Dr. Taylor's phrase comma sentence period method using starter words. Furthermore, we are using Dr. Taylor's Evidence Finder to elaborate on our answers. The students are also being exposed to journal writing.

The Third Grade Team

**EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY!
SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL!**



SCSS CELEBRATES “AROUND THE WORLD” WEEK LONG HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

San Carlos Secondary School celebrated homecoming activities with the theme, “Around the World” this past week. The week began with daily events and special days to countdown to the homecoming game against Miami High School Vandals on Friday night. The students celebrated jersey day, twin’s day, Braves pride day and Pink Day for cancer awareness. Pep assemblies were held for class competitions which included various games and float building to claim the Pep Stick. It was a great week of spirit inspired activities to bring the students together and encouraged them to be filled with school pride.

HOMECOMING EVENTS		
Place	Parade Float	Celebrations
1st	Sophomores	Juniors
2nd	Seniors	Seniors
3rd	Freshmen	Freshmen
4th	Juniors	Sophomores



Homecoming Powder Puff Teams and Coaches



Homecoming Parade - Sophomore Float



Homecoming Parade - Senior Float



Homecoming Game



Homecoming Pep Rally - Crown Dancers



Above - (left-right)
 Juniors: Aloysius Case,
 Ashlee Ganilla, Seniors:
 Lydell Clark, Kayla
 Dosela, Sophomore:
 Beyonce Cutter,
 Freshmen: Colin Boni,
 Jahnaya Elgo
 Not Pictured: Lewis
 Ironshell (Sophomore)



Homecoming game



Principal Durena Thompson and Superintendent Dr. Dennison

2016 San Carlos Unified School District Junior High School Fall Sports



Junior High Cross Country



Junior High Football



7th Grade Volleyball



8th Grade Volleyball

2016 San Carlos Unified School District High School Fall Sports



Varsity Volleyball



Junior Varsity Volleyball



High School Girls Cross Country



High School Boys Cross Country



High School Varsity Football

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