



News from the Creek

Cave Creek Unified School District

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Governing Board

Meetings

33016 North 60th Street
Scottsdale, AZ 85266

6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9
Tuesday, February 23
Thursday, February 25
Tuesday, March 9
Tuesday, March 30
Tuesday, April 13
Tuesday, April 27

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Dr. Debbi Burdick, Superintendent

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IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 3: Kindergarten Round Up (Details in District News Section)
Feb. 3: Core Knowledge® Parent Information Night, DSES
Feb. 4: CSHS Future Falcon Night, 6:30-8:00 pm
Feb. 12: Early Release K-12; Staff Development Day
Feb. 15: President's Day – No School

A note from the Superintendent...

CCUSD has two exciting options being planned for students for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year: Desert Sun Academy, which will begin as a K-6 next school year and grow to grades K-8, and Cactus Shadows Prep Academy, which will begin as a 7-9 and will grow to grades 7-12. As a Friend of Core Knowledge®, Desert Sun Academy will use Core Knowledge® sequencing and the students will also wear uniforms. Cactus Shadows Prep Academy will feature an honors curriculum and will be located at the Learning Center at 60th St. and Dove Valley Road. CS Prep students will be accepted through an application process and will also wear uniforms.

To learn more about DS Academy, please contact Principal, Bert Honigman at 480-575-2900. For information on CS Prep Academy, contact Principal, Steve Bebee at 480-575-2401. We look forward to being able to provide our CCUSD families with additional choices for students.

Debbi Burdick

CCUSD is on Twitter and we would like to invite you to follow us.

**Governing Board Members: Casey Perkins, President, David Schaefer, Clerk
Janet Busbee, Susan Clancy and Mark Warren, Members**

DISTRICT NEWS

2010-2011 Kindergarten Round Up/Future Falcon Night/Open Houses...

Please see the below schedule of Kindergarten Round Up, Future Falcon Night and Open Houses.

SCHOOL	EVENT
Black Mountain Elementary 33606 N. 60 th Street 480-575-2100	Kindergarten Round Up: February 3 – 5:30-7:00pm Grades 1 st -5 th Community Open House: February 4 – 5:30-6:30pm
Cactus Shadows High 5801 E. Dove Valley Road 480-575-2400	Future Falcon Night: February 4 – 6:30-8:00pm
Desert Arroyo Middle 33401 N. 56 th Street 480-575-2300	Open House, Thursday, April 8, 6:00 pm
Desert Sun Elementary 27880 N. 64 th Street 480-575-2900	Core Knowledge® Information Night: February 3, 6:00pm Kindergarten Round Up: February 3 – 6:45pm
Desert Willow Elementary 4322 E. Desert Willow Pkwy 480-575-2800	Kindergarten Round Up: February 3 – 4:30-6:30pm
Horseshoe Trails Elementary 5405 E. Pinnacle Vista Rd. 480-272-8500	Kindergarten Round Up: February 3 – 5:30-6:30pm
Lone Mountain Elementary 5250 East Montgomery Rd 480-437-3000	Kindergarten Round Up: February 3 – 6:00-7:00pm
Sonoran Trails Middle 5555 E. Pinnacle Vista 480-272-8600	Open House & 5 th Grade Future Stinger Parent Night: April 20 – 6:00-7:30pm

Timeline Started for Potential Closing of Desert Arroyo Middle School...

It is with great sadness to announce that at the January 26, 2010 Governing Board meeting, we started the timeline required by Arizona Revised Statute to potentially close Desert Arroyo Middle School. Statute requires a school district who is considering school closure to start a 60 day timeline. At thirty (30) days from the start of the timeline, a Public Hearing will be held to allow for community input. The date set for the Public Hearing is Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Governing Board Room (33016 North 60th Street). In

addition, another meeting when Board Action will be taken is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2010, again at the Governing Board Room at 6:00 p.m.

The recommendation for the start of this timeline is due to economic reasons and has nothing to do with Desert Arroyo's performance as a school. Desert Arroyo is an excellent school and has been since the labels were created by the state. We are in the midst of the worst economy in decades which requires extraordinary measures be considered and implemented.

Gifted Education Opportunities...

Community Education and Hope Rosky, Gifted Consultant, are working together to offer a series of Saturday classes that will appeal to any student who wants to be challenged. They have taken some ideas from the ASU, Hopkins and Long Island University programs that have offered similar classes, in addition to some ideas of their own. These classes will be held from 9 to 11 AM on February 20, 27 and March 6 at the Desert Sun campus. Contact Community Education at 480-575-2070 if interested. Listed below are possible topics:

Buildings that Changed the World –

Buildings are all around us! Whether they provide entertainment, shelter or honor people and major events, they become a part of our history and culture. This course will introduce some of these spectacular buildings, and then students will create their own building to change the world.

Desert Survival/First Aid –

The desert is a mystery in and of itself. Educate yourself on the animals and plants in the desert that can help or hurt you. Learn various first aid techniques, and become a desert survivor!

Heroes, Villains & Me-

Dramatic stories, mysteries and adventures are created with heroes, villains, and antiheroes in mind. Use your mind to determine their similarities and differences. Students will also employ similar techniques in creating their own stories.

Chemical Detectives –

This course will provide an opportunity for students to explore and examine the world of modern chemistry. In conjunction, they will learn how new matter is composed, and how various substances are developed, and why things happen as they do?

Futures: 2020 & Beyond!!!

What does the future hold? This is an intriguing question that many of us try to answer. In this course, students will examine ideas related to events in the 21st Century. They will then hypothesize what may lie ahead. Having a curious imagination and a willingness to explore are needed to make this journey an interesting one.

Crime Busters-

Students will explore the process of writing a mystery story. They will explore the process of writing this mystery, which will include clues, suspects, setting, and the solution

Important Meeting for Parents of Gifted Children And Parents Who Have Questions about Gifted Education...

Hope Rosky, Consultant for Gifted Services, for the Cave Creek Unified School District, is having the third quarterly meeting on Wednesday, February 10th, at the Desert Foothills Library. The library is located at, 38443 N. Schoolhouse Rd., in the town of Cave Creek. Meetings times are scheduled twice during the day and the topic will be the same for each time frame. During this meeting, Cara Herkamp will address the budget, and how it is affecting Gifted Education. Hope Rosky will provide a follow-up on topics discussed at the state Gifted Conference. Dr. Paul Beljan will return to talk about motivating the Gifted Child. Furthermore, he will answer any questions about the book that he co authored, entitled, **Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults**, as this book was suggested for reading at our last meeting for the book study

Please, call the library ahead of time to reserve your spot. Their number is (480) 488-2286, and let them know it is for the December 2nd meeting. Specify if you will be attending the morning or evening session.

Meeting times are:

9:30-11:00a.m. or

5:30- 7:00p.m.

Last Meeting Date:

April 28, 2010

Other Special Events: Statewide Gifted Conference-Arizona
February 3-5, at the Black Canyon Conference Center

Child's Play Learning Center Opening a New Preschool...

Desert Foothills Community Education's Child's Play Learning Center has expanded and will be opening a new preschool classroom at Black Mountain Elementary School offering Core Knowledge® curriculum in August 2010. Part-time and full-time spaces are available and Lunch Bunch and Before and After Care will also be offered. Registration begins February 12th. Call 480-575-2440 for information.

Give a Silver Apple Award to a Teacher...

Nominate your favorite teacher for a Silver Apple Award! This is sponsored by Sylvan Learning, Channel 3TV and azcentral.com. Students complete the

nomination form, the principal signs it and the student mails in the application. See the link below for more details or watch for information on Channel 3. <http://www.azfamily.com/somethinggood/silverapple/index.html> Deadline is March 5, 2010.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Congratulations, Dr. Dawn Huber...

Congratulations go to **Dr. Dawn Huber**, psychologist, for passing the Licensing Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. Not only did she pass her exam on the first try, but she received the highest score of all Arizona candidates! We are so lucky to have her expertise here in Cave Creek Unified School District.

Congratulations Julie Vandenberg...

Kiwanis of Carefree has a new William Scully Scholarship which is offered to teachers that pursue advanced degrees in education. The first recipient of this \$10,000 scholarship was awarded to Julie Vandenberg, Counselor at Desert Arroyo Middle School. Congratulations Julie.

Chad DeGrenier – Coach of the Year for Scottsdale Republic...

Congratulations to **Chad DeGrenier**, Varsity Football Coach who was named the Coach of the Year by the Scottsdale Republic. The football team had an extremely successful season and went undefeated in their regular season.

Congratulations, December Employees of the Month...

Congratulations to the following employees who were selected as Employee of the Month for December 2009: **Cadi Angeli**, Sonoran Trails Middle School; **Alisa Gould**, Horseshoe Trails Elementary School; **Lisa Adams**, Community Education, **Rich Doesher**, District Warehouse; **Jenny Couterier**, Sonoran Trails Middle School and **Steve Bebee**, Cactus Shadows High School. Employees of the Month are honored at a breakfast, presented with a plaque from Noah Kendrick of Edward Jones Investment of Carefree and given a gift card from Barnes and Noble Books. CCUSD thanks the sponsors of the Employee of the Month program: The Good Egg Restaurant of Cave Creek, Noah Kendrick of Edward Jones Investments of Carefree, Barnes and Noble Books at Desert Ridge Mall and Blue Ribbon Awards of Phoenix.

Congratulations, December Anchor Award Winners...

Congratulations to the following employees who were selected as CCUSD's Anchor Award Winners for the Month of December 2009: **Lisa Tibbits**, received a round of golf for 4 at The Boulder's, **Yvette Washington**, received a free oil change from Tobias Automotive, **Aaron Pettinato** received free meal at

McDonald's, **Mike Sarraino** and **Barbara Hatch** both received two free lunches from Rubio's. CCUSD's Anchor Award program is sponsored by: Rubios (The Summit), McDonald's (Cave Creek Road), Tobias Automotive and The Boulders.

CSHS National Honor Society Inductees Honor Staff...

CSHS held its annual National Honor Society Induction on January 13th. Sponsor, Dr. Temnick, had the inductees speak about their favorite or most influential teacher. Teachers honored were:

Mrs. Rochford by **Ryan DiCiccio**
Mr. LaVigne by **Vincent Chien**
Mrs. Garvin by **Brittany Svoboda, Emily Anderson**
Mrs. Dunbar by **Kaylee Paciora, Kelsey Gilchrist**
Mrs. Ferris by **Olivia Slack, Kara Curley**
Mrs. Henson by **Stephanie Haviv**
Mrs. Cheeseman-Meyer by **Johann Beishline**
Mrs. Reisener by **Vincent Chien**
Mr. Reisener by **Thor Kellin, Chris Noel**
Ms. Keenan by **Elyssa Hartsock**
Mrs. Metcalf by **Alexis Mann**
Mrs. Hatch by **Adam Schmitt**
Mr. Sweeney by **Shan England**
Mrs. White by **Michelle Evers**
Mrs. Beverly by **Monique Garcia**
Mr. Wykoff by **Elyse Gifford**
Mrs. Raught by **Ana Montanez, Shannon Reid**
Mr. DelGrosso by **Brittany Svoboda, Emily Anderson**
Mrs. Pape by **Johnathan Vo**
Mrs. Ericson by **Maddy Moore**
Mrs. Jacobson by **Ashley Schaefer**
Mr. Dodrill by **Ana Montanez**
Dr. Temnick by **Johann Beishline**

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Horseshoe Trails Elementary School....

The Character Education Partnership presented Horseshoe Trails Elementary School with a National Schools of Character Promising Practices Award for their Equine-Facilitated Cognitive-Therapy Program. The therapy program uses horses to teach character traits to students.

Cactus Shadows Equine Therapy Program...

Every Friday in January, CSHS special-needs students enjoyed equine therapy, thanks to horses from Arizona Equine Rescue Organization, a New River-based

non-profit. **Lori DiCicco**, CSHS youth transition program coordinator said working with the horses teaches students about interaction and connections. The classes help students build character through interactions with the horses. A temporary arena was built in front of the campus throughout January, and classes were consolidated over consecutive weeks. This is the first time horse therapy at Cactus Shadows has been made available to students who have challenges. Thank you, Lori for being instrumental in bringing this program to our students.

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations Senior, Tommy Murphy...

Tommy Murphy made the All Arizona Football Team as a defensive back. He was also named defensive back First Team All State for 4A Division 1. Congratulations, Tommy on a very successful year.

Congratulations Senior, Dillon Classen...

Dillon Classen was voted 2nd team All State Quarterback for 4A Division 1. Congratulations, Dillon on a very successful year.

Congratulations DECA Students...

Thirty five CSHS DECA students did an excellent job competing and representing CSHS at Central Region Conference on Tuesday, Jan. 12. This year's conference was one of the largest with 20 schools and over 1100 students competing. The following students placed in their events. Please congratulate them for their outstanding effort and success! DECA students will now be getting ready for State DECA Competition which will be held Feb. 30-March 2 in Phoenix. Students competing in State Competition will be out of school Monday and Tuesday, March 1st and 2nd.

Business Law and Ethics Team Event

3rd Place---**Julia Day** and **Hannah Candee**

1st Place---**Trevor Nidds** and **AJ Zygutis**

Hospitality Services Team Event

3rd Place---**Madi Day** and **Sam Dalrymple**

2nd Place---**Chris Cody** and **Marko Pecic**

Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Event

3rd Place---**Geoff Byers** and **Brittany Butcher**

Travel and Tourism Marketing Team Event

3rd Place---**Madison Edens** and **Taylor Munn**

1st Place---**Chelsea Ferguson** and **Brandon Ralston**

Business Services

2nd Place--- **Johann Beishline**

Buying and Merchandising Management Team Event

1st Place---**Mackenzie Abernethy** and **Michael Militello**

Quiz Bowl

2nd Place---**Trevor Nidds**, State Finalist

Top 8 and qualifying for State Quiz Bowl---**AJ Zygutis**

National Hispanic Recognition Program...

The following students were selected as 2009-10 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars or Honorable Mentions. Students recognized by NHRP are at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino and have achieved a minimum PSAT/NMSQT®/PAA score for their region. Students with GPAs of 3.5 or higher are designated as Scholars, and those with GPAs of 3.0 to 3.49 as Honorable Mentions. Congratulations to **Tomas Martinez**, Senior, Scholar and **Kyle Castro**, Senior, Honorable Mention.

Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program...

Congratulations to **A. J. Zygutis**, Senior, who has been named a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended Students place among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who enter the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®).

Congratulations, Molly Shoulders...

Congratulations to **Molly Shoulders**, Senior, who was presented with the Best Buddies Arizona “Arizona Chapter President of the Month” Award in August 2009. Molly attended the 2009 Best Buddies Leadership Conference at Indiana University where she proved to be an exemplary leader. Maggie Speer, Lead Program Manager of Best Buddies Arizona stated: “She exhibited great enthusiasm and provided continuous insight and support to our other Arizona high school Chapter Presidents in attendance. Molly was an outstanding contributor at both Leadership Conference and our local Leadership Training.”

Congratulations, Sami Mazella...

Sami Mazella, Junior, was selected as a candidate for State Office for the Arizona Association of Student Councils. This is a great honor and a tribute to 6 years of CSHS Student Council members who have devoted an extraordinary amount of time and energy to excellence through leadership. This is not only a reflection of Sami’s commitment, but also a recognition of our student council as a whole and the goals they have worked tirelessly to reach over years of service to

our district and community. Congratulations Sami and the entire student council.

Congratulations to Jack Martin...

Sophomore **Jack Martin** has been nominated as a Phoenix Children's Hospital/Channel 12 "Comeback Player Contender" for returning to the game of baseball following his serious baseball-related head injury in the sixth grade. The "Comeback Student Athlete of the Year" contest rewards outstanding young athletes who have returned to athletic competition after receiving treatment for an injury, illness, or physical limitation. Jack was hit in above the right temple by a pitch during a club team game in 2006 and suffered a compressed skull fracture and bruising on the brain that required surgery at Barrow Neurological Institute. He spent 5 days in the ICU. This could have been the last pitch he ever took, but Jack truly loves the game of baseball and had the courage to get back on the field the following year. He was hesitant and scared but determined to play again. He played his 7th and 8th grade year at Sonoran Trails while wearing a facemask on his batting helmet for added protection.

The PCH Sports Medicine for Young Athletes Comeback Student Athlete of the Year will receive \$2,500 in scholarships. The winner's athletic program will also receive \$1,000. The Fan Fave Sports Medicine for Young Athletes Comeback Student Athlete of the Year, selected by fans voting online at comebackathlete.azcentral.com, will receive \$2,000 in scholarships and the program will also receive \$1,000. Good luck Jack, and to us, you are the Comeback Player of the Year!

We Have a Budding Artist, Michaela Russo...

Congratulations to **Michaela Russo**, 6th grader at Desert Arroyo Middle School whose picture was chosen as the Peoples' Choice in the Hidden in the Hills Studio tour.

Congratulations to Matt Svoboda...

Congratulations to **Matt Svoboda**, 7th grader from Desert Arroyo Middle School, who for the 4th year is the champion in Western U.S. Region Oireachtas Irish Dancing. He has qualified to compete at the Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2009, the world championships in Irish Dancing competition in Scotland next spring.

Congratulations Maya Koteswar....

Congratulations to **Maya Koteswar**, 5th grader at Black Mountain Elementary School for winning 1st place in her division at the Arizona Flute Society competition at Phoenix College. She played *Serenade* by Haydn. Maya also played that piece at the DAMS Winter Band Concert at the Fine Arts Center on December 8.

A Big Congratulations to our District Spelling Bee Winners...

On Monday, January 25, **Max Wieden**, 8th grader at Sonoran Trails Middle School won the District Spelling Bee and **Maya Koteswar**, 5th grader at Black Mountain Elementary School was the runner-up. Both Max and Maya are stellar students and will go on to participate in the Region II Scripps Spelling Bee to be held February 19th at 9:00 am at Sonoran Trails Middle Schools. Max and Maya will be competing against spellers from Fountain Hills, Deer Valley, Paradise Valley, Scottsdale and home school, private, and charter school winners. Congratulations Max and Maya and good luck in your Regional Competition.

Congratulations Boy's Varsity Soccer...

The Cactus Shadows Boy's Varsity Soccer team captured the 2009-10 Desert Sky Region Championship. They will be competing in the Arizona Interscholastic Association, (A.I.A.) Class 4A Division I state tournament.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Sharing Healthy Experiences (S.H.E.)...

On Saturday, February 6th, CCUSD and Soroptimist International of Saguardo Foothills will be presenting **Sharing Healthy Experiences**, a fun-filled day celebrating being a girl. Girls, grades 5th through 8th will experience high energy break-out sessions with experts in the fields of communication, body image, self-esteem, nutrition, law enforcement and fitness. Enjoy a day of music, dancing, food and hands-on interactive sessions.

Parents will participate in discussions related to teen development, appropriate prevention and intervention techniques including risky behaviors, self destructive behavior, internet safety and surviving the "come here, go away" phase of being a parent of a girl this age.

Sharing Healthy Experiences will be held at Sonoran Trails Middle School, 5555 East Pinnacle Vista, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00. Register online at <http://sites.google.com/site/sharinghealthyexperiences/>. Click [here](#) for a flyer with more information.

Foothills Community Foundation sponsors the following opportunities...

Get to Know the Carefree and Cave Creek Mayors. On Thursday, February 11 from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm, they will welcome Mayor Vincent Francia and Mayor David Schwan to the FCF-Holland Center. The mayors will speak about what is happening in the town's of Carefree and Cave Creek as well as saving time for a question and answer session.

Military Expo: On Saturday, February 13th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, all active and retired military are welcome to attend this expo at the FCF-Holland Center as they show what services are offered for the community.

Caring for Your Loved Ones: Friday, February 19 from noon until 1:30 pm, there will be lunch and a program. Marsha Kabat from Hospice of the Valley will speak about caring for your aging loved ones. Topics included will be health care decisions, what is dementia, understanding grief and mourning. Registration includes lunch: \$10 for non members, \$15 for FCF Members. FCF Holland Center.

Emergency Services in the Desert Foothills: Join them for lunch and a program on Friday, March 26 from noon until 1:30 at the FCF-Holland Center. Scottsdale Fire Department, Scottsdale Police Department and the American Red Cross will speak about services that are offered in the Desert Foothills, what to do, who to call and answer your individual questions. Registrations includes lunch: \$10 for non-members, \$15 for FCF members.

Desert Foothills Library Activities for February...

Special Programming

Monday, February 22: Healthy Steps 10:45-11:30: The Library has partnered with Healthy Steps to provide families with various sessions offered throughout the week in which experts offer their advice on topics ranging from basic baby health concerns to a Kindergarten Preparatory classes for children ages 3-4. Here is an excerpt from their website www.healthysteps.org: “Healthy Steps for Young Children (Healthy Steps) is a national initiative that focuses on the importance of the first three years of life. Healthy Steps emphasizes a close relationship between health care professionals and parents in addressing the physical, emotional, and intellectual growth and development of children from birth to age three.” Registration for sessions is required at Healthy Steps class times.

Monthly Programming

***Every First and Third Saturday of the Month:** Saturday, February 6th and 20th 1:00-2:00; **Arts and Crafts with Lindsey and Kaina:** Children ages 6-9; Pre-Register at 480-488-2286; limited to 12 participants. February 6: Valentine Craft: Hershey Kiss Flower and Bookmark. February 20: Chinese New Year Dragon. Classes are free.

***After Each Craft Time: 2:00-2:30 Bilingual Story time:** Expose your children to the wonderful world of bilingualism. Students from the CSHS Spanish Honors Society offer a free story time told in both Spanish and English. Children will recognize the popular storybook characters Clifford & Franklin plus many others!

***Every First and third Sunday of each month: TEEN TECH HELP DESK;** FREE; Have technology related questions? How do I send pictures using my

phone? How to use a blackberry, IPOD, various computer programs etc. Staffed by Teen Volunteers. Donations accepted for YA Programming

Winter Reading Program Continues January 4th – March 21st
Reading Program for all ages (birth-18) Earn prizes for reading!

Collect tokens as you make your way around the game board. Enter as many times as you like. The Winter Reading Program ends March 21st. The Store to spend your hard earned tokens will take place the week of March 22-28. Some examples of prizes earned in the past: playdough, inflatable frogs, pencils, art supplies, frames, and of course BOOKS.

Every Child Ready to Read at Your Library!

Story times have undergone a transition: All story times have been changed to start at 9:30 for parents, childcare givers, and patrons not only to be consistent but convenient to young ones schedules. Story times are still on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays but now center on a general age group. “Talker” time (Tuesdays and Thursdays) ages 2-3 focus on the six pre-reading skills necessary for children to find success once in the reading environment or preschool. These story times will give children the opportunity to build vocabulary, print awareness, print motivation, phonemic awareness, narrative skills and letter knowledge. Story time with Sharon on Tuesdays ages birth-24 months will focus on a very simplified version of the six pre-reading skills using songs/chants and big books. Each story time will tie in simple strategies for parents to incorporate within daily schedules reinforcing these early literacy skills. Although story times focus on a general age group; ALL are welcome to join, especially younger/older brothers and sisters.

Story time Schedule

Tuesdays

“Talkers” 2’s and 3’s: 9:30-10:00

Wednesdays

“Young Ones” Birth-24 months: 9:30-10:00

“Preschool” Story time: 1:00-1:30

Thursdays

“Talkers” 2’s and 3’s: 9:30-10:00

Saturday, February 20th 10:00-12:00: Every Child Ready to Read
Workshop for Parents, Early Educators, and Caregivers:

Learn about early literacy fundamentals that will promote a stronger foundation for learning to read in your child(ren) or students. Recertification Hours! Pre-registration is required by the Thursday prior at 480-488-2286

F.Y.I. All story time programs are lead by volunteers. Desert Foothills Library truly appreciates everything they do for the library and will post any changes to the schedule on their on-line calendar at www.dfla.org.

Young Adults

Sunday, February 21st 1:00-3:00 TAG 1:00-2:00 Meeting; 2:00-3:00 Gaming;

Looking for some community service for back-to-school clubs and organizations? Join **T.A.G.** (Teen Advisory Group). From 1:00-2:00 take part in some conversation involving teen programming, services and materials. Stay for 2:00-3:30 for pure fun.. Board games, Wii, and PS2 will be available for your entertainment. Light snacks always a must. Raffles throughout. Free. Ages 12-18. As always TAG meets every third Sunday of the month. ***Tag's Mission: To create an inviting atmosphere at the library for young adults with the promotion of; a diverse collection, a variety of programs, educational opportunities, and the enjoyment of reading.***

Example of some of their agenda topics:

- **Arts & Crafts:** They need additional help to organize all crafts and have them ready prior to program. First and Third Saturday of each month 1:00-2:00
- **Homework Help:** They are starting to get students interested, but they have no one to help: Tuesdays at 4:00-4:45
- **Teen Tech Help Desk-** Every first and third Sunday 1:00-3:30. Interested in Learning Chess or being involved in a Chess Club?

EMAIL at jhansen@dfla.org if you are interested in any of the above.

- **Community Service Opportunities:**
Valentine Flowers: to be made after their Saturday, January 30 program with Breon at 1:00-2:30. They will make these flowers (cellophane and Hershey Kisses) to be sold at the Circulation Desk for a donation to TAG
- **FAR: Foothills Animal Rescue:** They have decided to wait until they have more in attendance to make a final decision as to what they would like to do to raise money for FAR.
Ideas: Partner with Friends in Spring Rummage Sale- donating proceeds to FAR.

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