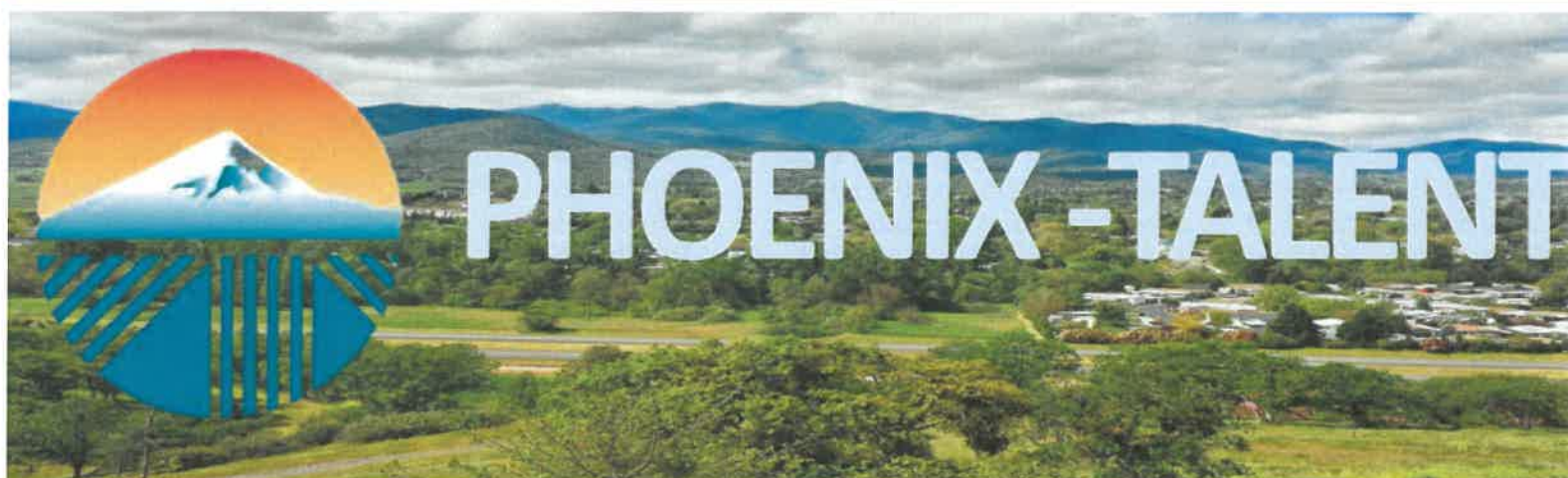


WHAT'S THE NEWS....



The monthly newsletter for Phoenix-Talent Schools



THIS SECTION HAS BEEN MODIFIED A FEW TIMES :)

This has definitely been an unusual and uncertain last few weeks and we continue to navigate through our new reality as best we can. Though we are living through uncertain, anxiety filled, and stressful times, we have true heroes stepping up to support our students and families each and everyday! We start every School Board meeting with accentuate the positive and I can't think of a better way to start this newsletter with our amazing staff and the dedication they have to our community!

- Shout out to Heather Ayers-Flood for preparing and providing the training on Google Classroom and Google Hangouts for staff.
- Our dedicated maintenance and custodial staff who are working to ensure our facilities are safe and clean on a daily basis
- A team of volunteers, led by Christie Sanders who are distributing meals to kids who are unable to be on site during meal times at the elementary school
- Lucy Brossard for translating multiple documents and social media posts so our Spanish speaking families can be informed of the latest information
- PHS, in a matter of a few hours, rescheduled conferences to 3/16-17 in order to meet the needs of students and families and not effect instructional hours.
- There are many more examples of heroism and we look forward to sharing those with our school community!

By now, you have received communications from the district office and your principals. We have plans in place to serve students and I thank you all for serving our kids and families in the manner that you do. We are witnessing acts of kindness, displays of compassion and acts of courage. There is no question that we have employees that love and support our community! This just in... Distance Learning coming soon :)

Inside the February issue:

- COVID-19 update (as of this hour)
- New Policy- Organic First IPM program
- Latest on SIA

GO TEAM!



Organic First IPM program:

Recently, the Phoenix-Talent School Board unanimously approved an updated our IPM policy and the subsequent AR (Administrative Rule) to reflect an Organic first IPM program for our District. IPM stands for Integrated Pest Management, and is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management. This accomplishment reflects the work of many, including our valued community partners. Many thanks to Chairman Prewitt for his work on the language in the policy and to Jon McCalip for his recommendations. The Facilities team will be tasked with implementing the IPM programs recommendations and guidance. In addition to this policy, our district grounds crew now have one licensed and one apprentice commercial spray applicator with a School IPM license. This allows our district more flexibility to administer our IPM holistically, rather than relying on a contracted service to treat our grounds.



Administrative Team Continuous Learning

Some of you may know that our administrative team has visited all 5 schools and had the pleasure of doing 'mini-observations' to further develop calibration within our team. These "walk-throughs" have been inspiring, uplifting and beneficial to our team in coordinating our feedback to staff! In addition, we have our talented Instructional Growth Coaches provide PD to our AD team, and below is a pic of our last session. Thank you all for all you do and the support you provide each other!



Student Investment Account:

At this time, we have applied for the SIA funds and it is in review. (THANK YOU SIA TEAM!) With that said, and the new reality we are living in currently, ODE is reflecting on SIA and what it means to school districts. We hope to hear more and will seek guidance from ODE in the coming weeks. As can imagine, the impact of COVID-19 casts a wide web.



~~PLANS CHANGED A BIT: Powerschool and server upgrade will happen over spring break and we will have periodic outages with Powerschool and Network. Guidance will be shared with staff on any major changes but it shouldn't impact users daily work. Thank you in advance for your patience.~~



WHO said it?

"I am outspoken, good looking, love to party and have fun"

- ~ Jim Carrey
- ~ Tiger King
- ~ Roseanne Barr
- ~ Brent Barry

Email answers to brent.barry@phoenix.k12.or.us for a prize.