

What's Happening Around Higley Unified School District

Week of March 19 – 23, 2012

DISTRICT

Higley Community Education offers Youth Enrichment Classes

Community Education at Higley Unified School District is offering Youth Enrichment Classes, with varied start dates at locations across the district.

LEGOS Building Bonanza—Classes include **Stop Motion Animation, Experimenting with Motors and Gears, Robotics,** and **Expressing Art through LEGO.** Recommended age group is 3rd to 6th grade, with the Art LEGO class being appropriate for mature kindergarten to 6th grade.

KRE8TIVE KIDS—Classes in **Aviation and Model Airplanes and Fashion Design.** Classes are designed for children in grades 1 to 5.

TALENT TEAM—Students join an original musical theater production, including dance, drama and group vocal lessons. Participants are separated by grade. Recommended for kindergarten through 8th grade.

CARTOONING—Classes are taught by Young Rembrandts, and provide instruction in drawing skills. Recommended for students from kindergarten through 5th grade.

For a complete list of classes, locations, and fees, visit www.husd.org, and click on Community Education, or call Sirron Taylor at 480-279-7126. Community Education is in the District Office, 2935 South Recker Road, Gilbert, AZ, 85295, and is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

WILLIAMS FIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Williams Field Student Awards

Williams Field sophomore, **Mursall Arefi**, has been accepted to the ACE Plus Program at Chandler Gilbert Community College.

ACE PLUS (Achieving a College Education) is an early outreach two-year scholarship-based college preparation program for high school students. ACE PLUS aids students in their successful completion of high school and assists them with a smooth transition into higher education. Students can earn up to 24 college credits during the course of their junior and senior years.

Jonathan Guzman, a senior and National Hispanic Scholar at WFHS, has been accepted at **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**. MIT honored him with a tremendous University Research Opportunities Program MIT Scholarship. So far this year, Jonathan has been awarded approximately \$600,000.00 in scholarship money from several outstanding universities.

HIGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Higley High School Choirs to Perform

Higley High School's Choral Concert is Wednesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m., in the Higley Center for the Performing Arts. This event is free of charge, and open to the public. There will be performances by the Concert Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Chamber Choir, and Con Brio.

Higley High School DECA Students compete at State

Three Higley High School students earned high honors at the Arizona State DECA Conference. DECA is a business club that engages 185,000 students nationwide. **Kaylynn Cooper, Isaiah Gurule, and Faith Steele** were awarded 2nd place in the Creative Marketing Project category.

Higley High sent 24 DECA students to compete against other teams from across the state. Those attending the conference were rigorously challenged to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they've learned in school marketing classes, while participating in DECA activities, and in managing the student store. The Creative Marketing project required a written report, as well as an organized oral presentation which was judged based on exemplary communication, analytical skills, and demonstrated teamwork.

The DECA team of **Cooper, Gurule and Steele** qualified to compete at the International Career Development Conference which will be held in Salt Lake City in April. They will be joining their Higley DECA teammates of **Cameron Wells** and **Dominic LaSon**, who will also be competing at Internationals. (see attached photo—L to R: Faith Steele, Kaylynn Cooper, Isaiah Gurule)

HIGLEY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Upcoming Events at the Higley Center for the Performing Arts:

Seussical the Musical - Your Favorite Seuss Characters Come Alive

Friday, Mar. 23 at 7:30pm

Saturday, Mar. 24 at 7:30pm

Saturday, Mar. 24 at 2:00pm

Friday, Mar. 30 at 7:30pm

Saturday, Mar. 31 at 7:30pm

Saturday, Mar. 31 at 2:00pm

Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty



Music by Stephen Flaherty Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Co-Conceived by Eric Idle Based on the works of Dr. Seuss

A partnership with Copperstar Repertory Co. and the HCPA

SEUSSICAL is licensed by HUSD

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and promote excitement in reading and literature with Seussical! This whimsical musical is based on the books of Dr. Seuss and has become a favorite for kids and adults alike. Some of Seuss's most popular characters are cleverly woven into the main plot, which draws primarily from the favorite, Horton Hears a Who. The Cat in the Hat narrates and is up to his usual antics, creating mischief throughout the show. Guaranteed fun for the whole family!

Tickets: 1st Class Patron \$24; Adults \$17; 60+/18 and under \$15; groups of 10+ \$13

Purchase this show in the Musical Theatre Pack and save!

SEUSSICAL is presented through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance material is also supplied by MTI. 421 W. 54th Street, New York, NY 10019

Phone: 212-541-4684 Fax: 212-397-4684. www.MTIshows.com

Jack Rabbit and the Desert Tortoise

A New Version of a Classic Fable

Saturday, April 28, 2012

10:00am

2:00pm

Performed by the Great Arizona Puppet Theatre

Jack is young and strong and fast. Dusty the Desert Tortoise is old and slow and steady. Who will win the big race? Cheer for your favorite in this Arizona adaptation of Aesop's famous fable.

Tickets: Adults \$10; Children \$7, groups of 10+ 1 adult free with 10 paid admissions



David Grossman

with Special Guest Sandy Hathaway

Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 7:00pm



Los Angeles singer-songwriter David Shepherd Grossman has written and recorded hundreds of songs and produced several music videos. Songwriter's Monthly called him, "A career artist with a real past, present and future." David has opened for Doc Watson, David Bromberg, Clarence Clemmens, John Stewart, and many others.

Press

“He earns his daily bread as a human jukebox, delivering vocal imitations of his favorite singer-songwriters, such as Tom Waits and Lyle Lovett, as well as crowd-pleasers such as Billy Joel and Elton John. But what folks who stumble into his six-nights-a-week cover gigs rarely realize is that Grossman is an accomplished songwriter in his own right. He has even put together a 10-disc box set of CDs. An elegant guitarist with a lovely, James Taylor-esque voice, Grossman’s songs use tried-and-true pop-folk melodies and structures with a great deal of musical and lyrical elegance, and often a healthy sense of humor. His request-o-matic shtick is fun, but when he performs his own material, he transcends entertainment. ”

— Arizona Republic

with Special Guest Sandy Hathaway



Sandy Hathaway has been playing guitar and singing since she was eight years old and has performed professionally in Arizona for over 12 years. Sandy works as a performer at wine rooms and restaurants in Arizona. She masters cover songs by Dar Williams, Shawn Colvin, Adele, Joni Mitchell, and hundreds more. Sandy had played at the Tucson Folk Festival since 2005 and in 2004 was one of the top ten in the Tucson Folk Festival Songwriter’s contest. This year she has been playing at the Chandler Art Walk and Farmer’s Market and was featured on TV Channel 12 in February. Her song, This Gallery has been in the top eight position at reverbNation for over four months before moving up the folk music charts to number 5.

HCPA 2011-12 STUDENT SHOW SERIES

HUSD teachers: You are invited to plan a field trip to the HCPA this school year. It is the goal of HUSD that every student experience at least one show at the HCPA this year. Any number of field trips to the HCPA may be taken to the HCPA without limiting your other field trip options. Dr. Dawn Foley and I assured that every show has a direct application to our district curriculum. We are very enthusiastic about the 2011-2012 Student Series and encourage your grade level to participate.

HCPA provides an opportunity that cannot be matched by any other performing arts venue when one considers the **cost** (just \$5 per student and no transportation fees), the **convenience** (just a few minutes from your school to the Higley Center), and the **curriculum connections** (enhance reading, writing, math, science, history, social studies, music, dance, and theatre) through attendance at a live performance.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Show Times: Most Student Series performances start at 9:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. and the performance lengths are approximately 60 minutes **unless otherwise noted**. Please check for exceptions in the descriptions that follow.

Target Audience: The target audience information indicates for what grades the performance is most appropriate. However, any grade level may attend any show if the teacher feels the performance should be experienced by his or her students.

Admission Fees: Admission to most shows is \$5 per child. One teacher/chaperone is admitted for free for every 10 students. Other adults who exceed the 10:1 ratio are admitted for \$5 per person.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact Larry Whitesell at larry.whitesell@husd.org or (480) 279-7195.

Seussical the Musical March 29

a partnership between Copperstar Repertory Co. and the HCPA

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday and promote excitement in reading and literature with

Seussical! This whimsical musical theatre production is based on the books of Dr. Seuss and has become a favorite for school aged audiences. Some of Seuss' most popular characters are cleverly woven into the main plot centering on *Horton Hears a Who*. The Cat in the Hat narrates and is up to his usual antics, creating mischief throughout the show.

Target audience: grades 1-12

One performance only at 9:45 a.m. Length approximately 60 minutes with an optional 15 minute Q&A Session and Meet & Greet with the cast.

Upcoming Events for HUSD Fine Arts

Date	Time	Event	Location	Teacher
Wednesday, March 28, 2012	7:00pm	Higley High Choir Concert	HCPA	Matthew Flora