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PPPE High School District

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As fall and winter move across the calendar, the students and faculty have worked tirelessly to bring normalcy back to PPEP TEC High School.

Although challenges in 2020 have had a lasting impact at all our sites, we have worked together to address concerns and celebrate successes. As we look to the end of year another school year we look forward to new beginnings.

PPEP High School has Social Workers in Pinal, Yuma, Pima & Cochise Counties.

The Social Workers (Student Support Specialists) have worked tirelessly training, collaborating, and aiming to build their knowledge of the plethora of services provided by PPEP Inc. but also the community at large. They have created rapport with the students to ensure that their needs are met to the best of their ability by making themselves available to staff, students, and families.

Each school has policies and procedures that ensure that students are referred by teachers, mentors, and support staff to the Student Support Specialist. Referrals are provided to appropriate services but also followed up with the student and/or parent to ensure that all or most needs are met. The Lead Teachers directly supervise the Student Support Specialists with Michael Burns as their trainer and mentor and Linda Garcia networking within the community

Human Services at PPEP Inc. partnering with PPEP High School to create wrap-around support for students and their families...

PPEP Integrated-Counseling Services & Assistance with enrollment in Health Insurance and Nutrition Programs as well as Emergency Assistance.

PPEP DOL Office-Emergency Assistance of all shapes and sizes for the entire student and family.

National Farmworker Job Program (NFJP)-Job readiness, college scholarships, GED, coverage of one semester of college/university, support services: utility, housing, food, childcare, etc.

Pima County Community Prevention Coalition-Through their partnership with the Celestino Fernandez Learning Center they are conducting a THRIVE course which is designed to help students develop a strong sense of self through activities and workshops.

PSMA-Medical Equipment-A direct link to obtain free medical equipment for students and families in need.

"I knew I needed to get my life together. I came to PPEP because I could keep working and still go to school. I was nervous and not sure if they would take me. They walked me through the process and what I needed to do to graduate. Mr. Purkiss, Ms. Kat, and Mr. Rataeyk were always there cheering me on. If you put your mind to it, you can do it."

-Jaier N Celestino Fernandez Learning Center



Jaier had a full-time job as a roofer and attended the High School. After graduation he enrolled at the Pima County One Stop and will be training in the Aviation Manufacturing Program in partnership with PPEP and Bombardier.

"If you succeed on building relationships first, then you will succeed in building knowledge later." -Teacher at the Jose Yopez Learning Center

Pre-Enrollment 2022

- Each site will create a plan with staff to ensure that all enrolled students commit to their return for the 2022-23 school year.
- We will utilize the website as a path to easily access the forms if the students are under the age of 18.
- There will be contests at each school and drawings for students and parents who fill out a continuation form.
- Enrollment stations will be established at each school enabling parents with the help of the office staff to completed the paperwork if they do not have access to a computer, forms will also be accessible on their cell phones as well.
- Our goal is to end the year with each site completing 100% of their goals which will be their currently enrolled students minus graduates.

We are also extending Refer-A-Friends to April 29th encouraging new students to enroll for the 2022-23 school

A creative writing class at the Celestino Fernandez Learning Center always end their semester with a published compilation of student work.

Students designed the covers and included poems, short stories, and illustrations. Here are a few of them.

The title of this book was "Good Times"



Book Cover Designed by Students in the Creative Writing Class at the Celestino Fernandez Learning Center- Fall 2021.

The Holidays

By Gianna Young

I love the holidays: Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, 4th of July and so on. It brings families together. Hearing the laughter, kids playing in the back, arguing but fun. Not mean arguing. Jokes, talking to my cousins, tios and tias. It's just an amazing day because we're all making memories enjoying each other's company. We're all just happy, having a great day with no negativity, all good things. Eating together, making each other laugh. All the older cousins go to a room and just talk, laugh and listen to music, while the little kids play outside.

Covid

By Litzzy Sanchez

2019 was a year to remember.

Panicking over toilet paper.

Sadness became normal

Loneliness was everyday

Stress knocked on the door

Bills rising and there was no work

Death felt normal.

And remember that's Pima cases

Crazy to think one day

We'll be in the history books

Deaths to remember and years to remember

2020 was a year to remember.

Mask up if you don't want to die.

Family members saying goodbye-Who would've
thought it would be the last time?

Businesses shutting down

With all these face covers, who would have
recognized you?



2021 was a year to remember.

You thought everything would be done, huh?

New year, new covid cases

1.07 million cases.

PPEP TEC High School COVID-19 Update as of 1/13/22

Symptomatic & Positive -5- Asymptomatic & Positive -1-

Symptomatic & Awaiting Results -5-

Students out as COVID Positive -14-

Quarantine because of exposure -49-

Numbers change daily; this may not be an accurate count on the day of publication

**“What makes PPEP special is that it’s small, not so
many students.**

**The best part is the fact you can do a credit recovery
class quickly.**

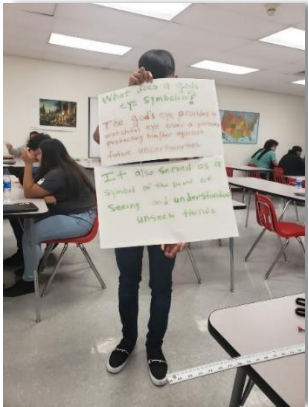
I would recommend PPEP High School to a friend.

It’s easy to catch up.”

Cody W.-Alice Paul LC

Surveys conducted across the district January 2022

Students at the Alice Paul Learning Center are members of Casa Grande Cares. This group started during the Pandemic to provide homemade gifts, letters, and friendships to the elderly in retirement homes across the city. Below students created Gold's Eyes as bookmarks for their new friends.



In partnership with the Colby Olsen Foundation, PPEP High School has been offering a career readiness course called COLEAD. It is or will be offered at all sites. In conjunction with the COLEAD program, it has expanded into a sponsorship of the community garden, and the Colby Olsen Food Pantry. All PPEP High School sites look forward to replicating a version of this to fit the needs of their students and families.



The Colby Food Pantry
\$1000.00 in toiletries,
non-perishable food, and
socks. To-be-continued...



There was no lack of fun at PPEP TEC High School during the first semester. Students and staff did not waste precious time as they participated in staff led activities like Friends-Giving for students at the Cesar Chavez Learning Center, Spirit Week at all sites, a visit to the Universal Technical Institute by students from the Celestino Fernandez, a Native American Cultural Day at the Alice Paul Learning Center, Disney themed float in the Somerton Holiday Light Parade to educational activities and pep rallies. Below is a small selection of photos and memories.



Recreational Games in Somerton



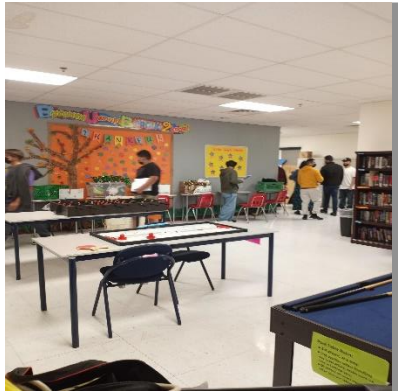
Spirit Week in Douglas- Colors of the Mexican Flag each day.



The Lead Teacher in San Luis receives a COVID-19 vaccine.



Students in San Luis learn concepts in architecture, physics, and engineering as they play a game of Jenga.



Students during passing period in Somerton.



Friends-Giving in San Luis



Enjoying the feast during Friends-Giving Outside Cont.



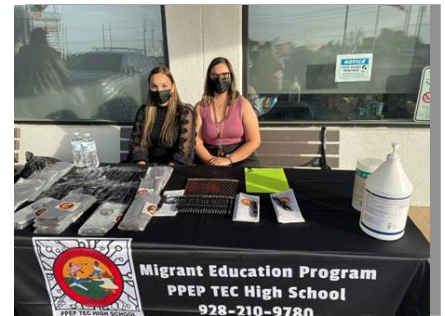
PPEP Rally Games in Tucson



The Lead Teacher is covered in silly string as students met a success challenge.



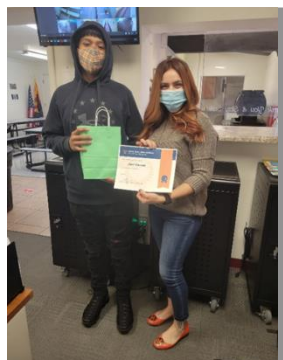
Resource Fair for students and families in San Luis



Resource Fair for students and families in San Luis cont.



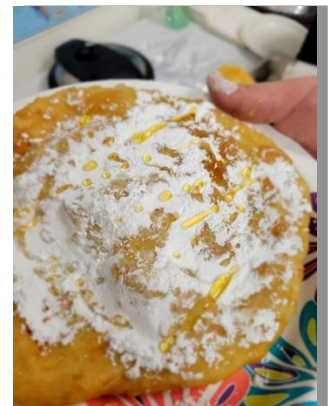
Students working hard in San Luis



Student Awards in Casa Grande



Native American Cultural Day in Casa Grande



Native American Cultural Day in Casa Grande Cont.



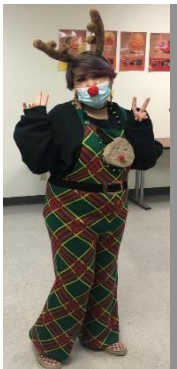
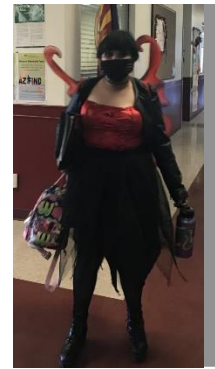
Students in San Luis participate in community service by feeding those less fortunate.



Students from Tucson visit the Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix



Visit to UTI cont.



The Holiday Season 2021 at PPEP TEC High school

