

Superintendent Report
September 13, 2016

We have a special performance for you tonight. I'd like to introduce the Gridley Middle School guitar class.

(PERFORMANCE)

Wow! What an incredible performance by this Gridley class! We have our very own "school of rock" playing one of the greatest songs of the late '80s. "Sweet Child of Mine" by Guns 'N' Roses.

Wow—that really takes me back to the glory days of high school.

(SHOW PHOTO)

Thank you to our Gridley students for that awesome performance and taking me way, way back!

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Continuing with Gridley, they have an example of how strong community involvement makes all the difference for our schools. Tonight, we would like to recognize **Pastor Jim Cords** and **Desert Hope Lutheran Church**. Desert Hope has been a dedicated partner to Gridley Middle School for years.

Service projects have included cleaning, landscaping, painting, providing school supplies and providing Thanksgiving dinners to families and holiday presents to children in need.

On behalf of Gridley Principal Kamren Taravati and the entire Tucson Unified School District, I would like to thank Pastor Cords and all of the members of Desert Hope for their ongoing support.

I'd like to invite up Pastor Cords as well as any members of Desert Hope and our Gridley community.

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I'd like to ask our Tucson High Magnet School honorees to come up. We have:

Janet Harvey and Jason Holley, named the AIA All Southern Arizona Boys and Girls Track and Field Coaches of the Year in the 5-A Division 1 Section.

Tavian Ross and Neysia Howard, named the AIA Southern Arizona Runners of the Year in the 5-A Division 1 Section.

Tyree Pierson and Anahiramar (Ana) Lopez named AIA Southern Arizona Field Athletes of the Year in the 5-A Division 1 Section.

Congratulations to these awesome coaches and athletes.

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Lastly, we have a powerful example of what a District team can do when presented with a challenge. As our Chief Technology Officer Scott Morrison has said, what Technology Services accomplished over the summer demonstrates how as an organization we can achieve what most would never even try to attempt.

Here's a rundown of what this team accomplished over the summer and continues to work on this month:

Delivered and installed 11,000 Computers to Schools

Delivered and installed 357 Carts (30 Computers Each)

Also delivered:

12,263 Headphones

1,009 Power Strips

646 Printer Maintenance Kits

985 Replacement Projector Lamps

589 Projectors = 589 installed and delivered by end of the month depending on principal and teacher preference

Document Cameras = 1,082 installed and delivered by end of the month depending on principal and teacher preference

This incredible effort involved dedication, organization and commitment from all involved--more than 50 people working toward a common goal and for the benefit of our schools and our students. In addition to the people here today, support came from all over the district, including procurement, finance, transportation, schools and operations.

I would like to thank this team on behalf of the district and the schools that received all of this excellent service and equipment.