



JULY

Newsletter

2026

Celebrating the educators, leaders
and difference makers who
inspire us every day!

This Month's Reflection

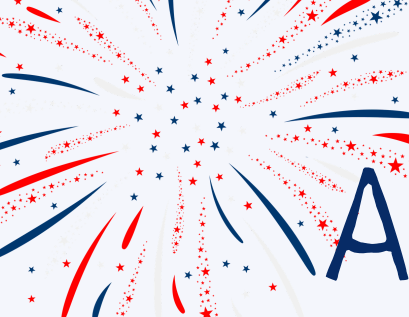
Who inspired you when you
needed encouragement?

Who helped you become the
person you are today?

Have you told them thank
you?

TOGETHER WE BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES!





A Heartfelt THANK YOU

TO THOSE WHO DESERVE RECOGNITION

Dr. Lobato

*B*ehind every lesson learned, every goal achieved, and every life touched, there is an educator who cared enough to make a difference.

In the July Newsletter, we pause to recognize and celebrate the remarkable individuals who dedicate themselves to educating, guiding, supporting, and inspiring others. From classroom teachers and instructional leaders to psychologists, support staff, specialists, coaches, and mentors, each plays a vital role in helping learners grow and succeed.

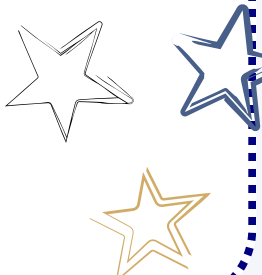
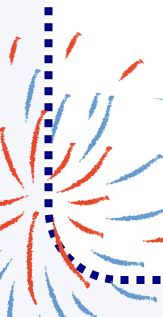
The impact of educators extends far beyond textbooks and lesson plans. Through patience, encouragement, creativity, and unwavering commitment, they help build confidence, spark curiosity, and open doors to new possibilities. Often, the most meaningful moments happen quietly in a word of encouragement, an extra helping hand, or a belief in someone's potential when they need it most.

To all educators who invest their hearts, talents, and time in the service of others, we offer our deepest gratitude. Your work leaves lasting impressions that reach far beyond the classroom and continue to shape lives for years to come.

Thank you for all that you do. You are seen, appreciated, and celebrated.

"The future of every individual and every nation depend on what we do today for our children." -Nelson Mandela

"El futuro de cada individuo y de cada nación depende de lo que hagamos hoy por nuestros niños." -Nelson Mandela



Latino



Leadership Spotlight



HONORING LEADERS WHO PAVE THE WAY



SYLVIA MENDEZ

CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER & EDUCATION ADVOCATE

Sylvia Mendez was a brave young girl when she and her family helped challenge school segregation in California.

Leadership Lessons

- ☆ Courage can start at any age
- ☆ One voice can spark big change
- ☆ Education is a powerful tool for justice and equality
- ☆ Standing up for what is right creates a better future for all
- ☆ Courage can start at any age

Their case, *Mendez vs. Westminster* (1947), helped pave the way for *Brown vs. Board of Education* and changed the future for students across the Country.

Her courage, voice and determination opened doors of opportunity for generations to come.

Why She Inspires Us Today

Sylvia Mendez reminds us that leadership is not about titles, it's about courage, conviction, and caring enough to make a difference. Her legacy encourages all of us to stand up, speak out, and create opportunities for every student to succeed.

EMPLOYEE Appreciation

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO



We are so grateful for
Ms. Shelby Young
EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR FOR HR
Cartwright School District

Shelby is the go to person for every hiring department in our district. Her *dedication, responsiveness, and willingness to step in wherever needed* make a *tremendous impact* on our team and help us move forward together.

The HR department has limited support and Shelby has gone *above and beyond* to make sure that we are *expediting our hires as quickly as possible*

**THANK YOU, SHELBY, FOR YOUR
HARD WORK, KINDNESS, AND
COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE!**

WAYS SHE SUPPORTS OUR DISTRICT:



Contact
Candidates



Creates Interview
Documents



Communicates with
Committees



Conducts
References



Prepares
Onboarding



Supports Every
Hiring Department



Affirmations

For Educators



My work
makes a
difference.



I inspire
growth in
others.



I am valued
and
appreciated.



Every
small act
of
kindness
matters.



I am
creating a
positive
impact.



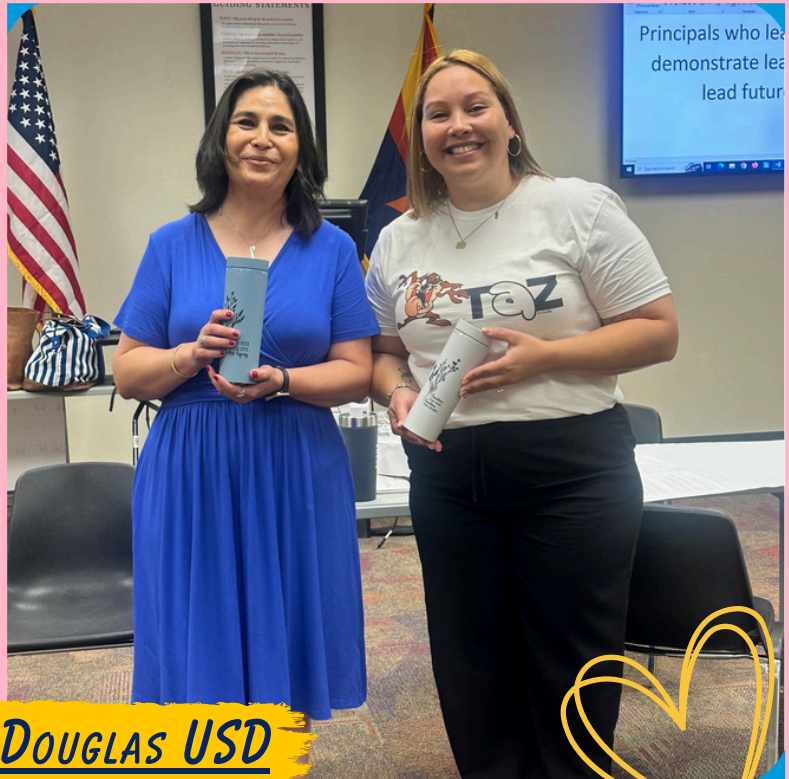
I am
worthy of
recognition.



★ A NOTE OF ★ Thanks ★

YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Principals Who
Lead With
Principles
Demonstrate
Leadership As They
Lead Future
Leaders



DOUGLAS USD

★ A SIMPLE ACT OF APPRECIATION CAN *INSPIRE* A
LIFETIME OF *LEADERSHIP*. THANK YOU FOR *MAKING A*
★ *DIFFERENCE* IN THE LIVES OF STUDENTS, STAFF, AND
OUR COMMUNITIES!

Priscilla Cordova

Principal
Clawson Elementary

Maria Trinta

Douglas High
Athletic Director

DID YOU KNOW?

FUN FACTS ABOUT OUR INCREDIBLE EDUCATORS & LEADERS!

Educators make over
1,500
decisions every school day!

School leaders set the tone for
culture, inspire teams, and shape
student success.

Coffee may be the unofficial
fuel, but passion is what keeps
us going!

Students are more likely to
remember how we made them
feel than what we taught.

HR professionals build strong
teams, support people, and
ensure every team member feels
valued.

One encouraging adult
can change a child's
life forever.

When we support each other,
amazing things happen!

Every role, Every day. Every impact.

THANK YOU.

Appreciation Spotlight

CELEBRATING EDUCATORS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY!



Cassandra Hinton
Educational Sales Consultant

IXL

Recognized for
Her dedication, leadership,
and the positive impact
she makes every day.



Sheila Berger
Educational Sales Consultant

IXL

Recognized for
Her commitment to
supporting others and
inspiring those around her.

Making a Difference Every Day

“The influence of a great
educator can never be erased”

PROUD TO BE *American!*

CELEBRATING FREEDOM, OPPORTUNITY & COMMUNITY

Freedom is not just a privilege—
it is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others.

FOURTH OF JULY FUN FACTS



★ The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4, 1776.



★ Three U.S. Presidents died on July 4th: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe.



★ Americans consume approximately 150 million hot dogs on Independence Day.



★ The Liberty Bell is tapped 13 times every July 4th in honor of the original colonies.



★ July is National Ice Cream Month.



★ The American flag has 13 stripes and 50 stars.

ARIZONA FACTS



★ Arizona became a state on February 14, 1912.



★ Arizona is home to one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World—the Grand Canyon.



★ Arizona has more than 300 days of sunshine each year.



★ The official state flower is the Saguaro Blossom.



WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME

♥ Opportunity

👥 Diversity

🏠 Community

🎓 Education

🤝 Service

★ Leadership

AMERICAN VALUES



FREEDOM



RESPECT



COURAGE



UNITY



SERVICE



OPPORTUNITY



PERSEVERANCE



KINDNESS

★ I AM PROUD BECAUSE... ★

♥ I am proud to be an American because _____

★ One way I make a difference in my community is _____



Happy 4th of July!



THANK YOU

FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!



JACQUELINE GARDNER
HUMAN RESOURCES
LITCHFIELD ESD

Recognized For

- Her Commitment to supporting Students
- Her Kindness, patience, and dedication
- Her Heart for making a difference Every Day

Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge.



ANGIE LOPEZ

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT
GOVERNING BOARD SECRETARY
SANTA CRUZ VALLEY USD

Recognized for

- Her willingness to go above and beyond
- Her professionalism and reliability
- Her dedication to our school & community

YOUR HARD WORK DOES

NOT GO UNNOTICED

THANK YOU FOR BEING

AMAZING!

KINDNESS CHALLENGE

BE THE REASON SOMEONE SMILES TODAY!

Small acts of kindness creates a culture of respect, connection, and appreciation in our schools and workplaces.

Take the challenge and *make a difference!*

Thank Someone

Send a quick thank you email or note.

Encourage Someone

Give a sincere compliment or words of encouragement

Celebrate Someone

Recognize a win, big or small

Write a Note

Leave a positive sticky note or message.

Offer Support

Ask how you can help a teammate.

Make Someone Smile

Do something kind just because.

Kindness doesn't
just change
others' days... it
changes our
culture. Let's make
kindness *our*
habit!

Together, we build *stronger*
teams, *brighter* schools, and
better futures!

*Thank you for leading with heart
every single day!*

CHAMPIONS

Of Education



Dr. Overtt Chapman
School Psychologist

LAVEEN ESD

RECOGNIZED FOR

- HIS UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS SUCCESS
- HIS ABILITY TO BUILD STRONG TEAMS AND EMPOWER OTHERS
- HIS VISION FOR CONTINUOUS GROWTH AND INNOVATION



Martin Perez
Principal

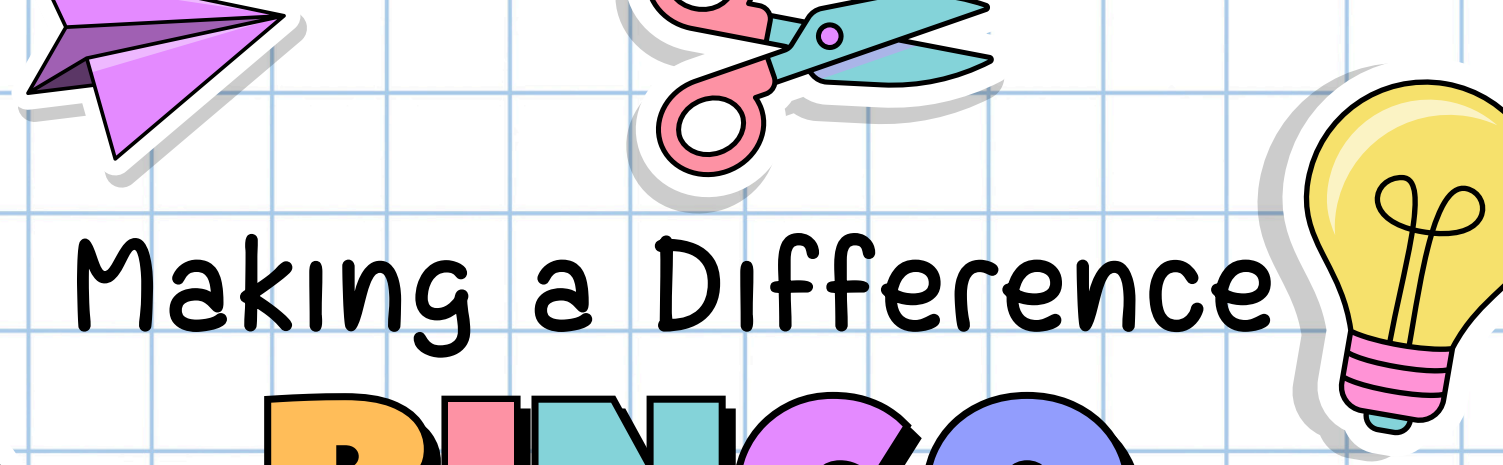
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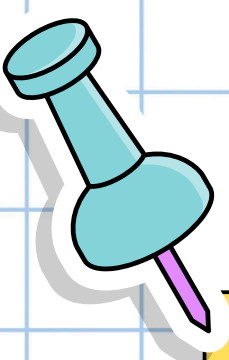
- HIS DEDICATION TO FOSTERING A POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- HIS CONSISTENCY IN SHOWING UP FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES
- HIS DEDICATION TO EQUITY, OPPORTUNITY, AND EXCELLENCE

Thank You

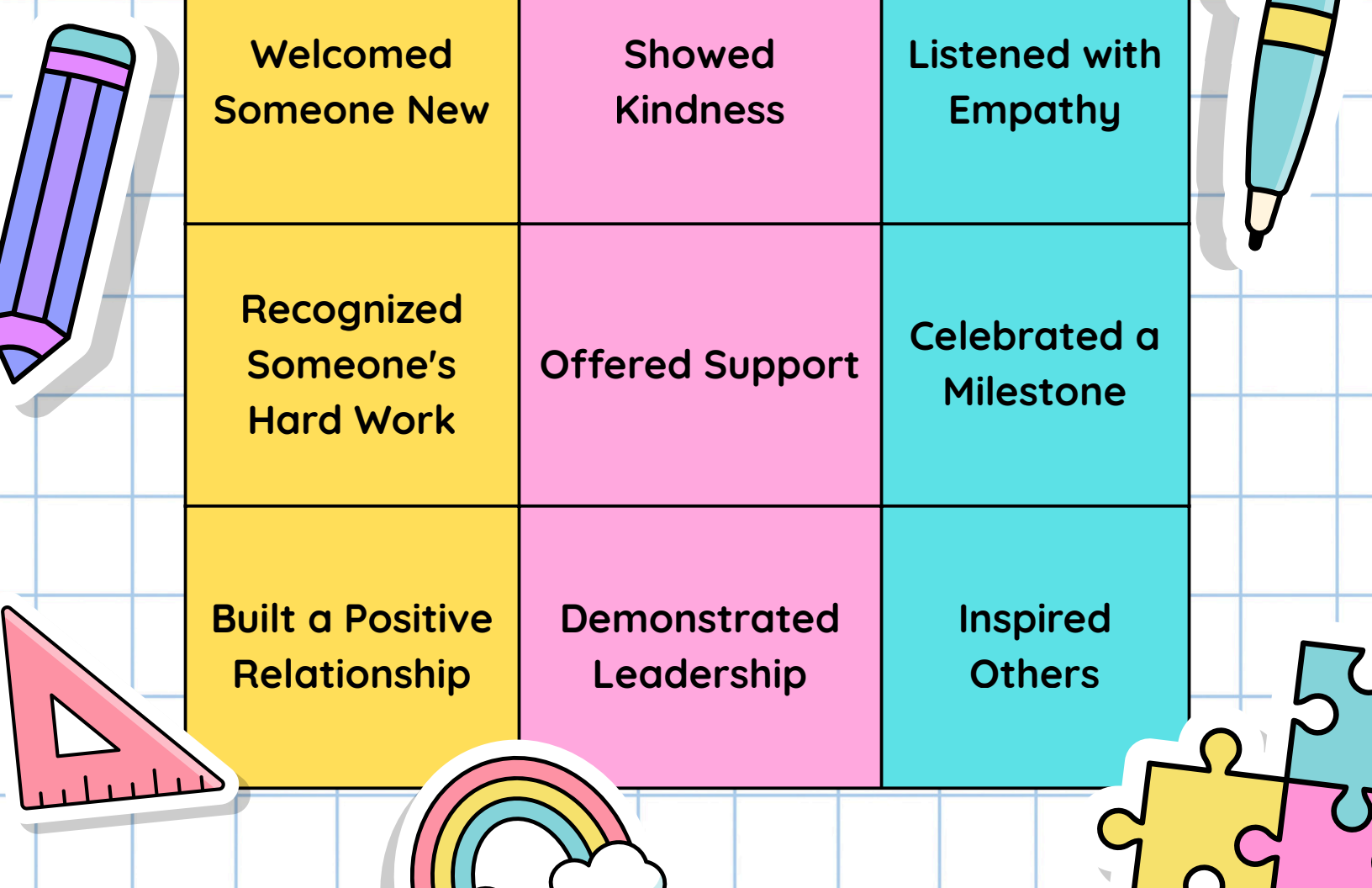
**FOR LEADING WITH PURPOSE AND
MAKING A DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY!**



Making a Difference



BINGO



Thanked a Coworker	Shared Words of Encouragement	Helped a Student Succeed
Welcomed Someone New	Showed Kindness	Listened with Empathy
Recognized Someone's Hard Work	Offered Support	Celebrated a Milestone
Built a Positive Relationship	Demonstrated Leadership	Inspired Others

EMPLOYEE Recognition

Jocelin Gutierrez

SHE IS AN OUTSTANDING HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST WHOSE STRONG WORK ETHIC, HIGH-CALIBER SKILL SET, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE CONSISTENTLY ELEVATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HR DEPARTMENT I LEAD. SHE APPROACHES HER WORK WITH PROFESSIONALISM, INITIATIVE, AND KEEN ATTENTION TO DETAIL, DEMONSTRATING BOTH TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND SOUND JUDGMENT IN COMPLEX HR MATTERS.

NOTABLY, HER PARTICIPATION IN THE ASPIRING LEADERS TRAINING PROGRAM THROUGH THE ARIZONA SCHOOL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION (ASPAA) REFLECTS HER DEDICATION TO CONTINUOUS GROWTH AND HER READINESS TO EXPAND HER LEADERSHIP CAPACITY. THROUGH THIS RIGOROUS TRAINING, SHE IS INTENTIONALLY PREPARING TO STEP INTO GREATER RESPONSIBILITY AND WILL BE WELL-POSITIONED TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF ADMINISTRATOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES WHEN I EVENTUALLY VACATE THE POSITION.

HER ABILITY TO LEARN QUICKLY, LEAD WITH INTEGRITY, AND BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH COLLEAGUES MAKES HER AN EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEE WITH TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL. SHE IS NOT ONLY POISED FOR ADVANCEMENT BUT IS ALSO ON A CLEAR PATH TO BECOMING AN EXCEPTIONAL AND IMPACTFUL LEADER IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

HUMAN RESOURCES

TOLLESON ESD



Thank you, Jocelin for all you do!

This Month in HISTORY JULY

CELEBRATING MOMENTS THAT SHAPED OUR WORLD

JULY 4, 1776

Independence Day

The Declaration of Independence was adopted on July 4th, declaring the 13 American colonies free from British rule. We celebrate the freedom, unity, and opportunities that continue to inspire us today.



JULY 26, 1990

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Signed into Law

This landmark law promotes inclusion, equal access, and opportunities for people with disabilities in all areas of life—including education and employment.



JULY IS...

National Ice Cream Month

A sweet way to beat the summer heat!



National Parks & Recreation Month

Celebrating the outdoors, wellness, and community.



National Make a Difference to Children Month

A reminder of the power we have to shape young lives.



BORN IN JULY

- ★ Maya Angelou – July 4, 1928
Poet, author, and civil rights advocate whose words continue to inspire.
- ★ Nelson Mandela – July 18, 1918
Champion for equality, justice, and freedom for all.
- ★ Malala Yousafzai – July 12, 1997
Education activist and youngest Nobel Prize laureate.



CHOOSE TO CELEBRATE

History is full of moments that remind us of how far we've come and the work that still matters.

Let's keep learning from the past, leading with purpose, and building a better future together!



The past *inspires* us. The present *empowers* us.
The future is ours to create.



Appreciation

MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Appreciation is one of the most powerful gifts we can give. Sometimes a simple thank you can brighten someone's day and remind them that their hard work matters. As we celebrate the incredible educators and support professionals in our communities, I encourage everyone to take a moment to recognize someone who has made a difference in their life.