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CTE Medical Professions Students Explore Career Options at Community Health Fair

Combs announces launch of new websites

District offers new ways for parents, community to keep up to date with schools

J.O. Combs Unified School District and all schools have new websites allowing easier access to each school homepage and district information and services.

One of the most useful features to site visitors is that the pages are responsive, meaning they fit to any size screen used. Another great feature is the Latest News section and the live Twitter feed. Parents can stay up to date with everything happening at the school and the district in one convenient

location. In fact, parents can subscribe to the calendar for each of the schools and get notifications of events going on at each campus.

Staff can also now make changes in real time which means the most accurate information is provided to the community.

Changes and training are still occurring, but soon teachers will be able to post their own classroom website.

Check back often for updates!

- J.O. Combs Unified School District: jocombs.org
- Combs High School: combshs.jocombs.org
- Combs Middle School: combsms.jocombs.org
- Combs Traditional Academy: combstraditional.jocombs.org
- Ellsworth Elementary: ellsworth.jocombs.org
- Harmon Elementary: harmon.jocombs.org
- Ranch Elementary: ranch.jocombs.org
- Simonton Elementary: simonton.jocombs.org

PRESCHOOL NOW ENROLLING!

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YOUNG COYOTES

Develop social, emotional, & academic skills

Ages 3–4 years old

Open 6:30am–6:00pm

Full and half day options available



KINDER PREP

Prepare for Kindergarten

Ages 4–5 years old

AM or PM Half day sessions

Can be combined with Young Coyotes for full day care

Now
Enrolling!

**2 LOCATIONS IN
SAN TAN VALLEY**

Ranch Elementary
43521 N. Kenworthy Rd.

Ellsworth Elementary
38454 N. Carolina Ave.

Visit our website at www.jocombs.org
Combs Community Education 480-987-5310



A NEW LOOK

J.O. Combs has a new website and new websites for all the schools in the district.

Before and After School
Licensed Child Care

Open 6:30am—start of school day, end of school day—6:00pm

Summer, Winter,
and Spring Break
camps available!

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All 5 elementary school sites

Indoor and Outdoor Activities

Homework time

Games

Crafts

Community Education
480-987-5310
CommunityEd@jocombs.org
www.jocombs.org

STAY CONNECTED WITH J.O. COMBS



Get all of the news and information from around the district by connecting with us on social media!

COMBS DISTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: JOCombsUSD
Twitter: @JOCombsUSD
Pinterest: jocombsusd
YouTube: JO Combs USD

COMBS SCHOOLS

Combs Traditional Academy:

Facebook –
CombsTraditionalAcademy
Twitter – @CTAKnights
Instagram - combstraditional

Harmon Elementary School:

Facebook –
HarmonElemHawks
Twitter –
@HarmonElemHawks

Ranch Elementary School:

Facebook –
RanchRoadrunners
Twitter – @ranchroadrunner

Simonton Elementary School:

Facebook – SimontonStallions
Twitter –
@SIMONTONROCKS

Ellsworth Elementary School:

Facebook – EllsworthSTV
Twitter – @EllsworthSTV

J.O. Combs Middle School:

Facebook – CombsMSCougars
Twitter – @CombsCougars

Combs High School:

Facebook – CombsCoyotes
Twitter – @CHSsm
@football_combs
@CombsCourier
@CombsRundown
@CTECombs
@chsimprint
@CombsBands
@CombsDrama
@CombsBasketball
@CombsHSCounsel
@Combs_XC
@Combs_NHS
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YouTube – Combs CTE



For more updates around the district, make sure to follow the San Tan Valley PRSS
Facebook: SanTanValleyDailyPRSS
Twitter: @STVDailyPRSS



← A VIEW OF THE INSIDE

This is what the inside of the theater may look like for the Combs Auditorium. Construction is slated to begin in January.

↑ ARTIST RENDERING

This is what the new Combs Auditorium may look like when complete. Construction is slated to begin in January.

San Tan Valley residents' bond dollars at work

New technology and more for our children's education

In November, 2016, San Tan Valley residents living within J.O. Combs district boundaries approved a \$36.8M bond to be distributed to school and building renovations and improvements, technology, student transportation, an auditorium, and a maintenance, transportation and district service facility.

In the spring of 2017, the first bonds were sold and used towards the following purchases:

- K-12 English Language Arts textbooks and materials
- Technology, including:
 - 874 Chromebooks for K-8
 - 65 Laptops
 - 125 workstations
 - 90 interactive boards for classrooms
 - Replacement of security cameras at Combs Middle School

- Furniture and Equipment, including:
 - 3 copy machines for school sites
 - Custodial equipment throughout district
 - Transportation equipment for service truck
 - Warehouse equipment
 - Pupil Transportation, including:
 - 2 - 84 passenger buses
 - 2 - 77 passenger buses
 - 2 - Special needs buses
 - 1 van to transport students
 - Renovations to the following:
 - Weight room expansion at CHS
 - Sand volleyball courts at CHS
 - Agricultural Sciences land lab at CHS
 - Fencing at Ellsworth and Simonton
 - Irrigation pump at CHS
 - Field House at CHS
- Planning for the auditorium also began in the spring and several meetings have been held to

allow for community input and updates. At the last meeting, held September 26, Carmen Wyckoff with the DLR Group shared renderings of the auditorium and talked about the design choices.

“We started the design with 3 principles in mind: 1. to connect the auditorium to the wonderful views of the Superstition Mountains; 2. to connect the auditorium to the community who supported J.O. Combs School District bond; and 3. to connect the auditorium to the school campus so that it is used every day in teaching and learning.”

Andrea Downing, CHS dance teacher, shared what the auditorium means for her students and dance ensembles. “The dancers are super excited about the auditorium being built. It means a brand new space that they can make their own. It also means not going off campus for performances which often prohibits family and community

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RENOVATION

Renovation and expansion of the weight room at Combs High School.



TRANSPORTATION

One of the new buses purchased by the district with bond funds.

BOND

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members from attending. In the past, it costs us money to rent a different venue so saving those fees means we can put the money towards costumes and props.”

The auditorium will also be available to community organizations to rent. Sara Jones, parent and owner of Sara’s Ballet, currently rents other spaces for recitals. “ What a privilege to be able to enjoy both High School and community artistic activities in our own auditorium. No more traveling to other places.”

Join us for the Ground Breaking Ceremony on Dec. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Combs High School. Visit www.jocombs.org for project updates.



**You're Invited
to the
Kindergarten Experience**

All day Kindergarten, all for Free!

Come see what Kindergarten is all about!

Kindergarten is an important transition! Help your child ease into this special milestone and set them up for success by attending the Kindergarten Experience.

Visit with teachers and take a tour of the school. You'll come away with information about your school and ways to prepare your student for the best experience next year.

February 6th at Ellsworth, Harmon, Ranch and Simonton Elementary 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
February 8th at Combs Traditional Academy 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

It's easy to enroll. Just bring the following with you:

- Registration forms (available online at www.jocombs.org or at school offices)
- Birth Certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of Residency

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JACK W. HARMON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



At Jack W. Harmon Elementary School, we take pride in providing a safe, nurturing environment where children may grow and learn. Our dedicated staff strives to engage each child in expanding the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed. We stress growth, individual responsibility, and problem solving in a collaborative effort among students, parents, educators, and the community. Education is most effective when it is supported by a team effort.



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Harmon students to honor veterans at annual assembly

Assembly set for Nov. 9

Jack W. Harmon Elementary is proud to announce its fourth annual Veterans Day Assembly on Thursday, November 9,

at 9:30 a.m. The Harmon school community would like to thank our veterans for their service!



HONORING VETS

Students at Jack W. Harmon Elementary stand ready to welcome and honor veterans at the fourth annual assembly.

Pictured from left are: Ruby Schulte, Hayley Tibben, Emmitt Meyer, Kaden Perez, and Victoria Mora.

QUEEN CREEK
SAN TAN VALLEY
dailyprss

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Twitter: [@STVDailyPRSS](https://twitter.com/STVDailyPRSS)



Combs High School

An AEF™ A+ School of Excellence™



ACADEMICS:

- Advanced Placement/Dual Enrollment Courses • Honors Classes
- Art & Physical Education • Foreign Languages (French, German & Spanish)
- Career & Technical Education (Agriculture, Business Mgmt., Digital Photography, Early Childhood, Graphic Design, Journalism, Medical Professions, Software Development, Sports Medicine, TV/Film & Technical Theater) • Music (Band, Choir, Guitar & Orchestra)

PROGRAMS:

- After School Tutoring • Award Winning Drama Program • International Travel Opportunities
- Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) • Nine Computer Labs • Free Transportation to EVIT

SPORTS:

- Badminton • Baseball • Basketball (Boys/Girls) • Cross Country (Boys/Girls) • Football
- Golf (Boys/Girls) • Sand Volleyball • Soccer (Boys/Girls) • Softball • Spiritline/Pom
- Swim/Dive (Boys/Girls) • Tennis (Boys/Girls) • Track & Field (Boys/Girls) • Volleyball (Boys/Girls) • Wrestling

STUDENT CLUBS & ACTIVITIES:

- Anime • Art Club (National Art Honor Society) • Athletic Training • AZ Ancient Cultures • Band
- Best Buddies • Choir • Class Clubs (Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior & Senior) • Drama Club
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) • Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Future Farmers of America (FFA) • Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
- Journalism • Magic Club • Math Club • National Honor Society (NHS) • Orchestra
- SkillsUSA • Student Government • Travel Club • Yearbook • Academic Decathlon

TOGETHER WE CAN. TOGETHER WE WILL.

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Grow Your Own: Developing Dedicated Staff from Within

Great teachers and staff are the building blocks to a school district. One of the ways J.O. Combs ensures quality staff is by “Growing their Own” through partnerships with college and universities, hiring current and former Combs High School students, and creating opportunities for advancement.

Josh Headrick, science teacher at Combs Middle School, did not originally plan on being a full-time teacher. “While I was doing long-term substitute work, I fell in love with everything that goes into being a teacher. I loved the interactions and talking to the students about my science background, my passion for conservation, and passing on my knowledge for the younger generations to grow.” Since Josh already had a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Biology and Ecology, he was able to obtain an Intern Teaching Certificate through the Arizona Department of Education. “The J.O. Combs District partnered

with me to get my teaching degree using a different path than most teachers. Since I already had a bachelor's degree, I chose to enroll in a teacher internship program through Rio Salado College. This allowed me to teach, further my education towards a teaching degree, and still have an income to support my family.”

J.O. Combs currently has 18 college and university students working with mentors in the district to learn the craft of teaching. Dr. Duplissis, Assistant Superintendent, says, “We have made a conscience effort in speaking with all university interns, observers and student teachers regarding our commitment to them and their advancement within their program and our school system. This commitment will hopefully be reciprocated as they begin their application process.” Dr. Duplissis is also a state board member of Educators Rising Arizona, an organization which offers high school students “professional development opportunities and practical applications for students who aspire to enter the teaching profession” (edrisingaz.org). If support staff have an interest in becoming a teacher, the district guides them on the process for certification and helps connect them to universities.

Combs also seeks out former students who would like to work for the district. Combs High School graduate Freddie Lemus has worked for the Combs Kidz before and after school program for two years. He started as

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COMBS KIDZ ↑

Combs High School graduate Freddie Lemus has worked for the Combs Kidz before and after school program for two years.

↓ SUBSTITUTE

Josh Headrick, a science teacher at Combs Middle School, began as a long-term substitute.



↑ PRINCIPAL

Ellsworth Principal Santa Dunker rose to administration from the ranks of the teachers.



Success with the Wilson Reading System

Teachers earn level I and level II certification

As one component to the reading curriculum offered at J.O. Combs elementary schools, the district has committed to provide professional development on the Wilson Reading System for Reading Specialists and Special Education Teachers. The system is for students who “require more intensive structured literacy instruction due to a language-based learning disability, such as dyslexia” (www.wilsonlanguage.com).

To date, 10 staff members have received Level I Wilson Certification and 1 staff member has received Level II Wilson Certification.

To earn a Level I certification from Wilson, teachers participated in the following activities over the course of one school year:

- An 80 hour online course that

included; articles on various topics related to reading, videos and assessments

- A year-long practicum requiring teachers to meet with one student for 60 minutes three to five times a week
- Five implementation meetings throughout the year
- Four formal observations with feedback and a required passing score on the final observation

The staff members who completed Level I are:

- Bianca Alva - Reading Coach, Simonton
- Joline King - Reading Coach - Harmon
- Cheryl Mireles - Reading Specialist, Ranch
- Linda Johnson - Special Education

- Teacher, Simonton
- Ashley Harris - Special Education Teacher, Ellsworth
- Iris Telfer - Special Education Teacher, Ellsworth
- Kathryn Godzwon - Reading Specialist, Ranch
- Jennifer Bonadio - Reading Specialist, Simonton

In 2017 Bianca Alva also earned her Level II Wilson certification. The requirements for Level II include:

- A year-long practicum moving a student through the upper steps of

the program,
• Four observations submitted through videos with feedback and a passing score on the final observation
“The dedication these teachers show in completing the Wilson programs is amazing,” says Cassie Bates, Reading Coach and Wilson Trainer. “It’s an intense process but worth it when you look at what students learn about the structure of the English language and how it affects overall reading and spelling skills.”

GROW YOUR OWN

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an Activity Leader and was then promoted to Program Facilitator. Freddie started working with Combs Kidz because he likes working with kids. He likes doing the crafts with them because he gets to see their own unique creativity. “Seeing these kids reminds me of when I was a student. I went to Simonton and Ellsworth for elementary school and now working here is like coming home.”

Ellsworth Principal Santa Dunker knows first hand how well a “Grow Your Own” program can work. She began her career in the Combs District 15 years ago as a teacher and

since then has been promoted to Dean of Students, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction, and now Principal. In that time, she has earned her Masters in Educational Leadership. Santa is thankful for the mentorship she has received in her pursuit of administration. “Throughout my time here in Combs I’ve been fortunate to have mentors who have pushed me to develop as an educator and a leader.”

If you’re interested in becoming part of the Combs team and exploring your career opportunities, visit www.jocombs.org under the Employment tab or contact the district office at 480-987-5300.



↑
LEARNING
Brooklyn Bardwell, pictured with Ms. Godzwon, says, “The best part is learning to build my words.”

Congratulations to the winners of our 2017 “My Driver, My Safety Hero” poster contest!

J.O. Combs students honor bus drivers with creative posters



⬆️ FIRST PLACE
First place was awarded to Keegan Woodruff (Ellsworth Elementary). Pictured with Andy Storms and Principal Dunker.

⬆️ THIRD PLACE
Third place was awarded to Matt Howell (CTA). Pictured with Andy Storms and Principal Green.

⬆️ SECOND PLACE
Second place was awarded to Kyleigh Maruyama (Ellsworth Elementary). Pictured with Andy Storms and Principal Dunker.

⬆️ FOURTH PLACE
Fourth place was awarded to Abbie Vasquez (CTA). Pictured with Andy Storms and Principal Green.



Preschool options offered at J.O. Combs

Young Coyotes program designed to meet San Tan Valley families' needs

An important first step in a child's education is often their preschool experience.

J.O. Combs offers a variety of options to meet families' schedules and students'

developmental needs.

The Young Coyotes program is for children ages 3 - 5 years old and is open from 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. The program focuses on learning through play with center-based instruction and small groups. Children are encouraged to explore topics that interest them, and teachers act as facilitators to make connections to student's lives and extend the learning.

Young Coyotes parent Laura Jex shared her experience with the program. "In regards to the Young Coyotes program, I started taking my kids here due to the convenience of schedules, price, and location. What keeps us going here, though is the relationship that the teachers have developed with my kids, and the love for learning that my kids have developed in going here. It brings great peace of mind knowing that while I'm at work, my kids are not just learning and taken care of, but truly love where their time is being spent!"

Parent Lindsay Wallace agrees, "I have sent both my children to the Young Coyotes program and I am very satisfied with the level of care and consideration they provide each child. The staff for Young Coyotes care about each child; learning who they are and what their needs are. They make time for every student

ensuring they are happy and fulfilled. New activities are introduced regularly ensuring the children are stimulated and always learning. This is a great stepping stone to the environment and education they will receive when they get to school."

Young Coyotes offers flexible scheduling with full and half day options available for families. In addition, parents can select their schedule every week and only pay for the days they choose.

For children ages 4-5 years old, Kinder Prep is also available for children ready to take the next steps in their education. Taught by certified teachers, Kinder Prep students learn those foundational skills necessary to be successful in Kindergarten. Children are prepared for their next steps with a healthy self-concept and a positive attitude towards school and learning.

Both programs are offered at Ranch Elementary and Ellsworth Elementary and are licensed through the Department of Health Services and are eligible for Department of Economic Security Child Care Assistance.

For more information about both programs, visit www.jocombs.org under the Community Education tab or call the Community Education Department at 480-987-5310.



↑ SHE'S A WONDER

Young Coyote Karlie Jex enjoys traveling around the playground in style.

Ranch Elementary

43521 N. Kenworthy Rd.
San Tan Valley



Ranch.JOCombs.org
480-882-3530

Offering:

English Language Arts
Free All Day Kindergarten

Gifted Program

Math, Science & Social Studies

Band, Orchestra & Music

Before & After School Child Care

Library

Physical Education

Preschool

Technology

**COME FIND OUT WHY:
RANCH ROADRUNNERS RULE!**

ELLSWORTH Elementary School



**Annual College & Career
Fair, Multicultural Event
and Talent Show
Battle of the Books
Character Education
Counseling Services
Spelling Bee Competitions
Student Council**

At Ellsworth Elementary we pride ourselves on providing a safe and caring environment for all students. We believe we have the best teachers and staff in Arizona. They care about the academic and social growth of our students. As a neighborhood school, parents and teachers work together for the personal success of our students.

In addition, we are educating and instilling personal qualities, such as: respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, fairness, citizenship and caring.

Ellsworth Eagles are our future leaders!

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Ellsworth.JOCombs.org • 480-882-3520**

SIMONTON ELEMENTARY

We LEAD - Learn,, Empower, Achieve and Dream

SIMONTON



A
Leader in Me[™]
School

Featuring:

- **7 Habits Education**
- **Cool Student Clubs:**
Art, Garden, Journalism,
Patriotism *and* Robotics
- **Student Council**

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Combs Traditional Academy

37327 N. Gantzel Rd.

San Tan Valley

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Art Masterpiece • Character Education

Knight Ambassadors

Small School Environment • Uniforms

Accelerated Curriculum

Saxon Math • Socratic Seminars

Spalding Method

National Elementary Honor Society

Combs Traditional Academy is a school of choice. What makes us unique is our “Back-to-Basics” philosophy; we view the acquisition of basic skills, primarily through direct instruction, as the foundation of the learning process. We prioritize the fundamental tools of learning in the core academic areas of phonics and reading, grammar, spelling and writing, mathematics, history and geography, and science.

At Combs Traditional Academy, our students learn in a structured environment that minimizes instructional distractions in order to provide them with the strongest opportunity for academic and lifelong success.

Rigor, Responsibility, Respect

WHY CHOOSE COMBS?



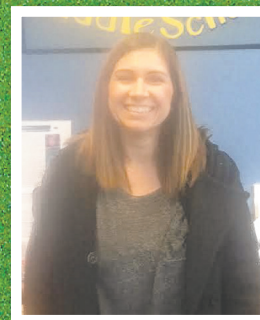
"We Love Harmon because you make us feel like family. From the first day, you welcomed us with such kindness and love." - Mrs. Lyon, Harmon Elementary parent



"Ellsworth is the best school for my kids because the teachers and principal are the best at putting our children first and making them feel like family." - Mrs. Gonzalez, Ellsworth Elementary parent



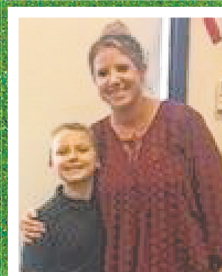
"My son shows Rigor, Responsibility, and Respect daily at CTA. He loves school and it shows!" - Ms. Lord, Combs Traditional Academy parent



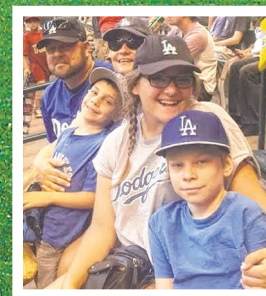
"My children have had incredible teachers who have gone above and beyond to help my children be successful in their education and prepare them for their futures." - Mrs. Wendt, Combs Middle School & Harmon Elementary parent



"Ranch Elementary is my second home; all the teachers and staff are caring, friendly and so helpful." - Ms. Warren, Ranch Elementary parent



"We Love the sense of community at JO Combs." - Mrs. Elrod, Combs High School & Ellsworth Elementary parent



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CTE students in partnership with the community



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Business leaders like Brandon Price and Matt Wilson, with San Tan Times newspaper, partner with Combs High School students, staff and parents during the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Council Meetings. From left to right: Brian Taylor, Journalism Teacher; Emma Ferraro, CHS Junior; Brandon Price, Business Partner; Matt Wilson, Business Partner; Jessica Millican, Parent; Fox Stow-Morris, CHS Senior.



EXPLORING CAREER OPTIONS

Career and Technical Medical Professions students explore their career options at the Community Health Fair. Pictured are, from left: Nathan Fon, Paige Arriaga, Caprice Russo, I'sis Taylor, Reyna Sanchez, Alexandra Lopez Escoto and Priscilla Davis.



J.O. COMBS MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Honors Classes – English Language Arts, Math, Science & Social Studies
- Career & Technical Education • High School Credit Options in Algebra & Spanish
- Electives – Art, Physical Education, Spanish & Yearbook
- Music – Band, Choir, Guitar & Orchestra • Competitive Sports • Tutoring
- Student Clubs – Aerospace Challenge, Chess, Drama, Student Council, Yearbook, National Junior Art Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, Journalism Club, Social Studies Club



New Electives for 2017-2018 school year - Coding, Graphic Design, Introduction to Medical Professions, Leadership Development, Photography, Teens 'n Teaching, TV/Film , Production, Weight Training

COUGARS CONNECTING WITH CHARACTER

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High School *and* Junior High Sports Schedules



Combs High School

Boys Basketball

Date	Opponent	Level	Time
Nov. 16	vs. Florence (Scrimmage)	V	7 PM
Nov. 24-25	@ Chandler Prep Invitational	V	TBD
Nov. 28	@ Saguaro	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Nov. 30	vs. Marcos de Niza	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 5	@ Tempe	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 7	@ Higley	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 9	@ Globe	F	10:15/11:30 AM
Dec. 12	vs. Casa Grande	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 13	@ Dysart	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 14	vs. Metro Tech	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 28-30	@ Copper Cities Tournament	V	TBD
Jan. 9	vs. Coronado	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 11	vs. Washington	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 12	@ Cortez	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 16	@ Apache Junction	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 18	vs. Dysart	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 19	@ Thunderbird	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 23	vs. Cortez	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 25	@ Coronado	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 30	@ Washington	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Feb. 1	vs. Apache Junction	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM

**** Bold Denotes Home Game**

Girls Basketball

Date	Opponent	Level	Time
Nov. 16	vs. Florence (Scrimmage)	V	5:30 PM
Nov. 21	@ St. Mary's	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Nov. 28	vs. Saguaro	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Nov. 30	@ Marcos de Niza	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 1	@ Casteel	F	4 PM
Dec. 5	vs. Tempe	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 7	vs. Higley	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 8	vs. Payson	F	4 PM
Dec. 12	@ Casa Grande	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 13	vs. Dysart	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Dec. 14	@ Metro Tech	JV/V	5:30/7 PM
Dec. 15	@ Payson	F	4 PM
Dec. 26-27	@ Copper Cities Tournament	V	TBD
Dec. 28-29	@ Chandler Prep Invitational	V	TBD
Jan. 9	@ Coronado	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 11	@ Washington	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 12	vs. Cortez	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 16	vs. Apache Junction	JV/V	4/5:30 PM
Jan. 18	@ Dysart	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 19	vs. Thunderbird	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 23	@ Cortez	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 25	vs. Coronado	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Jan. 30	vs. Washington	F/JV/V	4/5:30/7 PM
Feb. 1	@ Apache Junction	JV/V	5:30/7 PM

J.O. Combs Middle School



Boys Soccer/Girls Volleyball – Games Played Simultaneously

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Nov. 9	Desert Wind	Home	4:30 PM
Nov. 11	Hohokam	Away	4:30 PM
Nov. 14	Cactus Canyon	Home	4:30 PM
Nov. 16	Ben Franklin	Away	4:30 PM
Nov. 28	Maricopa Wells	Home	4:30 PM
Dec. 5	Desert Wind	Away	4:30 PM
Dec. 7	Cactus Canyon	Away	4:30 PM
Dec. 12	Ben Franklin	Home	4:30 PM

High School and Junior High Sports Schedules

Boys Soccer

Date	Opponent	Level	Time
Nov. 15	@ Queen Creek (Scrimmage)	V	6 PM
Nov. 21	vs. Walden Grove	JV/V	4/6 PM
Nov. 28	@ Poston Butte	JV/V	4/6 PM
Nov. 30-Dec.2	@ Solis/Hopp Tournament	V	TBD
Dec. 5	@ Sunrise Mountain	JV/V	4/6 PM
Dec. 7	vs. Marcos de Niza	JV/V	4/6 PM
Dec. 12	@ Casa Grande	JV/V	4/6 PM
Dec. 14	vs. Saguaro	JV/V	4/6 PM
Jan. 5-6	@ Chandler Prep Invitational	V	TBD
Jan. 9	vs. Seton Catholic	JV/V	4/6 PM
Jan. 11	@ Dysart	JV/V	4/6 PM
Jan. 16	@ Cortez	JV/V	4/6 PM
Jan. 18	vs. Coronado	JV/V	4/6 PM
Jan. 23	vs. Washington	JV/V	4/6 PM
Jan. 25	@ Apache Junction	JV/V	4/6 PM

Girls Soccer

Date	Opponent	Level	Time
Nov. 21	@ Walden Grove	JV/V	4/6 PM
Nov. 28	vs. Poston Butte	JV/V	4/6 PM
Nov. 30-Dec.2	@ Solis/Hopp Tournament	V	TBD
Dec. 5	vs. Sunrise Mountain	JV/V	4/6 PM
Dec. 7	@ Marcos de Niza	JV/V	4/6 PM
Dec. 12	vs. Casa Grande	JV/V	4/6 PM
Dec. 13	vs. Saguaro	JV/V	4/6 PM
Jan. 9	@ Seton Catholic	V	6 PM
Jan. 11	vs. Dysart	JV/V	4/6 PM
Jan. 16	vs. Cortez	JV/V	4/6 PM
Jan. 18	@ Coronado	V	4:30 PM
Jan. 23	@ Washington	JV/V	4/6 PM
Jan. 25	vs. Apache Junction	JV/V	4/6 PM

Wrestling

Date	Opponent	Level	Time
Nov. 21	vs. Arcadia, Payson, Camp Verde	F/JV/V	4 PM
Nov. 25	@ Perry	F/JV	8 AM
Nov. 29	vs. Dysart, Florence, Tempe	F/JV/V	4 PM
Dec. 1-2	@ Nate Johnson Invitational	V	TBD
Dec. 6	@ Marcos de Niza	V	4 PM
Dec. 8-9	@ Puma Duals Invitational	V	TBD
Dec. 13	@ Greenway	V	5 PM
Dec. 29-30	@ Mile High Invitational	V	TBD
Jan. 10	@ Casa Grande	F/JV/V	4 PM
Jan. 12	@ Prospector Invitational	V	TBD
Jan. 17	vs. AJ, Poston Butte	F/JV/V	4 PM
Jan. 18	@ Casteel	F	4 PM
Jan. 20	@ Desert Vista Tournament	F/JV	8:30 AM
Jan. 24	@ Campo Verde	F/JV/V	4 PM



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J.O. Combs Middle School

Girls Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Jan. 25	Hohokam	Away	4:30 PM
Feb. 1	Desert Wind	Home	4:30 PM
Feb. 6	Cactus Canyon	Home	4:30 PM
Feb. 8	Ben Franklin	Away	4:30 PM
Feb. 13	Maricopa Wells	Home	4:30 PM
Feb. 20	Desert Wind	Away	4:30 PM
Feb. 22	Cactus Canyon	Away	4:30 PM
Feb. 27	Ben Franklin	Home	4:30 PM



Combs' Students of the Month honored

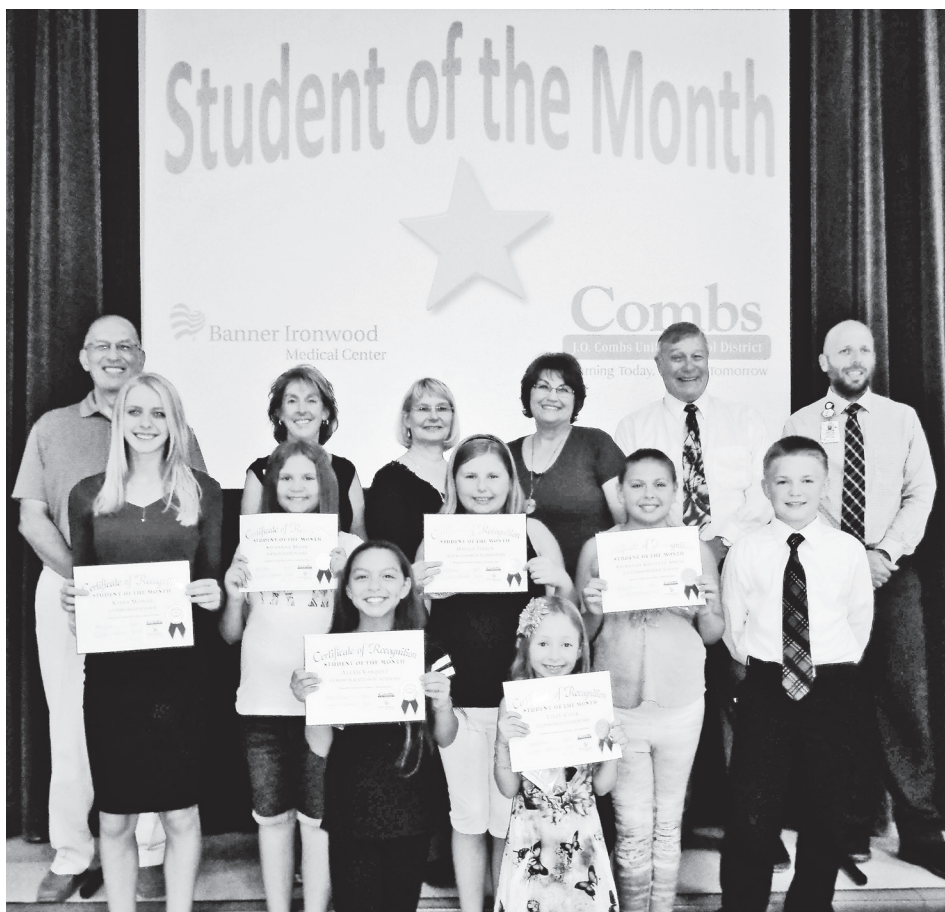
Character Counts Program helps guide choice of which students to name each month

The J.O. Combs Unified School District continues to partner with Banner Ironwood in a Student of the Month program which

recognizes one student every month from each of our schools. There is a selection process in place where students are

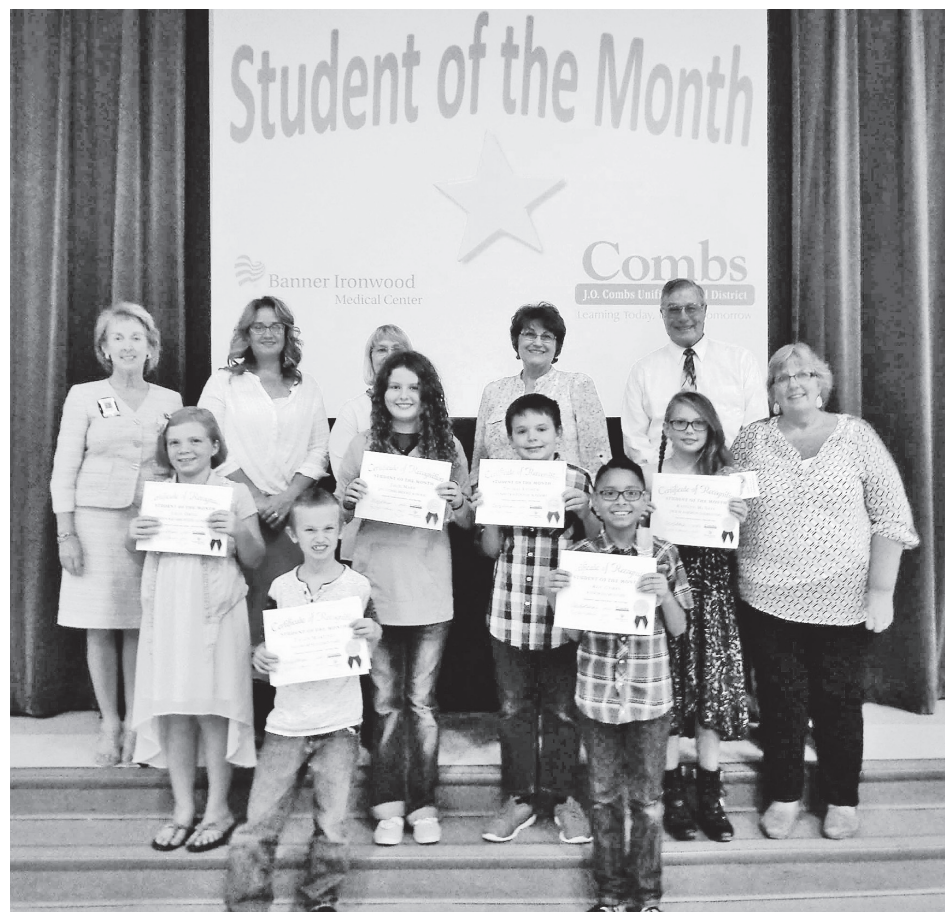
recognized for the various pillars of the **Character Counts Program** which include Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Citizenship,

Caring, Respect and Fairness. The presentation takes place each month at the J.O. Combs Regular Governing Board Meeting.



SEPTEMBER CITIZENSHIP

In September, students who are great 'citizens' were (in no order): Haylee Dawson, Combs High School, Grade 10 (not pictured); Ethan James, Combs Middle School, Grade 8; Dylan Klimek, Combs Traditional Academy, Grade 4; Emilie Gutierrez-Godinez, Ellsworth Elementary, Grade 3; Chelsea Avila Armendariz, Harmon Elementary, Grade 5; Autumn Allred, Ranch Elementary, Grade 6; Daycee Shurtleff, Simonton Elementary, Grade 6; Cash Anderson, Ranch Elementary, Preschool (April Recognition)



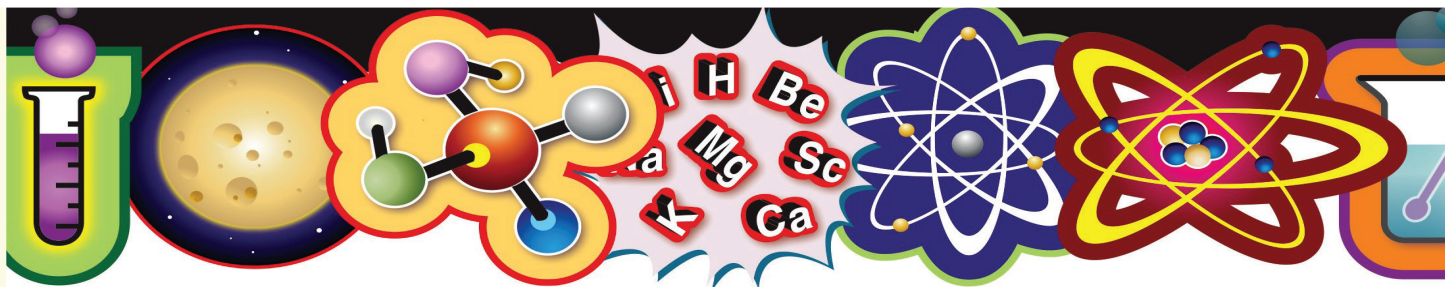
OCTOBER TRUSTWORTHINESS

In October, 'Trustworthy' students were (in no order): Kett Andersen, Combs High School, Grade 10 (not pictured); Julie Marr, Combs Middle School, Grade 7; Thomas Andrew, Combs Traditional Academy, Grade 5; Talon Martinez, Ellsworth Elementary, Grade 3; Katelyn McNeff, Harmon Elementary, Grade 5; Roy Campa, Ranch Elementary, Grade 5; Lilly Ortiz, Simonton Elementary, Grade 5.

J.O. Combs Calendar of Community Events

Nov. 23-24, 2017 Thanksgiving No School	Nov. 29-30, 2017 CMS Drama Play @ CMS 6:30-8 p.m.	Dec. 1, 2017 Improv Show @ CHS 6 p.m.	Dec. 4, 2017 Orchestra/ Guitar/Choir Concert @ CHS 6 p.m.	Dec. 5, 2017 Band Concert @CHS 7 p.m.
Dec. 7-9, 2017 Winter Play @ CHS 5 p.m.	Dec. 11, 2017 Orchestra/ Choir Concert @ CMS 6 p.m.	Dec. 12, 2017 Band Concert @ CMS 6 p.m.	Dec. 15, 2017 Band/Orchestra Concert @ Ranch Ele. 6 p.m.	Dec. 15, 2017 Pancake Dinner W/Santa @ Ranch Ele. 5:30 p.m.
WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 20, 2017 - JANUARY 3, 2018				
Jan. 18, 2018 Orchestra Concert @ Simonton Ele. 6 p.m.	Jan. 23, 2018 Combs District Spelling Bee @ CTA 6 p.m.	Jan. 25, 2018 Orchestra Concert @ Harmon Ele. 6 p.m.	Jan. 26, 2018 Career Fair @ Ranch Ele. Throughout the Day	Jan. 30, 2018 Orchestra Concert @ Ellsworth Ele. 6 p.m.
Jan. 31, 2018 Middle School Open House @ CMS 6 p.m.	Feb. 6, 2018 Kindergarten Experience @ Ele. Schools 6 p.m.	Feb. 8, 2018 Kindergarten Experience @ CTA 6 p.m.	Feb. 15, 2018 SciTech Festival @ CHS 6 p.m.	Feb. 16, 2018 Talent Show @ CHS 6 p.m.

J.O. Combs welcomes the community to a variety of events happening around the district. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!



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SCITECH

FEBRUARY 15TH 6PM–7:30PM

AT COMBS HIGH SCHOOL

**STUDENTS FROM ALL SCHOOLS WILL DEMONSTRATE
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IN SOCIETY:
EYES TO THE FUTURE**

COMPUTER TROUBLES? COMBS IT DEPARTMENT WILL BE THERE TO CHECK IT OUT!

**AZ SciTECH
BANNER IRONWOOD RADIOLOGY
AZ SCIENCE CENTER
AZ FARM BUREAU
STRATUM LASER TAG
ARCADIS, DLR, & MCCARTHY**

**CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE
RADICAL REPTILES
MESA UTILITIES
MAKERS NEXT GEN
PINAL COUNTY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
AND MORE!**

