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KINGMAN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT#20

NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION: KUSD WELCOMES ALL STUDENTS ON A LEARNING PATHWAY TO INFORMED AND ENGAGED CITIZENSHIP.

October is National Principal Month!



October is National Principals Month, and KUSD is proud to recognize and celebrate the outstanding principals who lead our schools!

Our principals play an essential role in creating positive learning environments, supporting teachers and staff, and ensuring students have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed. Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to student achievement make a lasting difference in the lives of students and the communities they serve.

Please join us in thanking our KUSD principals for all they do to support our students, staff, families, and community. We are proud to have such dedicated leaders as part of the KUSD family!

KUSD Student Voice Leadership Summit

KUSD brought together student council representatives from schools across the district for its Student Voice Leadership Summit, providing students with an opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills, share ideas, and connect with fellow student leaders.

Throughout the summit, students participated in team-building activities, leadership exercises, and meaningful discussions focused on communication, collaboration, and making a positive difference in their school communities. They explored how to turn their ideas into action, work together toward common goals, and recognize the importance of having a voice in shaping their schools.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing students from different schools come together, build new connections, encourage one another, and learn from each other's experiences. The summit reinforced the importance of student involvement and demonstrated how much can be accomplished when young leaders work together.









KUSD Hosts ASBA County Meeting at Palo Christi

Kingman Unified School District was honored to host the annual Mohave County ASBA County Meeting at Palo Christi, bringing together school board members, superintendents, and education leaders from across Arizona to connect, collaborate, and discuss the future of education.

KUSD was especially proud to showcase the talents of our students during the evening. Kingman High School Culinary Arts students prepared and served a delicious full-course meal, while White Cliffs Middle School Choir welcomed guests with beautiful musical performances.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to represent KUSD, share their talents, and shine in front of education leaders from across the county. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and outstanding representation of our district!






Kingman High School Principal Isaiah Ward Named Andy Devine Award Educator of the Year

Kingman Unified School District is proud to congratulate Kingman High School Principal Isaiah Ward on being named the Andy Devine Award Educator of the Year!

Mr. Ward goes above and beyond each day to support his students, staff, and the Kingman community. Through his dedication, leadership, and commitment to student success, he continues to make a meaningful difference at Kingman High School and throughout the community.

This recognition celebrates Mr. Ward's positive impact and the important role educators and school leaders play in shaping the lives of students.

KUSD congratulates Mr. Ward on this outstanding achievement and is proud to have him as part of the KUSD family!



District Office Leadership Spotlight



Mr. Tim Gardner
Director of Information Technology

This month, we're shining the spotlight on Tim Gardner, KUSD's Director of Information Technology! With 11 years of service to the district, Tim plays an important role in overseeing the implementation and maintenance of KUSD's technology infrastructure, helping keep the district's technology running smoothly.

One of the things Tim enjoys most about his work is exploring new technologies and seeing the positive impact they can have on students and their learning experiences. His dedication helps support the technology resources that students and staff rely on every day. Outside of work, Tim enjoys fishing, camping, and smoking meats. He also shared a fun fact: his first trip overseas was for his honeymoon! Thank you, Tim, for your 11 years of dedication to KUSD and for helping our district continue to move forward through technology. We appreciate all you do!

4th Grade Students Explore Water Conservation with Arizona Project WET

KUSD fourth-grade students had an educational day at Centennial Park, participating in hands-on learning activities with Arizona Project WET. The experience provided students with an opportunity to explore the importance of water and better understand how this valuable natural resource impacts our everyday lives. Throughout the day, students learned about the water cycle, explored how watersheds work, and discovered the connections between groundwater and surface water. They also gained a greater understanding of water conservation, sustainability, and the importance of protecting our water resources for future generations. Through interactive activities and outdoor exploration, students were able to connect what they learn in the classroom to real-world environmental concepts while enjoying a fun day at the park.
KUSD appreciates Arizona Project WET for providing our students with this valuable learning experience and helping inspire the next generation to become responsible stewards of our environment!



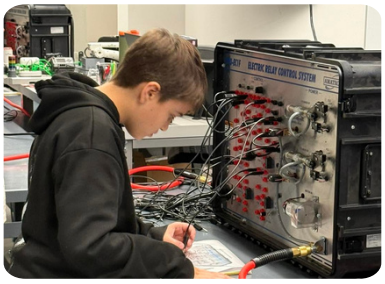


Exploring Manufacturing Career Opportunities

National Manufacturing Month takes place every October. The 8th grade students and high school students at Kingman Unified School District gained valuable insight into the world of manufacturing by visiting local businesses and exploring the programs offered at Mohave College's Advanced Manufacturing Training Center.
Through interactive, hands-on experiences, they discovered a variety of career options and learned about additional opportunities and resources available through WAVE and AZ@WORK.
These experiences helped students make connections between their education and future careers while showcasing the many opportunities available right here in our community!







UPCOMING DATES:



11/04: Walk Away From Drugs at Centennial Park - 5:30pm
11/06: First Friday in Downtown Kingman - "Giving Thanks & Giving Back: Vets, Pets & Families" - 5:30pm
11/09-11/13: School Psychology Week
11/10: Governing Board Meeting at 4:30pm
11/11: Veterans Day - ***No School/District Office Closed***
11/14: National Superintendent Day!
11/17: Thanksgiving Meal with your Student (High Schools)
11/18: Thanksgiving Meal with your Student (Middle Schools)
11/19: Thanksgiving Meal with your Student (Elementary Schools)
11/20: Substitute Appreciate Day
11/18: Reality Store for 8th graders at Kingman Middle School - 9:00am
11/23-11/26: Thanksgiving Break - ***No School***
11/26: Happy Thanksgiving!

Did you know?

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SFE Invites Families to Join Students for Thanksgiving Meals

As Thanksgiving approaches, Kingman Unified School District (KUSD), in partnership with SFE, invites families to join their students for a special Thanksgiving meal at school.

This annual tradition provides a wonderful opportunity for students, staff, and families to come together, enjoy a traditional holiday meal, and celebrate the spirit of gratitude and community.

Families are encouraged to review the Thanksgiving Meal Flyer for their child's school (elementary, middle school and high school) for details regarding the price, menu, date, and meal service information for each grade level.

SFE looks forward to serving students and their guests and helping make this Thanksgiving season a memorable time of connection, appreciation, and togetherness!



Elementary Schools

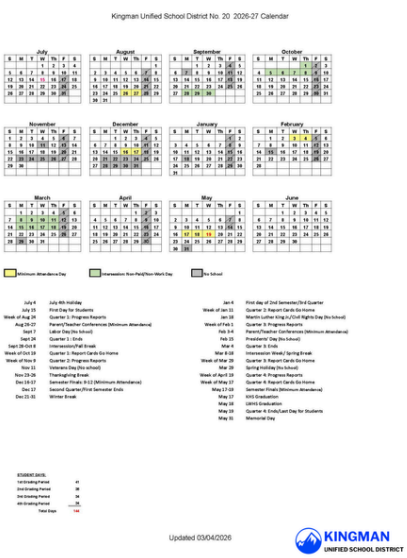


Middle Schools



High Schools

*If you have any questions please reach out to your school site for more information.



The 2026-2027 Academic School Calendar

Families can now access the Kingman Unified School District 2026–27 Academic Calendar to stay informed about important dates and events throughout the school year.

The calendar provides a helpful overview of intersession weeks, minimum school days, and non-school days, along with important academic dates such as progress report periods, report cards, and parent-teacher conference days.

Families are encouraged to review the calendar and mark important dates on their personal calendars to help plan ahead and stay informed throughout the school year.

For a full-size version of the 2026–27 academic calendar, visit the KUSD website. From the website, select "Explore," then choose "Community" and click on "Academic Calendar."

KUSD Gives Back: Giving Thanks & Giving Back at November First Friday

KUSD is excited to participate in November's First Friday on November 6! This month's theme, "Giving Thanks & Giving Back: Vets, Pets & Families," is all about bringing our community together to support those in need.

KUSD will have several opportunities for community members to get involved:

Clothing and Food Drive: We will be collecting warm clothing, including socks, blankets, coats, and pants, along with nonperishable food items. Donations will benefit St. Vincent de Paul, Cornerstone Mission, and the Kingman Food Bank.

Humane Society Penny War: Help us support our local Humane Society by contributing to our Penny War. Every penny makes a difference for our furry friends!

Coming to KUSD: JROTC! Stop by to learn more about the new JROTC program coming to KUSD high schools next school year. Staff will also be available to answer questions and gather community feedback.



October at Kingman Unified School District

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