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## Phoenix Firebird News

What's  
**AWESOME**  
about our school



*Special Edition*

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**Phoenix Central  
School District**

*The  
Best  
Part of  
JCB*

Ms. Chrysler (teacher at JCB for 20 years) says  
“Our students  
PERIOD.”

**Mrs. Fassett has been here for 21 years and she says : The feel of community” is the best thing at JCB.**

Mr. Ventura, a teacher at JCB for 23 years, says, “The ability of students to overcome difficulties in their home lives and make progress towards their future.”

Ms. Girardin has worked here for 28 years total. She thinks the best thing about JCB “has always been the people-the teachers I have worked with over the years have been some of the smartest and most caring.”

**Mr. Bailer has been here for only eight months, but he already knows that the best thing about JCB is “How much people care about our students.”**

Mr. Zogg has been at the high school for 7 years and he says “Two things; the staff and the opportunities that the students have.

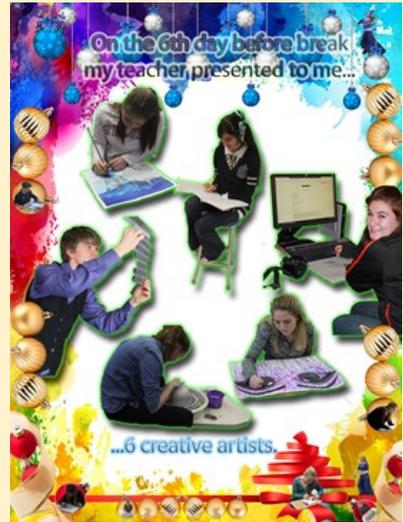
Mrs. Barry has worked at the high school for 4 years, and she has been in the district for 16 years. She also had two children graduate from JCB High! In her opinion, the best things about JCB are all the extracurricular opportunities it offers: the arts, sports, clubs, the opportunity for competition, field trips, and community service.

Mr. Logee says he may be biased, but, after 17 years at this high school, he believes the best thing about JCB is “The JCB Theatre program followed closely by JCB Music.”

Mrs. Bechard is finishing her 23<sup>rd</sup> year at JCB, and she has two bests to tout: “**the people** – from the people in each office in the building, to cafeteria staff, janitorial staff, and every teacher aide, assistant, teacher, as well as our bright, talented, kind students; and, secondly, **the opportunities** that each department and staff creates for our students to expe-

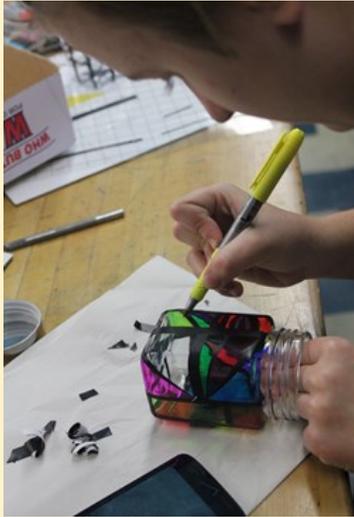
*Our ART  
program*







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ART



SPORTS





*Our March musical:  
Les Mis*

**My favorite part of Les Mis was...**

Brian Breen's  
Pub Scene!!

The last scene of Act I, everyone on stage, "One Day More"—it gave me chills!

Chloe Koegel

The best part of Les Mis for me was the quality of the performance – outstanding!

The entire production and seeing my students doing such a wonderful job. It was so wonderful that I went to two performances.

"One Day More". When that giant red flag comes up out of the smoke... just, WOW.

The overall production was top notch, from the ensemble to the costumes, to the staging, to the pit, etc. Danielle Merrill is an outstanding actress and captured the character of Eponine with precision and beautiful singing.

I love musicals and Les Mis was by far the best play ever here! It was all great! One of my students, Zaya Koegel, was especially talented!

Meek and mild Brian Breen stealing every scene he was in.

OMG I think the whole play was great. I feel they were as good as the original play I saw many years ago. Everyone students and adults worked very hard and it showed  
100%

The part of Les Mis was the incredible talent of all of those involved in the production! It was nothing

## *Les Mis*



Les Mis, in its entirety, blew me away!!! Every single cast member was impeccably cast in his/her role! Every lead was absolutely amazing – acting and singing – the ensemble was the strongest I’ve ever witnessed in my 23 years! I’ve tried my best to personally tell as many cast members as possible how I thoroughly enjoyed both performances I attended. I have to say that Garrett Frink and Brian Breen were the biggest surprises for me – I know that Brian is a talented musician, but I never knew of his remarkable acting and singing talent – he truly was one of the finest Thenardiers I’ve seen in the several times I’ve seen Les Mis performed! Garrett Frink shocked me! I’ve taught him all this year and never once knew of his incredible acting and singing talent! His Enjolras is not one I’ll soon forget!! It’s always a thrill to see our students shine outside of the classroom! Kudos to all involved with such an outstanding production!

~Mrs. Bechard

*Our March  
musical:  
Les Mis*

I am not a Les Mis fan but the kids did a great job with it and I am a Phoenix Les Mis fan! My favorite parts were the song "One Day More" and the kids draped over the barricades with the flag prominent. The revolving stage was very cool!

Miranda Bowersox in the pub scene!



Every actor and actress for their dedication to their roles!

Les Mis was so professionally done. We have been fortunate to see it many times and probably one of the most moving scenes is when they wave the great big red flag with all the smoke in the back ground. From the quality of the singers to the quality of the moving stage..... there were not poor parts. Phoenix is to be commended for the dedication it took to bring this caliber of a production to our area. What a wonderful thing. Thank you.  
- area resident

## *Les Mis*

Seeing Les Miserables was one of the highlights of my time here at JCB. I was absolutely blown away by the talent, scope and power of this show. The entire cast was outstanding. In particular, Ned, Evan, Chloe, Dani, Joe, Hannah, Brian, Miranda, Garrett, Mason were amazing! The hard work and dedication really paid off!

I think my favorite thing about Les Mis was how well they embodied the characters and truly showed the pain they were feeling. I was amazed by that

Les Mis was awesome! I really enjoyed the way the students get into their roles and really put themselves into the production! I love being a part of the productions by helping with the set design/painting.



*JCB is the best because...*

...we volunteer our time.

We shop with senior citizens and participate in a senior citizen dance.



We hold two blood drives throughout the year. EACH donation helps save up to three lives! We have helped over 300 hospital patients

Our annual homeless awareness night raises between \$1800-2000!

We ring the Salvation Army bell

Our elves program brings in canned and boxed non-perishable food for area families in need.

Our annual October Crop Walk raises \$1000 for a local food pantry!



Ms. Blackburn has worked here for 22 years; she says the best thing about JCB is “its ability to come together to support someone in need!”

*The  
Best  
Part of  
JCB is...*

Ms. Dufour has been here for 21 years and she says “The students are awesome!”

Mrs. Sharp says, “I recently ran into someone who graduated from Phoenix years ago and he raved about the school system, and how pleased he was that his children also attended school here. When I asked him why—he shared the same thought that as I did about one of the things that makes our school great—small class sizes and more individualized attention.”

She went on to say, “I have worked at JCB since 1999, and have always enjoyed working in the smaller group setting and felt I have been able to accomplish much more with my students and

Ms. Grethel has been in the Phoenix district for 18 years and she thinks “the best thing about JCB is the students – they have such talents and it is exciting to see when they bring it out!”

Mrs. Lathrop says “I’ve worked for the school 27 years. Long enough to see the change of 4 superintendents , 3 principals , and 3 dean of students.

I’ve seen all the seasoned teachers retire and new and young faces come to take their place ( makes me confused because they look like students) .....

Mr. Hurlbutt has been at JCB for 12 years, and he says the best thing about our high school, “is the willingness of people to help

Mrs. McLaughlin (5 years at JCB!) says, “Well, in my humble opinion, the best thing about JCB, of course, is the art department!!! I love teaching Pottery, and it is always exciting for me to see the imagination and creativity that my students display every day. I also think that the staff and faculty at JCB make

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Marissa Hough, a freshmen, says "Football season because I get to cheer and I like watching the guys play football."

Miranda Bowersox, a senior at JCB, says "The Drama Club."

This is Mr. Barrett's 6<sup>th</sup> year here at JCB, and he says the best thing about our high school is his "great co-workers!"

Kara Barrow, a senior at JCB says "The Library and Art."

Ms. Weigert has worked here for 16 years. She thinks the best thing about JCB is the "family" atmosphere."

Dominick Demong, a freshman, says "Basketball!"

Mackenzie Gleason, a freshman, says "Soccer!"

Kali Livingston, a junior, says "The classes and the teachers."

Mr. Fredenburg (AKA - Fred) has worked here for nearly 4 years. He says "my favorite aspect of being a teacher here at JCB is my privilege to get to know so many funny, creative, quirky, and intelligent students who are just starting to realize the potential that life has to offer as well as the impact they can make on our world. It is very easy to be pessimistic about our future as a species. That is, unless, one gets the opportunity to work with young adults. I'm reminded constantly that human beings are much more compassionate and intelligent than how we are

Kadin May, a senior at JCB, says the best thing about JCB is the opportunity to leave early, so he can work and earn money.