



FUSD Newsletter

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Flagstaff is a True STEM City

FUSD once again facilitated the Flagstaff Community STEM Celebration at the Northern Arizona University Walkup Skydome last week in partnership with NAU, Flagstaff STEM City, APS and Suddenlink. The estimate of attendance from the NAU staff was approximately 5000 people. With almost every school in Flagstaff, 69 businesses and agencies, NAU and Coconino Community College represented, the information and activities by the schools and com-

munity partners were impressive and engaging due to the hard work and dedication of all involved. The thought and creativity put into the interactive experiences for visitors of all ages was evident and made this event the success it was. The level of STEM education in our schools is something that we can all be proud of. Thank you to all who participated and to those who attended. We are looking forward to next year's STEM Celebration.



Upcoming Events

| April | |
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| Spring Holiday - No School | 6 |
| 4th Annual FUSD Sights and Sounds Flagstaff Mall | 18 |
| Marshall Suzuki Violin Performance at Heritage Square | 30 |
| Parent Meeting on Math Standards 6 pm at Ponderosa High School | 30 |
| May | |
| Snow Day Make-up No School | 11—12 |
| Memorial Day | 25 |
| Last Day of Classes | 28 |

Summer Opportunities For Students

There are many opportunities for continued educational experience and fun through the summer. We have compiled some of them for your information.

FACTS **CAMP IWANNAGO** for students ages 5 to 13 will be held at Marshall Elementary School from June 8th – July 24th. Camp will run from 6:45 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. FACTS will have an open house and registration event on Saturday June 6th at Marshall Elementary School. Please visit www.fusd1/CAMPIWANNAGO.org for more information.

FUSD will once again host **Camp Invention** at Puente de Hozho

Elementary School (June 8 - 12) and DeMiguel Elementary School (June 22 – 26). Celebrating its 5th year in Flagstaff, this is a camp for 1st through 6th graders and is focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities. For more information please visit <http://campinvention.org>.

For students in grades 6 – 8 **Camp Invention** will be holding their Invention Project Camp that will be held at Sinagua Middle School from July 13 – 17. For more information please contact stomlinson@fusd1.org.

The "World Famous CocoNuts" will be holding their annual STEM summer camp this year. The date has not been confirmed. For more information please visit www.fusdrobotics.org.

The Museum of Northern Arizona will be holding **Discovery Camps** from June 8 – July 31 for ages 4 – 13. For more information please visit discov-ery@musnaz.org.

Bearizona's Explorers, Adventurers, and Rangers (B.E.A.R) Camp is for kids ages 6 to 12 years old that want to have fun in the great outdoors. Weekly themes center on nature-play, hands-on learning and outdoor investigation. Day camps start at 8:45 am and end at 3:00 pm. For more information please contact vanessa@bearizona.com.

NAU Athletics will once again host sports camps throughout the summer. Please visit <http://nauathletics.com/information/camps> for more information.

Please remember to look for school specific flyers through the Peachjar button on your school's homepage.

FHS Culinary Program is a Road to Success

This year, four students have embarked on a road to success through the Culinary Arts Program at Flagstaff High School lead by their extraordinary teacher Patti Pastor. Since the beginning of the school year seniors Delainey Rowland, Alejandro “Alex” Orelas, Courtney Smithson and Fiona Nicholson have practiced two to three times a week in order to be ready for their competitions.

The first competition was the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation’s statewide ProStart Competition. The beginning of the competition consisted of Chicken Fabrication during which team members broke down a chicken in 15 minutes and then two team members chosen at random performed four knife skills that the judges choose. During the main competition the students were required to present a three course meal in one hour using only two butane burners and no motorized tools. As this competition was a qualifier for teams to go to the national competition, the students’ meal was to represent their state. The FHS team chose to represent the 5 c’s of Arizona: cattle, copper, coffee, citrus, and cotton through their menu that included Roasted Pepper and Mushroom Soup, Prime Arizona Tenderloin over Southwestern Bean, Corn and Sweet Potato Cakes accompanied by an Arugula, Red Onion and Baby Heirloom Tomato Salad topped with a

Citrus Pearl Vinaigrette. For dessert they prepared a Trio of Mousse, which included, Coffee, Lemon and Spiced Chocolate Mousse in a Tulle Cookie garnished with a Cotton Candy Sugar and Pomegranate Reduction Sauce. The Culinary students would like to acknowledge the teamwork with the FHS Welding class that provided the custom cookie pan for the competition.

This effort lead to a first place award. They also represented Flagstaff High School and the State of Arizona in April at the National ProStart Invitational in Anaheim. FUSD will post the results of this competition as soon as we have them.

While preparing for the national competition the individual team members competed in the Careers through Culinary Arts Program Competition (CCAP) and they shined. So far this year Fiona Nicolson has received a \$93,000 scholarship to the International Culinary AI (any campus in the country) and will not be competing in the national competition so she can finish her track season. The rest of the team, now

dubbed “Triple Threat”, has received the following awards from CCAP; Courtney Smithson has received \$4,500 to attend Scottsdale Community College and a paid externship to the Westin Kierland, Delainey Rowland will attend UNLV and has received a \$5,000 award and Alex Ornelas will attend NAU and has received a \$1,000 award.

All four team members hope to continue their studies in the culinary or hospitality field. Both ProStart and CCAP offer scholarships to culinary schools for the students who do well in the competitions.

Teacher Patti Pastor and the culinary team would like to thank Sprouts, Babbitt Ranches, Olive Garden and the Arizona Restaurant Association and numerous others in Flagstaff for their generous support of this wonderful program and amazing students.

Congratulations to these very talented students and to a successful program lead by Ms. Pastor.



Financial Literacy Program Informs Kinsey Families

Last month, the Arizona Council on Economic Education (represented by Elena Zee and Jen Mozilo), the NAU Omicron-Delta-Epsilon Economics Honors Society (represented by Bob Urbon), NAU W.A. Franke College of Business (represented by John Eastwood and Rick Szal), Mesa Community College (represented by Debbie Henney) , and the Arizona State Credit Union (represented by

Victoria Darris) invited Kinsey parents to a National Award Winning Financial Literacy Program held at Kinsey Elementary School. The goal of this event was to help parents learn about basic personal finance principles and to help them talk to their kids about money. Over 50 adults and several Kinsey students attended this event. This was an interactive event and was very well

received. The facilitators of this program hope to hold more of these parent information nights next year at more FUSD schools.



News Briefs

Chess is Big in FUSD

February 28th, 141 students attended the Northern Arizona Chess Championships here in Flagstaff. FUSD was well represented by DeMiguel, Kinsey, Puente de Hozho, Sechrist, Killip, Kinsey and Sinagua Middle School. Killip students won the team competitions in K-1, K-3, and K-6 sections. Several individuals qualified for the Arizona State Tournament from Killip, Kinsey, DeMiguel, Sechrist, and Sinagua. Congratulations to all students who participated.



FHS Quiz and Science Bowl Winners

Flagstaff High School has two Science Bowl and Quiz Bowl teams that are relatively new to the school but are doing very well in competitions. FHS sent two teams to the Arizona State Science Bowl competition at ASU West in Phoenix hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy and Solugenix Corporation. Flagstaff Team #1 finished in 8th place.

The FHS quiz bowl team finished 2nd in the Novice Division at the Arizona Quiz Bowl Association event in Tempe and will be attending another competition this month. Matthew Eide won 3rd place for individual performance.



Important Contact Information for Flagstaff Unified School District

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Two FUSD Schools Received Grants from SCA

SCA awarded 15 grants in the United States this year and two FUSD schools were fortunate to be among the recipients.

Summit High School was awarded \$4,140 to build a greenhouse. This funding will also cover the cost of other essential supplies for the greenhouse, i.e, shelving, pots. The Gardening class is planning to construct the greenhouse, and the gardening and nutrition classes will be utilizing curricula regarding healthy diet and the environmental impact of sustainable gardening. The food derived from the greenhouse will be donated to local food banks to aid with community efforts to provide healthy food items to individuals and families in need.

Cromer Elementary School received a \$5,000 grant that will be used to build a greenhouse and water table as well as expand their current gardening and composting program. This will allow students to visually study ecosystems, plant structure, and the live cycle of a plant in a hands-on way during the school year when plant growth is not a possibility outside. This will also create new opportunities for students to study the impact of the water movement in action from precipitation to evaporation to runoff and erosion. Cromer students will be able to make observations, do experiments, collect data and analyze that data to better understand our environment.



FUSD Festival of Sights and Sounds

FUSD will showcase our art and music at the **4th Annual FUSD Festival of Sights and Sounds** April 18th at the Flagstaff Mall from 10 am—3 pm. Please join us for this celebration of the art, music, robotics and programs at all FUSD schools.





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FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Vision, Mission, Core Beliefs, Motto and Goals



Vision Statement:

Excellence for All by All

Mission Statement:

The mission of FUSD is to provide the best comprehensive educational opportunities for all in a safe, collaborative environment of high standards and expectations.

Core Beliefs:

We believe in the power of expectation; in the impact of high standards; in the value of diversity; and in the six pillars of character.

Motto:

Education at the Top of Arizona

Goals:

- Maintain and Improve Comprehensive Student Opportunities and Services
- Recruit and Retain Highly Qualified, Motivated, and Excelling Staff
- Improve Student Preparedness and Mastery
- Research and Create Desirable and Relevant Educational Opportunities and Services
- Increase Public Engagement and Support for FUSD
- Develop Diversified Partnerships and Revenue Opportunities

Flagstaff High School Washington D.C./NYC Trip

February 27th through March 1st 50 FHS students, teacher Randy Hopson, Administrator Jeannine Brandel and Principal Tony Cullen experienced the "trip of a lifetime" according to students and adults. The trip began in New York City with visits to Times Square, a Broadway Show, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, the Empire State Building, the 911 Memorial and a walking tour of Wall Street. The next three days were spent in Washington DC. In addition to visits to museums and memorials the students were treated to tours of the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, a Capital Tour hosted by Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick's office, lunch in the Senate Dining Room, and tours of Mount Vernon and Alexandria, Virginia. One highlight of this trip is always the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in honor of all Flagstaff residents who have given their lives for our country. The following are quotes from the travelers:

"It was amazing to witness the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. My favorite part of the trip was visiting Capitol Hill and actually seeing the building our country is essentially run from and the people who make the deci-

sions that decide our country's fate. It made the government we hear about so much on the news seem more real." Ariel Hayes

"Being able to visit Arlington Cemetery was an amazing opportunity and made me really appreciate the sacrifices that men and women of the military make for our country." Joel Paget

"It was a magical experience that I would like to thank our chaperones for because it allowed us to visit some of our country's most important and historical elements. Visiting the Empire State Building was a marvelous experience, but visiting memorials such as the Vietnam Veteran Memorial was a clear reminder of the greatness of our country. This was a great trip with great people! As Mr. Hopson said, 'A trip of a lifetime'." Celeste Cruz Rojas

"I've never been that interested in Social Studies. After visiting New York City and Washington, D.C., I finally feel eager to learn more about the places I've been to. The trip was truly enlightening and one of the best experiences I've ever had. I highly recommend it to anyone whether or not they're interested in social studies!" Caroline

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"Being able to experience New York City and Washington D.C. with all of my friends was one of the best experiences of my life. My favorite moment was definitely when I was standing right in front of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier laying the wreath because it was such a huge honor." Amber Laughing

"The playing of taps after the FHS wreath was laid caused all of us to get a little teary-eyed, one of the most poignant performances I've ever heard. I am so proud of the FHS students, where ever we went, we heard nothing but compliments on the dignity and respect they displayed." Randy Hopson, AP Government and Economics Teacher

