



FUSD Newsletter

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CHS Hosts a Statewide Convention

In February the Coconino High School Student Council welcomed 1650 students and 250 adults from all over Arizona for the Arizona Association of Student Councils State Convention. The CHS Student Council worked for two years on this event and it resulted in a very successful convention. The festivities started with CHS Principal Stacie Zanzucchi and Flagstaff Mayor Jerry Nabours welcoming the students to Flagstaff and FUSD Superintendent Barbara Hickman spoke to the standing room only crowd the next morning. In addition to the business of the convention, the CHS Student Council also collected items for their chosen charity, Hope Cottage, had three great guest speakers, entertainment, themed events and did an amazing job coordinating this huge event. Each participant received a welcome bag with a variety of items and information about Flagstaff. The students worked with the Flagstaff Convention and Visitors Bureau and were amazing ambassadors for Flagstaff.

Leading the students was their advisor Gaby Garcia who stated that "It was truly an honor to host the 2016 AASC Convention. The student leaders who came from all over Arizona were able to further develop their leadership skills, network with other leaders, and learn about new ideas that can be implemented at their own school. The Coconino High School Student Council members worked so hard and blossomed as leaders in the process. I am so impressed at

were in every situation that presented a challenge for them. Everyone came together to make the event a success! We are so grateful for the support we had from CHS and FUSD. The event all together was awe-inspiring and I am glad to have been apart of it! Congratulations to the CHS students who worked so hard and created an event that they can be very proud of.



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| Flagstaff Community STEM Celebration | 7 |
| Spring Break | 14-18 |



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



FUSD Foundation Innovation Grants

Tuesday February 17th the Flagstaff Unified School District Foundation awarded over \$22,000 to teachers and programs through their Teacher Innovation Fund. This program began during the 2014 – 2015 school year to support and celebrate teacher-designed and teacher driven programs and classroom activities that improve student achievement by unleashing the creativity, ingenuity and the expertise of teachers across the district through a grant process. The FUSD Foundation awards funds to creative, innovative and original projects that promote activities to motivate students and to improve the teaching and learning process.

The FUSD Foundation Innovation Grants for the 2015 – 2016 school year were awarded to:

Heather Breedlove and Heather Zeigler (FUSD)
Makerspace Magic Design and Building with Technology
\$1,896.00

Jane Gaun (FUSD Mathematics)
Graphing Calculators'
\$1,289.00

Jessica Soifer (Knoles Elementary)
Murals and Vertical Gardens
\$1,000.00

Anthony Paperelli (Killip Elementary)
Bringing Coding into the Real World
\$1,951.00

Maureen Knowles-Short (Mount Elden Middle School)
Garden for the Behavioral Support Program
\$1,000.00

Lindsey Hillyard and Hesper Peterson (Puente de Hózhó and Mount Elden Middle School) Math in the Middle
\$1,000.00

Tempest Smith (Coconino High School)
iRest Yoga
\$2000.00

Faun Nichols (Sechrist Elementary)
World Drumming Program
\$2,000.00

Janette Bressler (Sechrist Elementary)
Bee-Bots
\$1,600.00

Linda Lenz (Flagstaff High School)
Reclaiming the School Courtyard
\$2,000.00

Julie Stone (Flagstaff High School)
Equine Therapy
\$1,362.00

Bruce Sidlinger (Flagstaff High School)
Robotics
\$1,000.00

Natalie Randolph (Summit High School)
Culinary Arts
\$1,941.55

Erin Celona (Summit High School)
Pathways
\$600.00

Corrie Gonzalez (DeMiguel Elementary School)
Osmo
\$1,800.00

Thank you to the FUSD Foundation and the dedicated board members that make these grants possible.

Pictures of the award presentations can be found on the FUSD Facebook Page.

Flagstaff Community STEM Celebration



Monday March 7, 2016

5:00 – 7:30 pm
NAU Walkup Skydome

Facilitated by



FREE
Event & Parking

Please join Flagstaff in celebrating the third annual community celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

All schools kindergarten through graduate school... showcasing student work
Over 50 Businesses, organizations and agencies.

Experience activities, interactive displays, information about STEM education and the many opportunities beyond formal education.

CELEBRATE INNOVATE COLLABORATE PARTICIPATE CREATE CONNECT



News Briefs

Amazing Raptor Program at Kinsey

“Airborne Raptors” has been partnering with Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School on their weekly Discovery Day since November 2015. Students throughout the upper grades were selected to work hands-on with Airborne Raptors' birds according to their personal interest. After weeks of practicing training methods, focusing on positive reinforcement and falconry techniques, the group participated in a demonstration and educational program for the school. This production featured the birds they have learned to interact with and showcased the student's knowledge.



Marshall Science Fair

Marshall's teachers, parents, students and 25 community judges/interviewers were impressed by the 232 experiments and 17 demonstrations entered into Marshall's 29th Annual Science Fair this week! We are all very proud of our creative, curious young scientists! A record 24 projects will make their way down to Prescott next week for the Northern Arizona Regional Science Fair. Thank you to Russ Kasch, and the volunteer judges listed below.

Karin Wadsack, Project Director NAU

Alex Leonard, W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

Stephen Probert, Engineer W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc.

Brenda Strohmeier, Supervisory Biological Technician/CE Coordinator ~ Forest Service

Dr. Jamie Sanderlin, Quantitative Vertebrate Ecologist ~ Forest Service

Dr. Karen Haubensak, Assistant Research Professor NAU ~ Department of Biological Sciences & Merriam-Powell Center for Environmental Research

Ho Yi Wan, PhD Student/Research Assistant NAU ~ Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability and Marshall Teachers for setting Marshall students up for success! Go Mustangs!

Save the date! Marshall's 6th Annual Adult Dodgeball Tournament is scheduled for

Sunday, May 15th at Thorpe Tennis Complex! Team registration forms, sponsorship opportunities and rules are available online now at www.marshalldodgeball.com.

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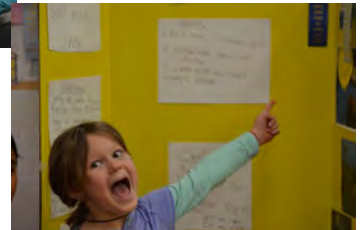
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FLAGSTAFF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Vision, Mission, Core Beliefs, Motto and Goals



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

JROTC Cyber Competition

A team from Coconino High School's JROTC Program comprised of students from both Coconino and Flagstaff High Schools recently concluded an exceptional round of competition in the eighth season of CyberPatriot – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition.

CyberPatriot's core program – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition – challenges teams of two to six students across the United States, Canada, and from DoDD schools abroad, to find and resolve cybersecurity vulnerabilities in simulated environments. Top teams from the preliminary online rounds win an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the live National Finals Competition, where students compete for national recognition and scholarships.

Led by Coach Don Morris, the Flagstaff team of JROTC students excelled in the CyberPatriot VIII State Round held January 29-31, demonstrating teamwork, critical thinking skills, and technical knowledge key to a successful career in cybersecurity. The team's performance earned it a spot in the Silver Tier Regional/Category Round.

The Cyber Team's Captain, Cadet Sarah Norris, states, "Leading the CyberPatriot Team has been a unique experience allowing me to interact not only with other students from Coconino High School, but also with some students from Flagstaff High School, which is a pleasure I would not otherwise experience. I have learned not only basic computer skills, but also more advanced technological skills and leaderships styles that will

most definitely benefit me in my later life."

Following the Regional/Category Round and Middle School Division Semifinals Round February 19-21, top teams in the Open and All Service Divisions' Platinum Tier and the top three Middle School Division teams nationally will advance to the CyberPatriot VIII Finals Competition in Washington, D.C. These results will be released in March.

Good luck to the team as they continue to compete.

