



## FUSD Newsletter

### FUSD Welcomes New Administrators



**Dawn Trubakoff** is the coordinator of Professional Development for FUSD. Mrs. Trubakoff has been with FUSD for a total of 35 years as a teacher and the Principal of Puente de Hózhó for the past 12 years. She is looking forward to implementing goals and seeing them through for all staff. She will oversee and support all of the professional development needs of the classified and certified staff and will be a great mentor for principals. Creating and evaluating professional development, fostering new relationships and working with new teachers are aspects of her new position that she is very excited about. Mrs. Trubakoff

will miss seeing the Puente de Hózhó students and staff everyday but looks forward to visiting the school often.



**Tammy Nelson** is the new Principal at Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School after five years as the Assistant Principal of Mount Elden Middle School. She graduated from NAU with a dual major of Elementary Education and Special Education. Mrs. Nelson student taught at Kinsey Elementary School twenty-three years ago and is very excited to return to the school. Her long career with FUSD includes teaching Special Education and eighth grade English at Flagstaff Middle School, eleven years

as a K-12 Special Education Coordinator for the district and being the Teacher on Assignment at Flagstaff Middle School. She says that leaving MEMS is bittersweet "I love my middle schoolers and feel honored and blessed to have learned from the staff. I am looking forward to joining the incredible staff and community at Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School and working to move forward with the place-based magnet curriculum. My experience with the Alpine Leadership Academy will be an asset as we move forward." In her words Mrs. Nelson will be "moving from the middles to the littles".

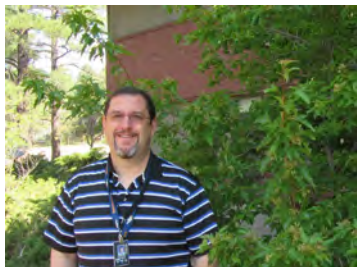
<b>September</b>	
Labor Day	5
<b>October</b>	
Fall Holiday	13— 14

Please check each school's website calendar for your "Back to School" event day and time.

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



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**Pete Galvan's** passion for education wakes him up every morning with a big smile on his face. He has spent the past three years as the Sinagua Middle School Assistant Principal and now will be bringing that smile to Knoles Elementary as their new Principal. This is more than a job to Mr. Galvan, he is on a mission to connect with the students, parents and staff at Knoles Elementary by getting to know everyone and keeping the lines of communication open. Mr. Galvan has more than 15 years' experience in education and is excited for the opportunity to share his knowledge with the Knoles Elementary community. Mr. Galvan is joined in this new adventure with his equally talented wife, Maryanne Galvan, who also works for FUSD. They have 3 very energetic boys, 2 dogs, 2 cats and some chickens. The family loves to hike, hunt and fish so they have embraced the Flagstaff lifestyle and are grateful to call this their home.



FUSD is pleased to welcome back **Robert Kelty** as the new principal at Puente de Hózhó Elementary

School. Dr. Kelty was a teacher at Puente de Hózhó from 2004 – 2010 and was named the Arizona Teacher of the Year in 2008. In 2010 Mr. Kelty became the Coconino County Superintendent of Schools and for the past two years worked on national educational issues with Teach For America. In both rolls he used Puente de Hózhó as a “proof point” for school innovation. He is looking forward to being back home and leading Puente de Hózhó into its next chapter. His experiences outside of FUSD have shown him an array of school approaches across the country as well as internationally, and he will use these lessons to keep Puente de Hózhó moving forward. In looking forward to his new position, Dr. Kelty stated, “I believe in the model of this school, and I believe schools have to be places of joy and world-class learning. With those beliefs as my moral compass, I can't wait to get back to work with the Puente de Hózhó family.” Dr. Kelty continued, “What Michael Fillerup and Dawn Trubakoff have done here is remarkable. This school has a radical belief in the potential of children combined with a wholehearted belief in language and culture. Those beliefs will always remain central to our school's mission.” Dr. Kelty is married and has a 4-year-old son.



**Tom Safranek** has joined the FUSD Administration as the Assistant Principal at Mount Elden Middle School. Mr. Safranek has been an educator for 13

years. He has had a variety of experiences at the middle and high school levels. Originally in agriculture with a Plant Science degree from the University of Arizona he began his education career in Yuma teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade biology and earth science. Mr. Safranek then earned his M.Ed in Secondary Education from NAU. He held several administrative positions in Yuma including Assistant Principal and Principal at the high school level. For many years the Safranek's have considered relocating to Flagstaff where they have always enjoyed the year round outdoor activities and with his two children now attending NAU and the opportunity at Mount Elden Middle School this was the right time. He is very excited about the variety of opportunities for students at MEMS and is looking forward to the upcoming school year. We are happy to welcome Mr. Safranek to the FUSD family and we know that he will always “Dare To Do Things the Thunderbird Way”.



**Rochelle Bronson**, Sinagua Middle School's new Assistant Principal is extremely excited to work with the wonderful staff, the amazing students and families at Sinagua. She spent the 2015 – 16 school year at Sinagua as the Instructional Specialist and was able to work with staff and students in a variety of situations. She looks forward to working with the school com-

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munity to help students grow educationally and emotionally to achieve their highest potential. She knows that "Sinagua Middle School has a strong climate and culture that allows for a safe and productive educational environment." Mrs. Bronson's children attend U of A and Coconino High School. "Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world"

by Nelson Mandela



Another new administrator at Sinagua Middle School is **Tadd Ragan** who joined the team as the Teacher on Assignment. His main responsibilities will be working closely with the principal and assistant principal on a variety of school issues and will oversee the sports programs and facility use for outside community events. Mr. Ragan has taught Social Studies and German at Coconino High School (and a few courses at Sinagua High School) for 16 years. In addition, he coached CHS Football Coach for seventeen years, seven years as the head coach. He believes that sports involvement can enhance the overall educational experience for students and teaches great lessons. In middle school, the sports program is a great experience for families to get familiar with the requirements of high school athletics. He is "looking forward to meeting and getting reacquainted with colleagues and peers at Sinagua Middle School" and is "excited to work with Mrs. Popham (Principal)

and Mrs. Bronson (Assistant Principal)." Mr. Ragan is so happy to be a part of the Flagstaff community, "Twenty-two years ago, I left Mesa to attend NAU and experience four seasons. Now I find myself living, working and raising my family in this great community. My wife and I are proud to call Flagstaff our home and raise our two boys in a great community. I am excited about the new professional experience before me and joining the Sinagua Middle School team. I look forward to meeting and working with more members of our community."

Note: FUSD middle school sports include; basketball, soccer, cross country, girls' volleyball and wrestling.

## FUSD Communication and Snow Day Reminders

Getting information from FUSD about our schools, programs, awards, schedule changes, good news and emergency communications is easy.

**Contact Information**—Contact information is easy to find on each schools "About Us" page.

**Recorded Phone Calls** – All FUSD schools use a recorded phone call system as a primary form of communication for school specific news. These calls are also used by FUSD for notification of snow or delayed start days in the winter. If you do not receive these calls, please contact your school to insure that they have your proper phone number.

**FUSD Facebook Page** – The FUSD Face-

book page is used primarily for district wide information and good news reports. The page is updated year round.

[www.facebook.com/pages/Flagstaff-Unified-School-District](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Flagstaff-Unified-School-District)

**FUSD Website** – The FUSD Website is a great source for district and school information. On the district pages you will find the district calendar, contacts and information for all departments, district-wide programs and the FUSD Governing Board. Each school has a section on this website that includes school-specific information, teacher and program pages and school calendars. To have notifications sent to you through e-mail or text when a change has been made to a page, including the snow day page, please register on the website. <http://www.fusd1.org/>

**FUSD Newsletter** – This newsletter is published approximately once a month. Links can be found on the FUSD Facebook page and the FUSD Website. School PTO's also send this out to the members who have given their e-mail address. If you would like to be added to the distribution list please e-mail [keberhard@fusd1.org](mailto:keberhard@fusd1.org)

**Snow Day and Delayed Start Notifications** – These notifications will be posted on the website and Facebook pages as early as possible (typically between 4 am and 5 am). A recorded phone call will go to every family and staff member at approximately 6 am.

**Peachjar (electronic flyers)** – FUSD uses a paperless system for flyers. This includes flyers from your school, PTO and all outside groups including clubs, teams and classes. Please click the Peachjar button located in the top right corner of your school's website to see the flyers that are posted regularly.

# FUSD Counselors Win Awards Over the Summer

## Congratulations to Mount Elden and Sinagua Middle Schools' Students and Counselors!

This summer FUSD was recognized as one of six school districts in Arizona with the "Early College and Career Awareness" designation.

Linda Jensen, Director of AzCAN, stated that FUSD "has taken extra steps to prepare their counselors and other college access professionals. They have shown a commitment for helping middle school students prepare for college and careers. This commitment includes having at least three of their educators complete twenty hours of College Access Professionals (CAP) Training on College and Career Advising in the Middle Grades."

Jensen explained that the educators work to create a college culture, "Their training includes coursework on developing a college-going culture, career planning, academic planning and transitions, and engaging middle school students. This early focus on college and career planning ensures students develop aspirations for their future and make decisions that lead to their post-secondary goals."



## Congratulations Once Again to the Flagstaff High School Counseling Staff

Flagstaff High School was named the Naviance College and Career Readiness winner in the 2016 Hobsons Education Advances Awards.

Hobsons' Education Advances Awards program is designed to recognize the innovation that is possible when a school combines people, process, and technology to make a difference in the lives of students.

Flagstaff High School has been using the Naviance system for 10 years school wide.

Naviance is a comprehensive website that you can use to help in making decisions about courses, colleges, and careers.

Naviance is linked with the Counselor's Office, and is a service that is used in the office to track and analyze data about a student's college and career plans and provides up-to-date information that is specific to each school. It also lets the counselors share information with parents and students about up-coming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities, and other Web resources for college and



career information.

Family Connection will allow the student and their family to:

- \*Get involved in the planning and advising process – Build a resume, complete on-line surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers

- \*Research colleges – Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past

- \*Sign up for college visits – Find out which colleges are visiting our school and sign up to attend those sessions

"Receiving this award is validation of the superb services that our counseling office is able to provide to ALL of our students grades 9-12. We have implemented a comprehensive school counseling program to meet the academic, social/emotional and college/career goals of our students. Naviance is a program that is used across the country and internationally, so this award is a tremendous honor for our department." Katherine Pastor, FHS Counselor

This award included \$2,500.00 to promote the school's college and career readiness efforts.



## Ready for Kindergarten

KinderCamp® is a 20-day targeted intervention school-readiness summer program designed to help children with little or no preschool experience, as well as those with other qualifying criteria such as a home language other than English or the level of educational experience in the home, prepare for kindergarten. The program is a partnership between the United Way of Northern Arizona (UWNA), Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff and FUSD and several other districts in Northern Arizona. KinderCamp® helps children develop skills in the areas of literacy, social-emotional and cognitive development while supporting the successful transition of the entire family into kindergarten.

KinderCamp®, established in 2005 provides opportunities for children to learn in a rich, stable, growth-producing environment that encourages and respects diversity and individuality. This program engages families in their children's formal education through events such as Family Orientation Nights and Bridging Over Ceremonies, as well as

through home visits made by teachers where parents receive literacy kits and one-on-one attention.

"United Way is honored to have been able to provide this valuable program for 12 years. Our first classes are now in high school and will be graduating; we hope the advantages of participating in KinderCamp® has served these fine "young adults" well. We now look to the program's recent, "soon to be kindergartners" to use all they've learned in the program to be successful throughout their educational experience." Steve Peru – United Way of Northern Arizona, Executive Director.

According to FUSD Educational Enrichment Director, Sylvia Johnson: "KinderCamp is probably the single most impactful activity we can offer families in order to more successfully transition children into their elementary school experience. The growth that young children make in those 20 short days never ceases to amaze me. Children walk away from KinderCamp not only with stronger

academic skills, but most importantly, with more confidence and increased social skills. Fear of going to school is replaced with anticipation and excitement of the new experiences that await them in school."

FUSD just completed its 12<sup>th</sup> year of KinderCamp, having served just over 2,000 entering kindergarten students in that time. This summer the program served 183 children across three Flagstaff sites. Thank you to all of the teachers, administrators and partners that make this such a successful program.



## MEMS Honors Pre-AP Academy Introduces Positive Changes

Mount Elden Middle School's pre-AP team is comprised of; Mr. Craig (Science), Ms. Criley (Language Arts), Ms. Irby (Social Studies), Ms. Petersen (Math 6/7 & 7/8) and Mr. George (Algebra). They are all happy to begin this school year with a growing learning opportunity known as the pre-AP Team referring to the new "team teaching" model now being used throughout MEMS. This integrated approach to learning allows all students to experience community rich in various resources while still keeping up on their academic pursuits. They are excited to integrate all that is great about the accelerated academy with specific focus on:

- Frances Short Pond and the continuation of an important Flagstaff history project. This involves partnerships with a few diverse groups, including using software to help in our citizen science endeavors.
  - College campus visits to NAU (6th grade), Arizona State University (7th), and the University of Arizona (8th). Overnight trips in conjunction with these visits are anticipated.
  - And this year their work with KidsVoting USA will coincide with the upcoming presidential election.
- As always the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be visiting Camp Colton.

The team has planned great field trips which in addition to the ones

mentioned above include the Renaissance Festival near Apache Junction. The team works with the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce, North Country Healthcare and the Arizona Public Service Company in The Skills for Workplace Success program. The Arizona Trail Association supports four field trips, including a working trail-building trip that includes four other partners. They will travel to the Coconino County Superior Courthouse for Law Day USA in May and participate in moot (mock) court.

## News Briefs

### Chief Manuelito Scholarship Ceremony Honors Six FUSD Graduates.

This scholarship is named after a 19th century Navajo Chief. Chief Manuelito was one of the signers of the treaty that established the Navajo reservation. This year, 120 students received the scholarship, most from Arizona and New Mexico. Six students from the Flagstaff Unified School District were scholarship recipients.

Four of the students attended Flagstaff High School; Kristen Woody, Lauren Slim, Kelsey Williams and Yasmin Zuch. According to their Advisor Loretta Ellsworth, "All of the four students maintained the honor roll status since their freshman year. They are the rock stars of Flagstaff High School and will most definitely succeed in college and pursue a career and make a difference in their community. I am very honored to have worked with the students they are amazing."

The two students from Coconino High School are Leo Bia and Justus Roberson. "I am very proud of both these well-rounded students who value academics, extracurriculars, and culture. They are role models for our younger CHS students and two unique individuals who will continue to accomplish great things." Loreal Scott, CHS Native American Counselor.

### MEMS 6th Grade Science is Hands On

Last year a diverse group of students from Mount Elden Middle School Team 6-1 rotated in three groups of about 20-30 6th graders each week at the Frances Short Pond. Students worked in various roles to research and organize a history of the Pond and the cabin at the Pond. The Museum Youth Curator Experience (MYCE) program initiated by the Arizona Historical Society helped guide the planning process.

Students took down their practice display housed at the Pond's cabin and walked it north up the Flagstaff Urban Trail System and it was displayed at the Pioneers Historical Museum on North Ft. Valley Road.

The community of Flagstaff has been helpful and willing to be involved in this local wetlands science and history project. Involved collaborators include The City of Flagstaff, The Arizona Game and Fish Department, Northern Arizona University (Geology, Biology, the Center for Science Teaching and Learning), Willow Bend Environmental Center, Arizona Historical Society, Coconino Community College, Flagstaff STEM City, local authors, photographers and artists, and MYCE.

### Important Contact Information for Flagstaff Unified School District

Administrative Center Main Number – 527-6000

Curriculum and Instruction Office – 527-6021

Human Resources – 527-6070

Food Service – 527-6090

Bilingual Education – 527-6107

Student Support Services – 527-6160

Transportation – 527-2300



### Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Applications for Free and Reduced Lunch are now available. Information can be found at <http://www.fusd1.org/Domain/22>



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**Excellence For All By All**

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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

## FHS Wins Global Near Space Balloon Challenge

Last year's Flagstaff High School Aerospace Engineering students, led by their teacher Bruce Sidlinger, found out this summer that they were awarded 1st Place - Most Educational Initiative - in the 2016 Global Space Balloon Challenge (GSBC)! This year there were 409 teams from 55 countries competing in this challenge. According to the GSBC website their goal is to encourage teams to "collaborate, learn and discover by launching their ideas into space." In the Global Space Balloon Challenge there are no classes by age or grade level, so FHS directly competed with top universities including Dartmouth, MIT, Purdue and Stanford.

According to GSBC officials, "We are proud to be awarding the Flagstaff High School Eagles the first place

prize for the most educational initiative for their incredible accomplishments and can't wait to see what they do next."

The launch was an unqualified success. FHS-1 soared to over 100,000 feet and the recovery crew in Winslow found it immediately after its descent under parachute. The stabilized video was amazing and there are now almost two dozen kids that will likely go on to great careers in engineering.

