

FUSD Welcomes New Administrators

In late March the FUSD Governing Board approved the hiring of Ms. Dawn Anderson as the Director of Human Resources and entered into contract negotiations with Michael Penca for the position of Superintendent.

When contacted Mr. Penca stated, "I am excited for the opportunity to serve the Flagstaff Unified School District and community as superintendent. The Governing Board's inclusion of students, staff and community into the interview process demonstrates its commitment to provide an excellent



education for every FUSD student. My wife and I appreciate the welcome we received and look forward to making Flagstaff our home".

Ms. Anderson brings over 15 years of experience in the field of Human Resources and Benefits. She is currently the Benefits Leader/Manager for Swift Transportation and previously HR Director for Northern Arizona Healthcare. She has 3 children who attend our FUSD schools.



Excited to begin with FUSD in April, Ms. Anderson stated, "I am so proud to be joining the FUSD team. It is exciting to be part of supporting the success of each

and every student. Through the interview process, I was so impressed with the commitment to student development and success and to the vision of One Heartbeat. I am committed to providing outstanding customer service to the employees I serve and to hire, develop and retain the best quality workforce for student success."

Important Dates

5/18 - Additional Elem. Early Release

5/29 - Memorial Day

6/1 - Last Day of School

6/1 - Summit H.S. Graduation

6/2 - CHS and FHS Graduations

There are a lot of great things
happening at FUSD schools
over the last few months of
school. Please check your school
calendars at www.fusd1.org for
information on the end of the year
activities and celebrations.

CHS Celebrates 50

On Tuesday, May 2nd the CHS Band is giving a 50 Year Band Reunion Concert at 6:30 in the CHS auditorium. Since the school's opening, there have actually only been 7 band directors.



For part of the evening, we have a videographer who has organized videos with three of the former band directors, as well as former students, and music teachers that came through the CHS band. The very first band director, Nard Curry, who was at CHS for 15 years will be part of the celebration as well.

This year CHS Principal Stacie Zanzucchi was awarded the Outstanding Administrator Award by the Arizona Music Educators for demonstrating outstanding support of the music education program at Coconino

High School. In addition 41 band and orchestra members (and seven alternates) earned their place in this years regional band and orchestra and twice the students received top honors in competitions.

Summer Opportunities



Journey Around the World With Camp Iwannago 2017

At <u>Camp IWANNAGO</u> we pride ourselves on offering your child a safe and enriching environment to spend their summer days. Everyday we offer academic enrichment and physical activities while emphasizing positive character development.

Who: All Children Ages 5-12 Date: Monday June 12th - Friday July 28th (Closed Monday and Tuesday July 3rd-4th) Location : Marshall Magnet Elementary School 850 N. Bonito Street Flagstaff, AZ 86001.

For further information please visit www.fusd1. org/IWANNAGO

Camp IWANNAGO is part of the FACTS and FUSD family!

Other Camp Opportunities

In partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame, DeMiguel Elementary is pleased to offer the nationally-acclaimed <u>Camp Invention</u> program to children entering grades K-6th. It's an exciting, week long summer adventure with lessons that explore connections between science, technology, engineering and innovation. Children will work together to seek solutions to real-world problems and sharpen critical 21st century learning skills while rotating through several fascinating modules. The week begins on June 12, 2017 with Anna Griffin serving as Director of the Launch program! Availability is limited, so visit www.campinvention.org or call 800.968.4332 to secure your child's spot today!

FLG CODE CAMP is a week long day camp for both boys and girls ages 6-8 years for morning sessions & 9-15 years for afternoon sessions. The campers learn the basics of computer coding through an interface that resembles a video game platform.

To register go to www.flagstaffchamber.com and click on the Events page.

For more information contact: Mark Cox 928-220-5861

Summer Camp – <u>Museum of Northern Arizona</u>
<u>STEAM Discovery Summer Camps</u> ages 5 – 17 for more information you can visit http://musnaz.org/summer-camps/

Peter Piper Pizza's 9th Annual Summer Kids Days program. With educators in mind, Peter Piper Pizza has designed a youth-focused program emphasizing education and fun! Our unique themes will ensure that children look forward to something new and exciting each week. Contact me to reserve your space today. Christina Counts at ccounts@peterpiperpizza.

The Class of 2017

Every year FUSD proudly graduates hundreds of seniors and the following profiles are a small representation showcasing the path the students have chosen. We wish all members of the Class of 2017 the best for their future.

Coconino High School (CHS)

Lillian Roxas-Powers will be attending the U.S. Naval Academy in the fall. She is interested in becoming a Fighter Jet Pilot and will most likely major in aeronautical engineering. Lillian has always planned to serve the country and go to college so this opportunity is the perfect one for her and will help her achieve her goals. While at CHS she was in the AP Scholars Program, JROTC, the Coconino Institute of Technology, was a member of the Track and Field team and played JV and Varsity Football. She looks back fondly to her var-



ous activities in high school and feels that "all together they have prepared me for the U.S. Naval Academy." Lillian is very passionate about her path and stated "I want people to be inspired by my story and realize that if you work hard enough for anything you truly desire, you'll be able to accomplish everything. Sometimes time is all it takes as long as you stay passionate and dedicated. To me, the best feeling in the world is when all of your hard work begins to pay off and you discover another part of yourself you never knew existed."

Jessica (Sangeun) Han will be taking a vacation to South Korea (where she was born) after graduation and before starting college in the fall, most likely at MIT. Though she is still waiting for more acceptance letters from schools including Stanford, she is leaning towards MIT after attending their summer program MITES last year. While at CHS Jessica attended AP classand her favorite subject was math and particularly calculus. She would like to thank Ms. Garcia, Mr. Tollefsen and Ms. Scharfenberger for all of their help



as she continues on her path towards success. Jessica stated, "There's a common misconception among my friends and colleagues that I only look for prestige, but that is entirely FALSE. I like MIT because of its culture, and I think my quirky persona would fit in well with the school and students there. In addition, there is the obviously and absolutely amazing resources at MIT... including the financial aid."

Adam Carl is looking forward to attending the University of Arizona in the fall to major in biomedical engineering with a goal of becoming a pediatrician. After taking dual enrollment math and engineering courses and the Pre-Health Services program through CAVIAT, Adam will graduate high school with 48 college credits. Adam credits CHS for his leadership skills through his time as Senior Class President for the Student Council, his time in the "Special Friends" program that has allowed him to volunteer as mentor with



elementary school students and especially his time as a Link Leader. Adam is going to miss his friends and his teachers who he describes as "welcoming and trusting", the school spirit at CHS and the "best counselors" who have helped him prepare for his future. Adam would like to "thank the staff here at Coconino High School for giving me a wonderful experience the past four years. The counselors made sure I was ready for my next journey. I will miss the amount of school spirit we have here at CHS. I would like to thank my parents for choosing this school for me. I will continue on "Panther Strong."

Flagstaff High School (FHS)

Karl Boerwinkle is excited to be attending the U.S. Air Force Academy next fall and is looking forward to becoming a pilot. He will be following in his father and big brothers footsteps; his brother is currently a senior at the Academy. Karl attends the Advanced Placement Academy at FHS and especially enjoyed his Military History Class. He went through a lengthy process to achieve his goal and was recommended by Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick for admission into the Air Force Academy. Though he feels that the many AP courses that he took in



high school mimic college classes he stated "The transition from FHS to the Academy will be a big one, but I've had the support of my family, friends and teachers, so I think I'll be just fine."

Aleesha Begay plans to go to Tucson and attend Pima Community College for her basic courses and credits. Upon completion, she hopes to transfer to U.C. Riverside for their engineering program to achieve her goal of being a light and sound technician, which has always been of interest to her. Aleesha lives in the Kinlani dorms, which she feels has given her the confidence to live on her own once she graduates from FHS. She attended the Alternative Energy Program through CAVIAT and will receive her certification a few weeks before her high school



graduation on June 2nd. Her favorite class was Ms. Bain's Engineering Class and creating her Rub Goldberg "contraption" Aleesha feels that "if it makes you nervous, it's worth doing."



Kylee Rowsell will attend ASU West next year majoring in Elementary Education and hopes to teach 4th or 5th grade. She has had teachers every year who influenced her and now she would like to teach students. Kylee is already a very busy young woman. She is working to create her own non-profit entity called



Brennen's Heart Foundation in honor of her

brother. This non-profit organizes volunteers to visit, write letters to and support patients who may not otherwise have a positive support system. While at FHS Kylee has been on the Student Council, is currently Student Body President, and enjoys the challenge of being a member of the student leadership team but the best experience of her high school experience was the trip to Washington D.C. and New York. She is grateful for all of her teachers and particularly Mr. Kominsky "whose style of merging special and general education in his classroom and has been a great mentor." She is "extremely excited for this next step in life and incredibly grateful to FUSD for giving me the resources to accomplish my goals. Maybe one day I'll end up back at FUSD as an elementary school teacher."

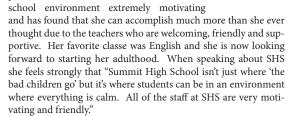
Summit High School

Josh Henley will continue his employment at Little America that he received through the "First Employment" program at Goodwill. He is also planning to attend CCC's Alternative Energy Program. He believes that SHS is the best school that he has attended and appreciates the class size and the personal interaction



with all of his teachers and his favorite class has been ceramics. Josh will be graduating a year ahead of schedule and is looking forward to starting the next chapter of his life. He believes that "if you put your mind and energy to any goals you desire, you will surely achieve them."

Claudia Gorman will attend the CCC to NAU program with the hopes of attending the NAU School of Journalism. She loves expressing herself through creative writing. Claudia is proud to be a SHS student and has found the



Diamond Curtis will be graduating a year ahead of schedule and after getting a summer job plans to attend the CCC nursing program with the goal of becoming a general surgeon. She wants to support those that may not have a support system and "do whatever I can to help". Dia-



mond is grateful for the support that she has received at SHS that has helped her stay on track, attend school every day, stay strong, and helped her achieve her goals. Diamond has very strong feelings about SHS, stating, "When I tell people where I go to school, they refer to it as where 'the bad kids go'. It's funny because there are really good students here who want to graduate. This school helped me be who I am today. I am very honored to have had teachers who supported me throughout my whole school year."



CocoNuts - Represent Us All



CocoNuts, the Coconino High School Robotics' team 2486 has been awarded the Engineering Inspiration Award at the Arizona North FRC Regional. The Engineering Inspiration Award celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school or organization and

community. This award qualifies the CocoNuts to compete at the 2017 Championships in Houston, Texas on April 19, 2017 to April 22, 2017. The CocoNuts will be attending their 10th Championship in their 10 years as a team.

At the Los Angeles FRC Regional the CocoNuts came in second place and received the Engineering Excellence Award. Congratulations to the team for their winning robot, "Not Yeti Yet". If you would like more information or to help support the CocoNuts please contact Susan Garduno at sgarduno@firstinspires.org. Tax credit forms can be found at http://www.team2486.org/.

National History Day

Middle School Students Take Their History Day Projects To the State Competition

Sinagua Middle School students who were selected for the state competition are Tatum Mahon and Sierra Lee. Mount Elden Middle School Students include Dani Shanahan, Adeline Able, Morgan Allen, Cyanne Henson, Madison Overton, Eden Fahy and Alexis Lott

Sinagua Middle School Teacher Veronica Villegas has been involved in this project for many years and has submitted the following statement. "I believe that the historical inquiry process and the National History Day Project help students develop critical thinking skills, language arts skills and research skills needed to be successful in the 21st century. These skills allow

students to become historical detectives who pose questions about and find answers to historical questions. This type of assignment helps to facilitate better learning because it is all relevant student-centered work. Students select their topic, research their topic and report the findings on their topic. None of the answers are given to them, they must seek the answers themselves and determine whether their sources and information are reliable and valid. Students learn the difference between primary and secondary sources and how to analyze those sources. They learn how to write a research paper and bibliography. They become historians. I feel this empowers students and allows them to reach a higher level of learning."





Discover Your Path

CTE Opportunities

FUSD offers a wide variety of Career and Technical Education Classes.

Culinary Arts
Precision Machining
Automotive Technologies
Digital Photography
Welding Technologies
Interior Design and Merchandising
Cabinetmaking
Film & TV

Engineering Sciences - PLTW



Digital Photography
Business Management & Administrative Services
Early Childhood Education
Sports Medicine & Rehabilitative Services
Graphic/Web Design



Immunization Reminder

For Incoming 6th Graders



Dear Parent/Guardian of Fifth Grade Student:

As you may already be aware, all students are required by law to have two additional immunizations upon entry into 6th grade. Although this isn't mandated until 6th grade, they can get these vaccinations as soon as they turn 11 years old. In the past, our middle schools have experienced an exceptionally high number of students who come to registration and/or the first day of school without these immunizations being complete. Students cannot attend school until this requirement is taken care of and the nurse has received a copy of the completed immunization record.

Due to these high numbers, we are making every attempt to get these students in to see their primary care provider, once they turn 11 years old. We are also recommending to our parents not to wait until the summer before entering 6th grade when all the physicians and clinics are full. If you have already taken care of this or plan to go to your primary care provider, please be sure to bring in a copy, of these completed immunizations to your school nurse.

We are also offering an immunization clinic, in cooperation with North Country (NCCHC), at your school in April of this year. A medical doctor or nurse practitioner will be working at these clinics, and will send home a copy of the vaccinations that were administered for your records. Your child's immunization records will also be updated in the Arizona State Immunization System, to which your primary care provider will have access.

Please fill out the attached information and return it to your school nurse as soon as possible. You will not be required to be at the school on the day of the vaccine clinic but are welcome to be present if you would like.

The following are the clinic dates set for each school:

| DATE April 11, 2017 | MORNING Kinsey | AFTERNOON DeMiguel |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| April 12, 2017 | Sechrist | Marshall |
| April 19, 2017 | Thomas | Cromer |
| April 27, 2017 | Killip | Knoles |
| April 7, 2017 | PDH – via NCCHC bus at MEMS | |

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school nurse. Thank you for taking care of this requirement for your child.

Flagstaff Unified School District





Thank You!

Important Contact Information for Flagstaff Unified School District

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