

Congratulations to the Class of 2017

Since the first school was built in 1883 Flagstaff Unified School District has graduated over 70,000 students.

FUSD is proud of our over 700 graduating seniors this year and wishes them luck and happiness as they continue on to their next adventure. Members of the Class of 2017 will be attending college, trade schools, joining the military or going to work in their chosen field. FUSD is proud of the diversity of our students and programs.



May

4 - Opening of the Cromer Family Center for the Creative and Performing Arts at FHS
18 - Extra Early Elementary Release
29 - Memorial Day

June

1 - Last Day of School
1 - Summit H.S. Graduation
2 - CHS and FHS Graduations

Save the Date

July 4th - FUSD will once again participate in the Flagstaff 4th of July Parade

August 10 - First day of school

Coconino County Teacher of the Year

FUSD Teachers Are Honored

CONGRATULATIONS TO JILLIAN WORSSAM THE 2017 COCONINO COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR! At the annual banquet, Ms. Worssam (8th grade science teacher at Sinagua Middle School) was named the 2017 Teacher of the Year and Angela Buzan and Sara Zsenai were named Ambassadors for Excellence. In addition to a cash award Ms. Worssam received a one year lease for a Toyota Tundra Truck, one Three-Credit Course from Coconino Community College and the opportunity to participate in the 4th of July Parade. FUSD Semi-Finalists for this award were Sheri Bain and Judith Arnold.

Thank you Coconino County Superintendent Risha VanderWey, the award judges, Dr. Rita Cheng, Dr. Daniel Kain, 2016 Teacher of the Year Brian Locke, STEM City and the 2017 STEM Teacher of the Year Renda Fisk, Findlay Toyota and all of the sponsors for this great event honoring the hard work and dedication of all teachers.



Alumni Highlight

Former CHS Panther JROTC Cadet, now US Army Private First Class, Cody Morris walked his first tour of duty, on 18 Mar 17, guarding the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. Although Cody is a fully qualified combat medic, he undertook the rigorous Tomb Guard Training and subsequent assignment as a personal challenge. See info below for background on the Tomb Guards.

"Serving at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (Tomb) was a defining period in the lives of Tomb Guards. Although Tomb Guards come from every state in the United States of America (U.S.) and every walk of life, they are forever bonded through their shared experience of service at the Tomb. A strong bond was formed through an extremely demanding and humbling experience.

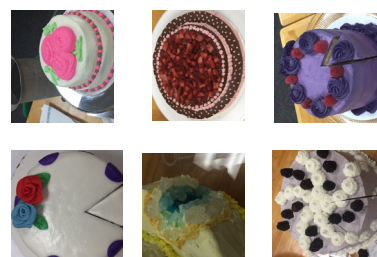
Tomb Guards are handpicked and rigorously trained. The duty at the Tomb is not for everyone, with the majority of soldiers who begin Tomb Guard training failing. Tomb Guards describe their service as a privilege and an honor, and are undeniably proud of their service. They are part of an unbroken chain of soldiers dating back to 1926. The ideals of the Tomb became the Guidepost for their lives, as well as a motivating factor and measuring stick for future endeavors.

Cody expects to lead four Coconino HS JROTC Cadets in a Wreath Laying Ceremony on 22 June 2017 as those cadets travel to Washington DC to compete in the JROTC Academic and Leadership Bowl National Championships. The Coconino Cadets are one of only 33 teams to qualify for the national competition out of over 1600 JROTC programs nationwide.



FHS Culinary

Congratulations to Flagstaff High School culinary students who made these amazing cakes for their own internal competition.



Students Celebrate Earth Day



Knoles and Killip Students Take A Hands-On Approach

Knoles students (above) spent part of the Friday before Earth Day cleaning up the area around their school.

As part of a Project Based Learning Unit, Killip Kindergarten students presented to the school and community: banners, songs, and artistically painted trash and recycling cans in an effort to show pride in their playground and encourage others to take care of it.

FUSD students and staff take great pride in their community and school grounds and eagerly participate in community clean up efforts.



Sechrist Elementary Performed at the Grand Canyon

April 28th Sechrist Choir students performed a very special song at the Grand Canyon.

Choir students from Sechrist Elementary, Knoles Elementary and Flagstaff High School worked hard from the beginning of school in August until October 20th to learn a song celebrating the National Parks Centennial. They practiced at their schools on this difficult 3-part harmony piece of music that was specifically written for a national video featuring all of the National Parks. On October 20th the three schools came together and sang the song as a group. The session was videotaped and the tape has been sent to Washington DC where the part celebrating the Grand Canyon will be spliced with children singing from all over the country representing the other national parks. The video will be completed soon and be part of a national campaign. Joe Rauschenbach, Knoles Elementary Music Teacher, who said he loves to hike and spend time at the Grand Canyon, saw the video as an opportunity to pay tribute to a place he loves. "Our purpose was helping students understand why we were doing this," he said. "We wanted them to see the bigger purpose, for the Grand Canyon and for the National Park Service. This gave us a chance to give back in a meaningful way." Faun Nichols, Sechrist Elementary Music Teacher, said she stressed to the students how special it is to be part of the centennial celebration, and said they will be able to tell their own children someday that they participated in the celebration. "I told them, 'This is a piece of your life you will have forever,'" Nichols said. "I really want each child to think they have made a difference in the world, no matter how small." Thank you to Faun Nichols, Joseph Rauschenbach and Stephanie Galloway for their dedication to this project.

FUSD is Proud of our Partnership with Goodwill

Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona (GCNA) brought workforce education to FUSD students. Youth face many challenges when it comes to entering our local workforce. Youth employment advocates say that young people, especially those who are in at-risk situations, often lack the fundamental skills and attitudes necessary for entry-level employment. GCNA offers Foundational Work Readiness Training to individuals entering, or re-entering the workplace at no cost. This training includes the 'soft skills' employers look for. Soft skills are vital to successful collaboration in the workplace, such as conflict/resolution, showing up to work on time, dressing appropriately and the importance of emotional intelligence. Youth must learn these skills before they enter the job market. Employers may be willing to teach workers the technical skills for just about any job, but they can't teach work ethic. Students at MEMS and Summit High School learned about the importance of workforce development training, and about the First Jobs Summer Youth Employment Program which is scheduled to begin the first week in June. This eight-week program is sponsored by GCNA in partnership with Coconino Community College (CCC). CCC provides classroom training that includes resume writing, customer service training, communication skills, time management, work ethics, financial literacy, and interview skills. Positive first work experiences are a critical component for preparing youth for transition into adulthood. Youth develop an overall understanding of what it means to earn a paycheck. In addition to establishing a work history with employers which can aid in future job searches, youth gain the insight necessary to make more informed career choices. Students from Summit High School also enjoyed a tour of the Goodwill facility located by the Flagstaff mall and saw firsthand, the no cost employment services offered, like access to computers and printers, on line job search assistance, resume writing, basic computer skills and financial literacy training. GCNA believes in the power of work. Today's youth are our future leaders and the next generation of workers, and GCNA is ready to assist them on their journey to long-term career success.

CocoNuts



CocoNuts, the Coconino High School Robotics' team 2486 was awarded the Engineering Inspiration Award at the Arizona North FRC Regional. This award celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's

school or organization and community. On April 19th the CocoNuts attended their 10th World Championship in their 10 years as a team in Houston, Texas. The team competed through the quarterfinals this year and represented a very proud Flagstaff community.

Beyond the Classroom

More FUSD Teachers Receive Recognition



"If you go into teaching because you want to teach students about the importance of your content, you'll never last. It's got to be about the kids – your students. If you don't look forward to seeing them every day, with all their quirks, this job will be miserable instead of being the best job in the world. For me, I enjoy every minute of teaching because I get to interact with my students and make an impact on their lives." – Randy Hopson, Government Teacher, Flagstaff High School



For Sheri Bain, a Pre-AP Calculus, Pre-Calculus and Engineering teacher at Flagstaff High School, one of the most rewarding elements of her profession is staying in touch with her former students and seeing the progress they have made in their academic and professional careers.

"I like teaching high school kids in particular as they get ready for life after high school. I want them to be great students. The kids email me and tell me what they are doing. It's fun to see how they are doing. My favorite ones are the students who at first hated math but now say they see it as a necessary evil."

Many of her students have gone on to excel academically, while others have succeeded in a variety of career fields. One student was recently honored for his acting efforts at the Utah Film Festival, she said.

Her dedication to her teaching career has been returned by comments from students over the years. *This highlight was published by the Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth.*

FUSD Supports the Mayor's Challenge



Several FUSD classes and programs supported Mayor Evans' "Water Conservation Challenge".

This was a National Mayors Challenge and as of the writing of this article Flagstaff was first in our population category. This is no surprise as FUSD's 4th grade science curriculum focuses on water with one of the highlights being the annual Flagstaff Water Festival attended by all FUSD 4th graders. Education concerning water issues continues throughout the rest of our curriculum. Thank you Mayor Evans for taking the time to visit some of our classrooms.

Some of the classes/programs that participated in the challenge include:

FUSD JROTC

MEMS 6th Grade Pre AP Program (Mr. Craig)

Sechrist (Ms. Tessmer and Mr. Painter)

Continental Project

Cromer (Ms. Hammond)

Flagstaff H.S. (Mr. Brumm)

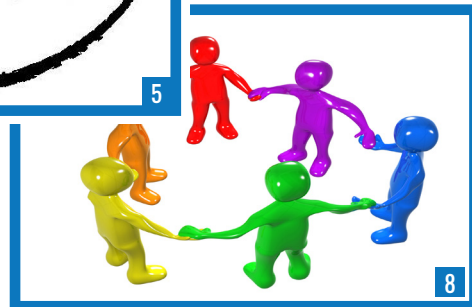
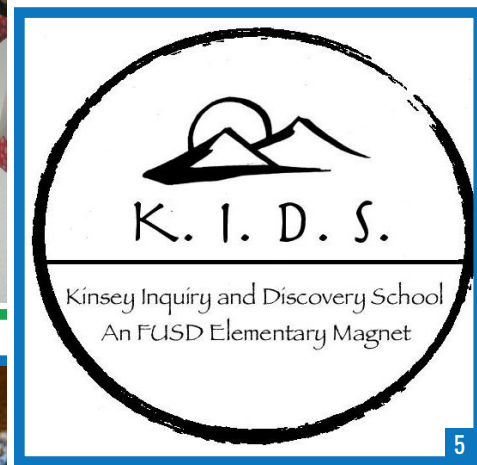
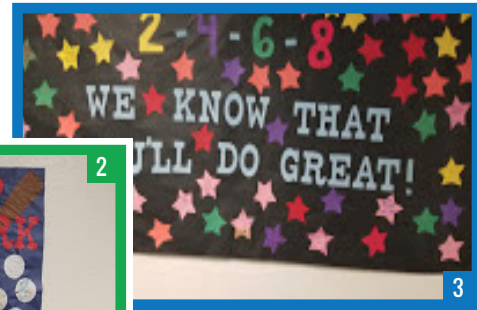
Flagstaff H.S. (Ms. Musta)

Sinagua M.S. (All)

Killip (Mr. Begley and Ms. Krause)

Marshall (Ms. Taylor and Ms. Housholder)





Thank You!

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Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School

This year K.I.D.S. took the AZ Merit testing to a school-wide level. The school has a buddy system which pairs the kindergarteners with fifth graders, the first graders with third graders and the second graders with fourth graders. For testing the younger buddies wrote encouraging notes around the school and on the testing snacks and sang songs of support before the upper grades went into testing (please see pictures above).

This school wide effort was an amazing show of community. Congratulations to the students and staff at Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School.

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