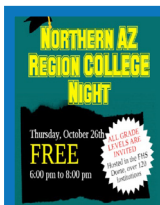


## College Night

The 2017 Northern Arizona Region College Night hosted by Flagstaff High School will be Thursday October 26th in the FHS Dome from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. This free event is open to all grade levels. Over 120 institutions will be there to share information about post-secondary options including four year, two year, trade schools and the military. Scholarship and financial aid information will be available.

For more information you can visit [www.fusd1.org/fhs](http://www.fusd1.org/fhs).



### October

10/9 - 11 Elementary Conferences  
Except Killip and Leupp

10 /12 - 13 Fall Break - No School

10 /26 Northern AZ College Night

### November

11/10 Veterans Day - No School

11/22 - 24 Thanksgiving Break - No school

For each Flagstaff Unified School District school's calendar please visit [www.fusd1.org](http://www.fusd1.org). You can use the pull down menu at the top of the page to visit your school and see all of the upcoming activities.

## Superintendent Michael Penca



During the month of October, parents and teachers have opportunities to talk and listen about students' progress in school. Conferences are scheduled at elementary schools on October 9-11 and by request at the middle and high schools. This is a time for teachers to discuss expectations and academic standards, and review students' attendance, grades and test scores. Parents are encouraged to bring a list of questions you would like to ask during the conference, and be ready to share about your students' interests, needs and the ways you would like to be involved in their learning. I hope these suggestions for productive conferences strengthen the partnership between FUSD staff and parents who both want our students to learn and do well at school. The changing colors of leaves and cool mornings are a sign that Fall is officially here. I hope staff, students and families enjoy the Fall Break on October 12-13.

## Governing Board

### Meet Kathryn Kozak

I began my first term on the Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) governing board in January of 2015. I ran for office because I was a product of public school and my son is currently a student at an FUSD school. The education that I received from a public school was really strong, and the one my son is currently receiving is equally as strong. I wanted to give back to the community and ensure that public education for all is the best it can be. I am a mathematics teacher at Coconino Community College and want to help ensure that all students at FUSD are career and college ready.



## City Hall STEM Display

FUSD was honored to be asked by Flagstaff Mayor Coral Evans to display Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education from five schools at Flagstaff City Hall. The displays from Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School, Marshall Elementary, Killip Elementary, Mount Elden Middle School and the Coconino High School CocoNuts were displayed for two weeks in September. The displays showed our appreciation for the support of the City of Flagstaff for STEM education and honor of the anniversary on September 11th of our City Council declaring Flagstaff the "First STEM City in America". STEM education is integrated into curriculum at all FUSD schools and we are very proud of the impact it has on our students and community. Thank you Mayor Coral Evans for inviting FUSD to celebrate STEM in Flagstaff!



Save the Date – The 5th annual Flagstaff Community STEM Celebration will be March 5, 2018.

(see more pictures on page 2)

## Thank you!



Thank you Arizona Community Foundation of Flagstaff and their very generous donors for their support of programs in the FUSD schools. This year we were fortunate to receive individual grants for the following

schools/programs:

Sinagua Middle and Coconino High Schools  
Summit High School  
Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School  
Killip Elementary School  
Marshall Art and Science Magnet Elementary  
FUSD Math Department  
Friends of Camp Colton  
Grand Canyon Youth / Alpine Academy

## Fundraising



### Friendly Competition

A fundraiser formerly called "School Cents" sponsored by the Flagstaff Mall is back. The fundraiser is now called "Elevate My School" and begins October 2nd and is very easy to support. If you shop at the Flagstaff Mall all you have to do is turn in your receipts to any of the schools participating in this fundraiser which will run through the end of the winter holidays. The prizes range from \$500 - \$3000 and the points the schools receive will be calculated using the schools student enrollment numbers so please support your school of choice by turning in your receipts.

#### Participating Schools

Cromer Elementary School  
DeMiguel Elementary School  
Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School  
Marshall Art and Science Magnet  
Pueblo de Hózhó Bilingual School  
Sechrist Elementary School  
Mount Elden Middle School  
Sinagua Middle School



### Advanced Placement

#### Opportunities - Chemistry

FUSD high schools offer a wide variety of academic opportunities for all students. Within the rigorous opportunities offered are many Advanced Placement classes in all core subjects. One example is Ms. Amanda Stalvey's Advanced Placement Chemistry class at Coconino High School.

Last month students used calorimeters to observe and measure the heat released or absorbed by the dissolving of different ionic salts in water. The challenge was to use lab data, and health and environmentally safe chemicals to propose the best chemicals to use for hand warmer production. Students used Material Data Safety Sheets to learn about the safety of each chemical, then compared three chemicals that were assigned to their group. The students not only looked great in their lab coats and fancy goggles but "have a great time learning".



### DeMiguel Hero Walk

DeMiguel students and staff welcomed Flagstaff First Responders to their "Hero Walk" in honor of Patriots Day and in remembrance of 9/11. The students and staff lined the hallways and welcomed the special guests with handshakes, high fives and a thank you note from each student.

IT WAS A WONDERFUL MORNING, THANK YOU DEMIGUEL!



FUSD STEM Display at City Hall





# Peace Day Celebration



Several FUSD classes celebrated International Peace Day through art and writing. Mount Elden Middle School Art classes continued their tradition of making "Pinwheels for Peace" and placed them on the fence around the school.

At Coconino High School the Art Club created ceiling tiles to decorate and celebrate Peace Day while at Puente de Hózhó 4th graders wrote poems to express their thoughts on peace.



La paz es no ser esclavo  
La paz es jugar afuera  
La paz es tener calma  
La paz es tener comida  
La paz es tener una cama  
La paz está en la escuela

## Principals Will Always Be Teachers

What is so special about principals? They are teachers! FUSD is very fortunate to have 15 amazing principals. They understand the teachers and staff and always put students first. Principals read to students, are actively involved in all aspects of the school and participate with the students in events. FUSD Principals are in classrooms everyday, are instructional leaders and are available to students, families and staff. THANK YOU FUSD PRINCIPALS FOR ALL YOU DO!



October is  
National Principals  
Month  
and FUSD has the best  
in the world!  
(In our opinion)



## SMS Outdoor Classroom

### Discover Your Path

Sinagua Middle School is home to a new outdoor classroom and pollinator gardens. Upon receiving the FUSD Foundation grant, Jenna Samora and Carrie Jenkins involved their 7th grade science students in all aspects of planning and developing the space into a place where students can learn and enjoy the world around them. Through careful planning and the development of community partnerships the classroom is now complete with a path surrounding a seating area, whiteboard, compost center, irrigation system, vegetable garden and pollinator garden. The outdoor classroom provides multiple educational purposes and opportunities for students to consistently be involved in the care and maintenance of the space. Science teachers will utilize the space to teach ecology standards with a hands-on curriculum incorporating place-based learning and topics such as native plant species, pollinators, and composting. However, the Mustang Outdoor Classroom & Garden is available for all classes at Sinagua Middle School in an effort to develop a sense of stewardship for the community and environment in each and every one of our students.



## Meet Lucy

### A Great Friend to MEMS Students



Nothing makes me more excited than going to school! My name is Lucy, and I get to visit with many students, teachers, and families all the time. I'm almost three years old, and I've been at Mount Elden Middle School nearly every day since I was a tiny puppy. I'm hypoallergenic and non-shedding, and I've passed all of my evaluations to be a therapy dog. My job is to wag my fluffy tail, say 'Hi' to everyone at MEMS, and collect puppy massages!

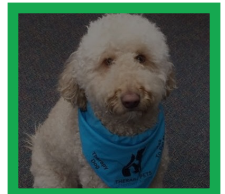
I get to spend time in the nurse's office, letting hurt or sick kids rub my ears and run their fingers through my curly coat; I go right in and lean on them to let them know I care. They get really calm and relaxed when I'm there.

If the kids in the English learning class have stressful days or just need an extra smile, they come to see me for a hug, and they go away smiling and happy. I've also heard that I'm a calming force for students who have had less than perfect days either at school or at home. I immediately diffuse their negative feelings with my soft coat and loving presence. I've been told that I relieve stress wherever I am, both with students and adults.

I give staff members a needed boost of energy to get through long days; I can put a smile on the faces of the entire faculty with just a few barks at a faculty meeting when there is applause.

I'm available to students and staff to "listen", chase a stick or a ball, go for a walk, or just "hang out" with students who need me. I quietly approach an upset student, placing my head by their hand so that they can touch and pet me, calming them down.

I'm looking forward to many more years of providing comfort to MEMS staff, students, and families.



Last month, despite the chance of rain and change of venue, the FUSD FACTS program put on an amazing Lights On festival with games, prizes, pizza and so much more.



## Thank You!

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Exceptional Student Services.....527-6160  
Food Service.....527-6090  
Bilingual Education.....527-6107  
Transportation.....527-2300

## Fun Runs - A Healthy Fundraiser

Several FUSD Elementary Schools have completed their "FUN RUNS". Students collect pledges for the number of laps run in a certain period of time. The administrators, staff, teachers and students call this "the best day of the year". This healthy fundraiser usually includes music, costumes, parent volunteers, cheering from the sidelines, first responders running with the students or offering "high fives" in addition to tours of their vehicles, a lot of water and in some schools shaved ice as a treat.

Above are pictures from the DeMiguel Dash and the Sechrist Trojan Trot.

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