



FUSD students collaborate with Master Chorale of Flagstaff in Venus & Adonis

February 15, 2023

Marshall Elementary, Sechrist Elementary School, and Flagstaff High School students had a great opportunity to collaborate with the Master Chorale of Flagstaff and the Baroque Chamber Orchestra on a Valentine's Baroque Opera with Dance production Venus & Adonis under their season title, World of Love on February 5 at Coconino High School.

Jody Laura, business manager for the Master Chorale, explained that the production was a Baroque Opera in English directed by Master Chorale's artistic director, Tim Westerhaus. The production was complete with an orchestra, which included the flute, violin, viola, violoncello, contrabass, and harpsichord.

"Dancers from [Northern Arizona



University's] Academy of Music and Dance were part of the performance, instructed and choreographed by Andrew Needhammer," said Laura. "Many of the dancers were also [Flagstaff Unified School District] students, including Lilliana Roccaforte [from Flagstaff High School] as the dancer representing Cupid. The students from Marshall and Sechrist

played the part of Cupid's pupils."

"Having Marshall and Sechrist students involved was so wonderful!" said Laura. "It was great to be joined by these two schools again, as these schools, along with five other FUSD schools, joined us at the Big Sing performance on Heritage Square in September, and Sechrist and the

FHS choirs also joined us at our December concert."

The performance attracted more than 600 people.

"It was wonderful to have such a collaboration that brought together

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A message from our **SUPERINTENDENT**

Make up days for FUSD due to inclement weather

This has been quite a winter, with Flagstaff receiving over twice as much snowfall as last year. To date, the Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) has canceled school for a total of 10 days, so far, during this winter season. The following information has been communicated to staff and families about changes to school schedules and plans to make up missed instructional time. With another storm expected during the first days of the month of March, additional schedule changes may be needed. FUSD will continue to keep our students and families updated regarding our school schedules and provide reminder communications before each make-up date.

FUSD will first utilize the make-up days designated on its calendar, April 24 and May 5, to account for the two (2) school days canceled due to winter weather on December 12 and January 2.

Students will **not** be required to make up the next three (3) days missed on January 17, 18, and 20 by utilizing surplus instructional time above the state requirements built into the district's daily schedules.

To account for the cancellation of school on February 14 and February 15, the Flagstaff Unified School District will not dismiss early, instead dismissing at its regular time on the following Wednesdays and Fridays:

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 (secondary)
Friday, March 3, 2023 (elementary)
*Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (elementary and secondary)
Wednesday, March 22, 2023 (secondary)
Friday, March 24, 2023 (elementary)
Wednesday, April 5, 2023 (secondary)
Friday, April 7, 2023 (elementary)

*Parent-Teacher Conferences previously scheduled for the afternoon of March 8 may be rescheduled with teachers. Early releases for both elementary and secondary students will continue on Thursday, March 9, and Friday, March 10, for Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Schools were closed for three days on February 22, 23, and 24, therefore FUSD will designate the following dates to dismiss at its regular time and no early release for students:

First Cancellation (February 22): Wednesday, April 12, 2023 (secondary) Friday, April 14, 2023 (elementary) Wednesday, April 19, 2023 (secondary) Friday, April 21, 2023 (elementary)

Second Cancellation (February 23): Wednesday, April 26, 2023 (secondary) Friday, April 28, 2023 (elementary) Wednesday, May 3, 2023 (secondary) Friday, May 5, 2023 (elementary)

Third Cancellation (February 24): Wednesday, May 10, 2023 (secondary) Friday, May 12, 2023 (elementary) Wednesday, May 17, 2023 (secondary) **Thursday, May 18, 2023 (elementary)

**Early release previously designated for teacher/staff grade reporting. Regularly scheduled early release for elementary students will continue on Friday, May 19.

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MARCH 2023

- 3/7: End of 3rd Quarter
 Governing Board Meeting
- 3/9: Half Day Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/10: Half Day Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/13-17 Spring Break No School
 - 3/28 Governing Board Meeting

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CHS wrestler, Cooper French, wins third state title

February 23, 2023

Coconino High School senior, Cooper French, won his third straight wrestling state championship last week in Phoenix. French beat Safford High School's Kaleb Cordova in the 165-pound division to win the title. The Coconino High School (CHS) Panthers placed eighth overall at the state tournament.

Christine French, Cooper's mother, explained his high school record consists of 169 wins and 13 losses. Christine said her son enjoys wrestling and he has been wrestling for years.

"He won the state tournament as an 8th grader at Sinagua [Middle School], then [he] went on to place fourth [in his] freshman year at CHS, and [he] placed first his sophomore year, junior [year], and [his] senior year," said Christine. "In 2021, he became an All-American at the NHSCA Nationals in Virginia. After that tournament, he was recruited by [the] University of Nebraska and committed to wrestle for them in 2022."

Cooper also holds the local Flagstaff record for the most yards rushing in football, plus a few other football school records, according to his mother.

"He's an honor roll student, and we are a proud FUSD family!" she said.

Cooper said he has been wrestling since kindergarten and he enjoyed wrestling for CHS all four years of high school. He said he enjoyed his last year of wrestling.

"It was a good tournament... I wrestled well," said Cooper. "I was definitely surreal because ever since I was little, my goal was to either be a three-or four-time state [champion]... and [I] just [made] that come true... [it] was huge. It was definitely a special moment. I've been working towards [this] since kindergarten."

The University of Nebraska is next on Cooper's list, he will be starting there this summer with training camps, and his academic semester begins in the Fall, and he wants to study business.

Cooper thanks his coaches for their work, dedication, and commitment that they provided to him. His coaches were Mike Schmeider, Assistant Coach, Joel Giannola, and his dad, Mike French. Coach Schmeider has been the head coach at CHS for 35 years.

"I'd like to thank my parents and Coach



Schmeider for being there. Since I can remember, they've been coaching me," said Cooper. "A guy behind the scenes is Coach Giannola, he works at CHS as a math teacher, and he [made] a huge impact on me and a lot of other guys. He keeps everyone in line and gets their grades [up]. [Coach Giannola] is a big piece of the [CHS] wrestling program."

Top photo: Cooper French stands atop of the podium. Bottom: French with Coach Mike Schmeider (Submitted photos)





Kinsey students exercise at CycleBar, learning about muscles and movement

January 20, 2023

Kinsey Elementary School students are learning about muscles and movement, and their most recent excursion to Flagstaff CycleBar provided them with hands-on activities and some exercise.

Pam Lowie, the physical education teacher at Kinsey Elementary School or Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School, explained that they offer Discovery Day classes to all students every Friday.

"Discovery Day classes are opportunities for students to participate in enrichment lessons and activities," she said. "In grades 3-5, students choose their classes [and] create multiage groups."

Lowie explained this quarter's theme is STEAM, so student work may be showcased later at the STEM City celebration.

"This quarter, [I] taught muscles and movement," she said. "[I]

planned an excursion to CycleBar where students participated in a cycling class and applied knowledge about the different muscle groups they learned about while cycling and doing different upper body exercises."

Lowie also mentioned that Rochelle Bronson, an FUSD employee, came and taught a Barre class earlier in the quarter, and Michael Vogler, another FUSD employee, is teaching martial arts.

Kinsey partners with many community organizations for their Discovery Day classes.

Thank you to CycleBar and Crumbl [Cookies] for supporting our students' experience," Lowie said.



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the talents of many groups and age levels!" said Laura. "We were extremely appreciative to everyone at Coconino High School for letting us use such a perfect space for this performance."

Marshall Elementary School Choir members include Parker Anderson, Elsie Askew, Elsie Austin, Bethanie Bedonie, Raymond Bojorquez, Abby Bourget, Daya Bozzelli, Liliana Cabrera, Jade Campbell, Jazzlyn Cancel, Khloe Chau, Natalie Crow, Sophia Dimieri, Story Eveleth, Makenna Forester, Adeley Gordon, Petyon Home, Chiara John, Gauge Kenmore, Olivia Kerley, Aria Martinez, Abigail McCann, Theresa Nez, Lucie Nigrelli, Paige Olson, Paloma

Olsen, Remmy Pete, Tatum Phillips, Karina Salazar, Hazel Schepper, Josie Smolder, Ari Syracuse, Lily Titus, Reese Valdivia, Rian Valdivia, Joey Watson, Lilian Yestewa, Evelyn Youngblood, and Claira Zanot. Their choir teacher is Linda Stamer.

Sechrist Elementary School Choir members include Quinn Baeker, Sadie Bellar, Keira Coffman, Leah Date, Erin Doherty, Erin Ebers, Alex Fobar, Fiona Gurney-Rowe, Madeline Hanabury, Makenna Martin, Adalynn Maslar, Ayla Miller, Charlotte Monks, Violet Passamani, Lyla Sanchez, Gracie Shaffer, Dabney Smith, Bergyn Taney, Samuel Townsend, Camryn Walton, Jayel Weidinger, Odette Welsch, Alex Winsor, and Reese Yazzie. Their choir teacher is Kaitlyn Leung.





DeMiguel kindergartners study astronauts for Black History Month

February 20, 2023

Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) celebrated Black History Month in February. FUSD is proud to celebrate the culture, history, and contributions of individuals of the African Diaspora.

Classes across the school district participated by reading articles, viewing photos, watching videos, attending various events, and learning about Black History Month.

Emma Ricciardi's kindergarten class at DeMiguel Elementary School learned about black astronauts during their week-long space unit.

"We learned about Mae Jemison, Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, Christine Darden, and Guion Bluford through some amazing children's books," said Ricciardi. "We learned about perseverance and the importance of following your dreams."

Ricciardi said that throughout the week, students created many space-themed projects and learned through space-themed activities, including rocket ship sight words, moon rock sight words, constellation art, turning themselves into astronauts, and creating space helmets.

"My students loved turning themselves into astronauts. [They] spent a lot of time designing their space suits and carefully wrote about what they would do in space," she said. "I am thankful for an opportunity to highlight what my students are learning, and [I] am glad to teach them about Black history all year long."











FUSD celebrates CTE Month

February 15, 2023

February was CTE Month, and Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) celebrated the achievement of CTE alumni through website and social media posts.

Tom Safranek, the director of College & Career Development at FUSD, explained that the month is a time to spread awareness and celebrate the achievements of CTE. He said the City of Flagstaff Mayor Becky Daggett issued a proclamation acknowledging CTE Month early in the month.

"Thank you to all of you who are making a significant [and] tangible impact on the lives of our students," said Safranek. "CTE truly is the premier education delivery model in the American system."

Patti Pastor, the career exploration coordinator and instructor at FUSD, explained Flagstaff High School did a CTE rotation of all their programs with the entire faculty so they could see the labs and learn about the various programs.

"This was an eye-opening experience for many, and I heard many comments about the wonderful opportunities for our students," said Pastor. "Mayor Daggett and [her staff] toured our campuses on February 24 [as well]."

Pastor explained that CTE allows students to explore career pathways and decide if they want to pursue that career path. The students receive life skills and certifications.









CTE alumni, where are they now?

For CTE Month, FUSD received many submissions of former FUSD CTE alumni who are doing great things around the world. We cannot feature them all in this newsletter but we will add them all to our FUSD website, because they all need recognition. Here are just a few of the FUSD CTE alumni.

Alyssa Williams is a Flagstaff High School alumna and is now a sophomore at Laguna College of Art and Design, majoring in graphic design and digital media.

Alyssa explained that the CTE Graphic Design Program at Flagstaff High School allowed her to build a strong foundation and understanding of design.

"The program was highly

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Madelyn Trillo



Jenelle Malone



Todd Rossman

Meet some of our great FUSD staff members

February 16, 2023

Tyler Martin is the new Assistant Food Service Director for Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) and has worked in this position for over three weeks now.

Tyler is from central Nebraska, and he previously worked at Westminster Public School in Westminster, Colorado. He attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

"I have been in food service management for the last four and a half years," he said. "I have been a director at school districts in Colorado, as well as in higher education at Hastings College in Nebraska."

"When the opportunity to move to Flagstaff [became] available to me, I took the first flight I could to check it out," he added. "I fell in love with the area and the [school] district within seconds of being here. I think I have found a home here. Everyone I've met has been so kind and welcoming. I am very excited

about the future of the food service program and the direction we will take it."

As we complete the second part of the school year, Tyler looks forward to getting involved in the community, getting to know school administrators and leadership, and finding ways to serve the school district and the students better.

"I am also looking forward to innovative thinking and better ways to improve operations on a daily basis," Tyler added.

In his free time, Tyler enjoys fitness, the outdoors, golfing, sports,

traveling, and spending time with his dog.

Madelyn Trillo

is the District
Student Records
Clerk at FUSD. She
has been with the
school district for
a total of 26 years
and has been in her
current capacity
as a records clerk
for three years.
Prior to this, she
was the substitute
coordinator for 19

years and then a human resources assistant for four years.

Madelyn remembers her early years with FUSD as the substitute

coordinator.

"I came in the early hours to make sure that the schools were covered with [substitutes] when teachers were absent," she said. "Everything [at that time] was manually [done]. We did not have the technology that we have now. But as the years came, the technology got better."

Madelyn said she has learned a lot in human resources and enjoys working with all her colleagues.

"I love them all (colleagues), they are my family. We are a team and [I] enjoy helping them out with whatever they need," said Madelyn. "I love [the] job that I do now, [and] I have learned a lot."

As we complete the school year, Madelyn said she is ready for spring and she is done with the snow.

"[I am] looking [forward to] a great

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rest of the school [year]," she said.

Madelyn was born and raised in Flagstaff, Arizona. She has one daughter, Alicia Trillo, who is married, so she is Alicia Trillo Ruiz, and is employed with FUSD. She said Alicia was the switchboard receptionist and is now a human resources specialist for recruitment. Madelyn's husband, Eddie Trillo, also works for FUSD and has been with the school district for six years as a bus driver and now as a parts technician in the Transportation Department.

"Yes, we are an FUSD family dedicated to the jobs that we love to do," she said. "[We] look forward to many more years."

In her free time, she enjoys the outdoors, walking and exercising at Planet Fitness, cooking, cleaning her house, and being a great wife to her husband.

Jenelle Malone has spent the last nine years as a First Grade Teacher at Sechrist Elementary School and has been with FUSD for a total of 17 years. She taught at South Beaver for six years, Kinsey Elementary School for two years, and she was a varsity cheer assistant coach at Flagstaff High School for five years. She is also a Transformative Teaching and Learning with 1:1 iPad Coach.

She was born and raised in Flagstaff, Arizona, and is an alumna of Flagstaff High School. She is a Navajo Nation tribal member, and her clans are Ta'neeszahnii (Tangle People Clan) and Nahiłii (African-American)

She possesses a B.S. in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood Education from Northern Arizona University's College of Education, and she also has a Gifted Teaching Endorsement.

As the second half of the school year winds down, she looks forward to student success.

"I'm looking forward to my first graders reading to learn, as we have mastered learning how to read and to see learning click and the joy of learning grow," Jenelle said.

She is also looking forward to

continuing to teach innovative, fun lessons and making meaningful connections with students, parents, and to her school community.

"My students motivate me to use innovative technology and teaching styles," she said. "We love to have fun competitive games on Kahoot... get our BEE Bots to go on the right path, use

book creator or create chatter pics to share our learning."

She has one daughter and two sons. Her daughter graduated from Flagstaff High School CTE in 2020, her oldest son is a senior at Flagstaff High School, and her youngest son is in 7th Grade at Mount Elden Middle School. She is also happily married to her high school sweetheart, John, for 20 years.

In her free time, she loves to ski and play softball. She also enjoys decorating, party planning, nail art, traveling, and spending quality time with family and friends. **Todd Rossman** is a program specialist at DeMiguel Elementary School where he oversees all the special education programs, including special education preschool, and he assists with the Elementary Preparatory Academy (EPA) classrooms, which are the gifted classrooms.

Todd is in his eighth year at FUSD and all eight years have been at DeMiguel. As we complete the second half of the school year, Todd is looking forward to continuing his work with students.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to see student growth, both academically, socially, emotionally, looking at their data, and really being

able to see that modified change," said Todd. "My team motivates me at DeMiguel... both my SPED team and our [administration] team, and just the students every day... just coming in and really seeing the change and seeing them begin to push themselves more now after coming out of all the craziness the last three years,"

Todd loves working for FUSD. "It's just been an amazing school district to work for. It's really close-knit, I feel like I can go to anybody, including our superintendent if I

had an issue or just need a question

answered," he said. "FUSD has a really strong feeling of an open-door policy... it's not a written policy but you just get that feeling here, which has been amazing."

When Todd is not at work, he enjoys his hobbies.

"I am a Volkswagen freak. I attend a lot of Volkswagen bus festivals in and out of Arizona," he said. "I am [also] very outdoorsy, so my family and I enjoy hiking, mountain biking, and snowboarding."

Todd possesses a Bachelor's degree in elementary and special education from Northern Arizona University and can teach K-8 general education or K-12 special education. He also attended Western Governors University where he studied to obtain an MBA where he is only two classes away from completion. He also hopes to return back to school to obtain a master's degree in educational leadership or special education.

He is originally from Phoenix, Arizona.



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My students

motivate me

to use

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styles

- Jenelle Malone



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supportive, and [it] encouraged me to advance my skills... allowing me to create a portfolio that got me accepted into an art school," she said. "I was provided with all the tools to become successful and confident with my creativity."

"I am very appreciative of the people and staff involved with the program who helped me grow and pushed me to achieve my goals," she added.

Her CTE teacher was Kayley Quick, who teaches graphic design at Flagstaff High School.

Christopher Leaym is an alumnus of Coconino High School (CHS) and now works as a car technician at Findlay Toyota in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Christopher explained that he took Auto 1, 2, and 3 with Brian Locke at CHS in the CTE Program.

"I fell in love with this industry my freshman year of high school when I took Mr. Locke's auto program," said Christopher. "I stayed with the program throughout high school. [I've] been a technician for Toyota for three years now since [graduating] high school, [and] I love what the field has to offer and the non-stop learning experience."

Emma Frain is an alumna of Flagstaff High School (FHS) and is now a catering sales manager at Mountain Shadows Resort in Paradise Valley/Scottsdale, Arizona

Emma explained that the culinary program at FHS was the catalyst for her career in the food and beverage industry.

"In class, we learned all the basics, techniques, and culinary skills," said Emma about her introduction to culinary arts at FHS. "And needless to say, I was hooked."

Emma joined Patti Pastor's culinary

competition team, and she competed in the Career Through Culinary Arts Program Competition.

"As a senior, I took first place in the competition, and [I] was awarded a full tuition scholarship to Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, for four years," she said. "At Johnson & Wales, I began learning more in-depth about food

and beverage. I was able to go on several study-abroad trips, including a culinary internship in [the] Turks and Caicos [Islands], studying Spanish in Sevilla, Spain, and studying wine in New Zealand under a master sommelier."

Emma eventually graduated with a Bachelor of Science

degree in Culinary Nutrition Food Science with a Sommelier Minor at Johnson & Wales.

"I became emersed in the world of wine, and upon graduating, I took the Court of Master Sommeliers Introductory Exam, and [I] achieved my first-level Sommelier Certification," said Emma. "I now work at Mountain Shadows Resort, [where] I was the restaurant manager and floor sommelier for two years, conference services manager for a year, and now work as a catering sales manager."

"The culmination of all these life

experiences and where I am today would not be possible without the CTE Culinary Program at FHS," Emma said.

Noah Temprendola is an alumnus of Coconino High School (CHS) and is now an undergrad at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a

Robotics track.

Noah said he is having "a lot of fun" at Embry Riddle.

"I'm excelling in my field with the backbone expertise I learned in CIT [at Coconino High School]," he said. "I can't thank the program enough, but something I plan to do in the meantime [is] teach Mr. Tessmer some new

in Noah's journey.

"Mr. Tessmer is an incredible teacher. He taught me things that I will never forget," said Noah. "[The knowledge] stuck in my brain because of his fun teaching style. He introduced me to SolidWorks, a 3D modeling software, [and it] became the bread and butter of my projects."

Noah uses the SolidWorks software inside and outside of CIT.

"I am particularly proud that I was the first student at Coconino [High School] to become SolidWorks certified," he said. "Becoming certified was a huge step forward in engineering. At this point in my CIT career, I knew I wanted to pursue an engineering degree... I knew what I wanted to do because of CIT."

Noah applied to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University shortly before graduating from CHS and was admitted. He received a scholarship based on his CIT project experience.

"In classes, [the CIT experience] has proved to be a great foundation for my degree in Mechanical Engineering, with a Robotics track," he said.

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— Christopher Leaym

SolidWorks tricks!"

Noah explained that he often questioned what he wanted to do with his life after high school.

"It's a hard question to answer, and I had no clue where to start," said Noah. "When I toured Coconino High School and discovered CIT, I knew I had to apply. The first day in the classroom made me realize I made the right choice. I found machinery, concepts, and projects that all interested me. From day one, I utilized the tools that were provided."

David Tessmer, engineering and CIT instructor at CHS, was influential

View more photos and stories of our successful CTE alumni at www.fusd1.org or scan the QR code below.









FUSD FOOD SERVICE

What's eating you? Omega-3 and you

Submitted by Kate Sandoval Mejia Nutritional Services Intern

February 8, 2023

Food is Fantastic! Whether you are eating it for taste, nutrition, or a combination of both, we want to encourage those around us to enjoy the food that makes us feel good.

A healthy, balanced diet that includes a wide variety of food groups such as fruits, vegetables, grains, and proteins is essential in supporting developmental growth and our health for years to come.

Regular consumption of Omega-3s is also essential and beneficial for all age groups. Omega-3s can support your child's brain, nervous system, and eye development, reduce the

risk of cognitive decline, can lower inflammation caused by diseases like arthritis, and can improve cholesterol levels.

A recent study revealed that people who smoke and do not consume Omega-3s are associated with a lower life expectancy by 4.7 years compared to those who smoke and consume Omega-3s. A low intake of Omega-3 may have a larger impact on our health than even smoking. Our dietary choices and behaviors influence our health, which is one example of how powerful nutrients are to our bodies.

So, what are good sources of Omega-3s? While fish is known to have high amounts of Omega-3s per serving, you can easily obtain your daily intake of Omega-3s from plant-based sources. Not only does this help introduce variety into your child's diet, but it can help them learn that certain nutrients can be found in many foods. As a parent, getting your kids to eat fish can also be difficult. Fresh fish can also be very expensive. Even switching the oil you use when cooking can help add Omega-3s into your diet.

Consider adding these plant-based sources of Omega-3s when cooking your next meal, in a smoothie, or making your child's snack: flax, chia, hemp, and pumpkin seeds, walnuts, avocados, Canola oil, flaxseed oil, edamame beans, brussels sprouts, leafy green vegetables.

Remember that food is meant to be enjoyed, and fish may not be for everyone. You can slowly introduce fish to your child in fun and delicious ways. Exposing your child early on to fish at least 1-2 times a week will help establish familiarity with the smell, texture, and taste. You can try many creative recipes to help introduce fish as a part of your regular meals.

Consider:

- Marinated tilapia tacos with taco seasoning and lime juice
- A sweet and savory tuna salad with cranberries and celery
- Fish sticks with potato wedges for a heart-healthy lunch
- A fun spin on your classic burgers by cooking salmon patties on sliders

Teaching kids that food can be nutritious and delicious can help them develop a healthy relationship with food and help increase their food variety.











FUSD "A" rated schools receive banners to display

February 13, 2023

Flagstaff Unified School District Superintendent, Michael Penca, presented banners to FUSD's "A" rated schools who achieved A-Rating during the 2021-2022 school year.

The Arizona State Board of Education released the 2021-2022 A-F School Letter Grades for all public schools statewide on October 31, 2022. This

accountability system measures year-to-year student growth, proficiency in English language arts, math, and science, the academic achievement of English learners, and college and career readiness indicators.

The "A" rated schools include DeMiguel Elementary School, Marshall Elementary School, Puente de Hózhó Elementary School, Sechrist Elementary School, Flagstaff High School, and Summit High School.











KinderCamp students participate in a basketball clinic thanks to a grant from the Phoenix Suns in conjunction with United Way. The clinic was held at Kinsey and Thomas Elementary Schools in June 2022. The grant has helped students stay active and grow a love for basketball.

KinderCamp registration is now open

KinderCamp Program is scheduled for this summer from June 6-30, 2023, and is free for children to attend who are entering Kindergarten. Students must be five years old before August 31, 2023.

Sara Owen, the KinderCamp coordinator, explained the program is a targeted intervention program that supports successful transitions for students going into kindergarten. KinderCamp classrooms are filled on a first come/first served basis and notification of your child's qualification status will be emailed to you in May.

This year, KinderCamp will be

held at Kinsey Elementary School and Thomas Elementary School. To have your child considered at attend KinderCamp, you must fill out an ELEYO registration form at https://fusd1.ce.eleyo.com AND register your student for kindergarten by May 1, 2023.

For questions, email kindercamp@fusd1.org or call (928) 527-6222.

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Thomas Preschool students show off their artwork

February 22, 2023

Thomas Preschool had an amazing time hosting their families for a classroom art show on February 2, 2023.

Sara Owen, the special education preschool teacher at FUSD, explained that they wanted to share their preschoolers' intentional learning opportunities and creative work.

"Franny Frog, from the preschool curriculum, invited the 4 to 5-year-old students to create art that could be displayed for all to see. The new Frog Street Curriculum guided the

creation of an engaged art show for all," explained Owen. "The students worked hard at making dot creations based on the book, "The Dot," [they] shaped pictures showing movement, clay sculptures, and flying superheroes, along with a variety of other art displays."

Owen said the students were hard at work creating sculptures when their families arrived to tour the classroom art gallery in Jessica Reeder's preschool class.

"The students had a wonderful time being artists and showing off all of their hard work," added Owen. "Their love of creating continued even after the art show concluded, and the preschool team looks forward to hosting another art show next year."

2023-2024 FUSD Preschool waiting list

The FUSD Preschool Program waiting list is now open. Applications are accepted on a first-come/first-serve basis. The program is agespecific for 3- and 4-year-olds and children must be "of age" for that class by August 31 of that school year.

The program runs for four days a week and are half days, the program does not offer any full-day options. The program is tuition-based and costs \$200 per month, which is due on the 13th of each month, regardless of absences or holidays. Income-based scholarships are available.

Students should demonstrate age-appropriate communication,

and play skills and attend to adultled activities. Four-year-old students should be potty trained.

For more information, contact Sara Owen, preschool coordinator, at (928) 527-6222 or sowen@fusd1.org. To register, access https://bit.ly/

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High School Soccer

High School soccer season has concluded. The top two photos are of Coconino High School Girls Soccer team playing against Lee Williams High School Volunteers on February 6, 2023. The middle two photos are of Flagstaff High School Girls Soccer team playing against Mohave High School

Thunderbirds on February 2, 2023. The bottom two photos are of the Boys Soccer Rivalry Game between Flagstaff High School and Coconino High School on February 3, 2023.

Flagstaff High School Girls Soccer team made it to the Semifinals of the 4A State Championship tournament but concluded their season against Walden Grove.



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