



FUSD Newsletter

Take Your Legislator to School

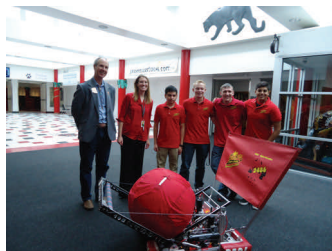
Coconino High School teacher Christine Sapio was one of 60 teachers across the state selected to host a legislator as part of the Take Your Legislator to School Week. On October 9th, the Honorable Representative Bob Thorpe from District 6 spent the school day with Ms. Sapio, administrators, teachers and students at Coconino High School. In addition to visiting classrooms, meeting with teachers, enjoying a demonstration by the CocoNuts, and an informative question and answer session with

students, Representative Thorpe was treated to a wonderful lunch provided by culinary arts students.

According to information sent out regarding this program the goal is to “increase legislative exposure to and awareness of the commitment that communities across Arizona are making to provide the best educational experiences for our students and for lawmakers to get a first-hand look at local schools in order to better understand what it is like to walk in the shoes of an Arizona classroom teacher.”

FUSD would like to thank Representative Thorpe for

his time and interest in FUSD and Coconino High School.



Upcoming Events

November

<i>Cromer Craft Sale</i>	8
<i>Veterans Day</i>	11
<i>No School</i>	
<i>Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	26—28
<i>No School</i>	

December

<i>Knoles Craft Sale</i>	6
<i>FUSD Admin Center Craft Sale</i>	6
<i>Winter Break</i>	22—Jan 4
<i>No School</i>	

The FUSD calendar and bus routes can be found on our website at www.fusd1.org.

Do you have a story idea? Please contact Karin Eberhard—keberhard@fusd1.org

FUSD Teachers are Finalists for Several Awards

Four FUSD teachers have been named semifinalists for the Rodel Exemplary Teacher Award. Taylor DeVries and Carrie Jenkins (Sinagua Middle School), Katrina Collins (Kinsey Elementary School), and Rebecca Cardon (Cromer) have all been notified that they are semifinalists and we offer them congratulations for this distinguished honor.

Jeff Taylor, 2014 Coconino County Teacher of the Year, AP Environmental Science and Chemistry teacher at Flagstaff High School has learned that he is a top five finalist for the 2015 Arizona Teacher of the year. Good luck Mr. Taylor!

The Arizona Superbowl Host Committee will be sponsoring the 2014 STEM Superhero Awards. Christine Sapio (Coconino H.S.), Dave Thompson (CocoNuts Coach), and Ted Komada (STEM teacher at Killip Elementary) were named finalists for the “Most Dedicated STEM Teacher” Award. The CocoNuts have been named finalists for the “Most innovative STEM Club” Award.



In addition, two high school students have been named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. Congratulations to Leah Weininger (CHS) and Austin Crane (FHS). We all wish these outstanding students luck as they continue their pursuit of this prestigious scholarship.



Please stay in touch through Facebook/FUSD posts as we receive more information and the results of these great awards.

Alpine's Hands On Learning Benefits the Community

8th Grade Alpine just completed a second year of service learning with Natural Channel Designs and the City of Flagstaff in the Rio de Flag near Picture Canyon. They have been focusing primarily on removing the invasive Scotch Thistle and cleaning up the garbage in the Rio. These service learning

expeditions support their integrated curriculum and are used to reinforce lessons on native and non-native plants, human history of Flagstaff, natural



disaster mitigation, Community connections, and restoration.



News Briefs

FUSD's Family Resource Center

K-12 Tutoring by FUSD Certified Teachers
FUSD School Information & Forms
Community Resources & Referrals
Computer & Internet Access
Adult Basic Computer Training
Parent & Family Workshops & Classes
Parenting Information & Books
Children's Books & Videos Available for Checkout
Interpreter Services (Spanish & Navajo)

4000 N. Cummings
774-1103

FUSD would like to thank the Northern Arizona Association of REALTORS for their generous donation to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Program. Your generosity will help many of our families.

FUSD would like to thank the donors and volunteers associated with the Flagstaff Community Foundation for their continued generosity and support of FUSD's teachers, students and programs.

Important Contact Information for Flagstaff Unified School District

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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
Family Resource Center – 774-1103



Unusual Finds at Elden Pueblo

Hazel Maben's 4th grade class at Cromer Elementary went to Elden Pueblo on September 30. While they were there, students found two arrowheads during the "digging" part of the experience. This is very unusual. In all the years she has taken students there, they have only found one other arrowhead. Thank you Lisa Deen and Elden Pueblo for this amazing opportunity for so many Flagstaff students.



Another Fantastic Red Ribbon Week!

October 20—24 was Red Ribbon Week. This is a week in which students are engaged in activities and conversations about the dangers of drugs and the benefits to living a healthy lifestyle. Kinsey Elementary is a great example of the activities throughout the district. They decorated their classroom doors with messages of being drug free, had theme days that included; "Hairs To A Drug Free Life" (Crazy Hair Day), "Stomp Out Drugs" (Mismatched Shoes and Socks Day), "I'm Too Bright For Drugs Day" (see pictures below with students in their bright colors), and "Wear RED Day". FUSD would like to thank the NAU athletes for their continued support of this program by visiting our elementary classrooms to reinforce the messages associated with Red Ribbon Week.





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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



Camp Colton: A Great History

FUSD's Camp Colton is a unique outdoor learning experience for 6th grade students—especially for those who have never camped or spent the night away from home or family members. Established in 1971, Camp Colton was given a permanent home in Hart Prairie in 1976 when Dick and Jean Wilson donated the 38 acre property and facilities to FUSD. The purpose of Camp Colton has always been to increase students' understanding of science and the environment through direct experiences with nature. Camp Colton has hosted over 40,000 students in its 43 years of operation.

Students spend three nights and four days at Camp Colton and are accompanied by their classroom teachers and an experienced team of environmental educators. When students arrive at Camp, they participate in orientation activities and settle into their rustic home-away-from-home. In the days that follow, students rotate through Camp's engaging schedule of environ-

mental education classes which include; wildlife, botany, pond and water study, history, orienteering, geology, environmental stewardship and wilderness survival skills. Field trips to Veit Springs in the Lamar Haines Memorial Wilderness Area and the Government Cave lava tubes are program favorites and returned to the curriculum during the fall 2014 season. The curriculum is aligned with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Arizona science standards, and incorporates physical/health education, social sciences, character development objectives and introduces students to outdoor and science-focused careers. This season, students also enjoyed astronomy programs led by FUSD's Mary Lara and NAU's Ed Anderson and presentations offered by the US Forest Service (thank you, Dutch!). Because the curriculum is investigative and inquiry-based, students develop critical thinking skills, practice problem solving and learn the

benefits of teamwork.

Though considerable time is devoted to study, students also enjoy recreational activities and traditional camp experiences including: hikes, campfires, square dancing, journaling, art projects and games.

Camp Colton is staffed by a fulltime Coordinator and a seasonal team of environmental educators, night counselors, cooks, and a 24-hour Registered Nurse.

Camp Colton is free-of-cost for FUSD 6th grade students. Funding for this enriching experience is provided by FUSD, tax credit donations and funds raised by the Friends of Camp Colton (a 501c3 non-profit organization). Camp Colton and its new Coordinator Mary Giannola had a wonderful start to the 2014-15 school year and are looking forward to Camp's spring season which is scheduled to begin on May 4, 2015. For more information about Camp Colton you can e-mail Mrs. Giannola at mgiannola@fUSD1.org.