

Congratulations Viola Nominees

Four amazing teachers who have been nominated for Viola Awards by the Flagstaff Arts Council. **Congratulations to:**

Excellence in Art Education -

Sheila White (Marshall Magnet Elementary - Music)
Joe Cornett (Flagstaff High School - Photography)

Excellence in Science Education -

Jillian Worssam (Sinagua Middle School)

Excellence in Leadership-

Janelle Reasor (Marshall Magnet Elementary)



Making the Call



For some in the district the alarm goes off at 2 am on stormy winter mornings. Dave gets in his car and drives to Twin Arrows, then north to Cameron and through the neighborhoods of Doney Park. Jeff leaves his house and drives along Route 66, Greg takes the 17 to Munds Park, Joe makes his way to Happy Jack via Lake Mary Road, Richard travels 180 and Bob (with his trusty dog Mabel) weaves through the downtown streets and Butler Avenue. This effort to evaluate the safety of travel on a stormy day is in anticipation of the conference call that takes place between 3:30 and 4 am. Depending on the travel conditions, district administrators assess if the roads are safe for FUSD families and staff. At this time, a decision is made to hold school on its normal schedule, cancel school or delay the start time by two hours. If a decision is made to change the school schedule, the District Relations Coordinator is called and a flurry of press releases, posts on Facebook announcements on the FUSD website and of course, the recorded phone calls all begin so that FUSD families and staff are informed of any schedule changes as quickly as possible. Once a snowstorm hits Flagstaff the staff mentioned above are then joined by an amazing group from the facilities, maintenance and transportation departments who then shovel and plow the school properties to make sure that they are ready for school as soon as possible. There are a lot of very dedicated individuals in FUSD that work very hard to make sure that our students and staff are safe and informed during our very unpredictable winters in beautiful Flagstaff.

FEBRUARY

- 2/07 FHS Information Mtg for the AP Academy and the new Alpine Institute
- 2/16 CHS Information Mtg for Advanced Placement
- 2/20 Presidents Day Holiday
- 2/22 Kindergarten Registration

MARCH

- 3/6 4th Annual Flagstaff Community STEM Celebration
- 3/13 - 3/17 Spring Break

FHS A Case Study In Readiness

Flagstaff High School Improves Its College and Career Readiness Culture with Technology



Naviance by Hobsons is a comprehensive K-12 college and career readiness platform that enables self-discovery, career exploration, academic planning, and college preparation. Hobsons has highlighted Flagstaff High School as a great success story. Flagstaff High School is a public high school in Flagstaff, Arizona serving approximately 1,600 students. Nearly 50 percent of the student body consists of minority students. "Naviance has created a seamless avenue of communication between our counselors and our students. At Flagstaff High School, it is utilized by students to plan their program of study and keep track of their progress over their four years."

Shelly Stearns

FUSD Mobile App

Available Now



FUSD is pleased to introduce new FUSD Mobile App. As part of our effort to make information easily accessible as possible, FUSD

now has a mobile app, which is available on both the Android and iPhone app stores. The app is free and can be found by searching "FUSD" in the app store. You can access most links that you can find on our website on your phone or tablet including: menus, calendars, directory, and much more. You can also pay your meal fees and tax credit contribution easily. The main feature of the FUSD Mobile App is the "push notifications" which for at least the first year will only be used to notify you in case of an emergency or urgent message. These messages will include, snow day cancellations and delayed start notifications, lock out, lock down, evacuations as well as bus breakdowns and incidents. We will be able to target the messages to only those families affected by the notification. We hope that you will install this free app now.

FUSD Teachers Win Grants



FUSD Teachers Named "Dreamstarter Teacher" By Olympian Billy Mills and Running Strong for American Indian Youth

Dreamstarter Teacher provides \$500 - \$1,000 grants to teachers serving Native students. Grants can be used for (almost) anything teachers need for their classrooms, like educational resource materials, supplies, equipment, professional development, field trips, or stipends for bringing community liaisons into the classroom.

Jenelle Malone

School: Sechrist Elementary School

Project: I will use this grant to purchase 3 stability balls per K-5 classroom in my school. When students are able to move a little while they are learning, it helps them to have better concentration!

Sara Zsenai

School: Cromer Elementary School

Project: Many young children with special needs benefit from hippotherapy, the use of horseback riding for therapeutic treatment. If we were to be able to send our children to "Horse Camp", they would be able to work on their coordination, balance, and strength by riding the horses, as well as make a connection with the horses. I will also implement a thematic unit on farms, and horses the month before we attend Horse Camp.

RaeAnn Wanland

School: Summit High School

Project: We will take 12 students on a 4 day service project, where we will camp on the ranch of an elderly Navajo family resisting relocation for the past 60 years. We will spend our time herding sheep and doing other work projects on the ranch and the surrounding roads. We will have lots of opportunity to visit with, work with and have meals with the elders in the area as they share their stories.



SMS History Day and the MITe Future Cities Projects

Two Changes to Academies

FUSD is proud to announce the extension of our expeditionary / place based curriculum. In addition to Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School and Alpine Leadership Academy at Mount Elden Middle School FUSD will add the Alpine Institute at Flagstaff High School beginning in the 2017 - 18 school year. More information on the Alpine Institute can be found at FUSD1.org/FHS and there will be an information meeting about this new institute as well as the Advanced Placement Academy on February 7th at 6 p.m. in the Hurley Theater at Flagstaff High School for all interested families



The Power of Two-PDH Language Academy moving to SMS
 The PDH Language Academy is an innovative language program designed to promote bilingualism through the study of either Spanish or Navajo for 6th-8th grade students. The mission of this exceptional program is to provide every student the Power of Two. The Power of Two is the ability to think, speak, read, and write in both English and another language. While the Power of Two is the ultimate goal for students they achieve other goals along the way: academic excellence, bilingualism, and cultural awareness. Academic excellence is achieved through rigor, challenge, and student accountability through mastery. Bilingualism is achieved through the fluent and meaningful application of both languages. Carol Orrill, PDH Language Academy Teacher on Assignment, explains this more in-depth. "We're excited to expose students to a second language early because research shows that the earlier a child learns a second language the more likely they will attain language fluency and have better, more native-like pronunciation. Beginning students can start as early as 6th grade, giving them an early start advantage." In speaking about the cultural awareness students acquire through authentic experiences and customs Carol Orrill states, "Our program is unique because students use language in real-life situations because we integrate content from other subject areas and daily life experiences into our language instruction. Our hands-on expeditions make learning fun and extend beyond the classroom as students interact with the language in local communities." Students in the Navajo part of the PDH Language Academy have participated in learning expeditions to Window Rock and have been exposed to sheep farming. Trips to Concordia Language Villages and Tucson to learn about the construction and history of famous missions are what students in the Spanish part of the program have encountered. Not only do students experience learning expeditions, they also participate in full immersion content courses. Some of these courses can be taken for high school credit. If the PDH Language Academy and the Power of Two sound like something your student is interested in encourage them to apply by completing an application. All students who want to learn or improve Spanish or Navajo are welcome to apply. This includes students without prior knowledge of either language. Applications can be picked up at the SMS or MEMS office or online and are due to SMS soon.

Enroll Today!

928-527-6000
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FHS Cross Country



Congratulations to the FHS Cross Country athletes who won both the boys and girls Division 2 State Cross Country Meet in Phoenix in November both being repeat Champions from the year before. While other schools have been able to win both the boys/girls championships in the same year, we do not think any school has done it two years in a row except Flagstaff HS. Last year was the first time they won a Boy's Title. In addition, the Lady Eagles over the past 16 years have won 11 State Titles, were 2nd 5 times, and 3rd one of those years.

Coach Trina Painter stated, "The FHS cross country team is made up of incredible student athletes that work extremely hard both in the classroom and at practice. They have learned that together, they make each other stronger and together they can accomplish more than on their own. They have made history by earning two state titles through their dedication, focus, work ethic, and commitment to each other, their team and school. It has been an incredible journey to watch them mature as students and athletes, to see them respect their competitors and face the pressures head on of defending their championships."

CAVIAT - FUSD - NAU

Bioscience



Who says you have to wait until college to study Bioscience? FUSD students have the opportunity to start in high school. In fact, 16 FUSD students already have. How, you ask. Northern Arizona University (NAU) and the Coconino Association for Vocations, Industry & Technology (CAVIAT) in partnership with several local businesses, received a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to provide an education in the Biosciences to students throughout Coconino County. The way in which the program is formatted students can complete a two-year advanced Bioscience course in just one year. Within this course students have the opportunity to work with community partners such as NAU, North Country Healthcare, Coconino County Public Health Services, TGen North, and Flagstaff STEM City, to solve a problem related to infectious disease here in Coconino County. Coursework for the CAVIAT Bioscience class includes learning experiences for students in community problem solving, confidence, and mastery of bioscience lab techniques, and a greater understanding of infectious disease and public health. Moreover, this unique course challenges students to apply bioscience techniques to increase their understanding about infectious disease and the challenges to tracking it in the population of Coconino County. The community partners will work with the students in order to provide current information on the science of studying infectious disease and the societal challenges that infectious disease poses for humans globally. Also, highlighted within the course are career paths that students can pursue in the biosciences and/or other STEM disciplines where problem solving, creativity and a desire to make a difference are needed for success. The class meets from 2:45pm to 5:15pm Monday through Friday and buses run from FUSD high schools. Any high school age students through their 21st birthday are eligible to apply for this program in the fall. Interested students should visit: <http://caviat.org/Central-Programs-2016-2017.html> and click on "CAVIAT Application" to start the process. Seats are limited and are on a first come first serve basis. There are no prequalification requirements to participate.

Music is Celebrated at FUSD

Principal is Honored for Her Support of Music

Coconino High School 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.

Additionally, 41 band and orchestra members (and 7 alternates) from CHS earned their place in this year's regional band and orchestra! Teacher Jennifer Hamilton stated that "the students worked very hard in preparation and we are so proud to have such great representation from Coconino." The students will now travel to Prescott on February 17 - 18 to participate in the AMEA Northwest region honor festival. Two students were also honored by the he Arizona Band and Orchestra Directors Association All-State Jazz Band selected , Mikhaila Rosanova from Flagstaff High School and Bryan Colvard will represent Coconino High School.



Discover Your Path

There are many ways to describe the wide variety of opportunities that FUSD students have in our K-12 education system. We take the charge of offering well-rounded and rigorous options for all of our students very seriously. Whether a student is looking for a path to Harvard, a military academy, enjoys the environment and exploration, loves working with their hands, or pursuing their musical or artistic talent FUSD has the "path" for that. After a great foundation is laid at any of our 10 elementary schools our secondary schools allow students to explore and flourish any number of paths to future success. During middle school students can take advantage of an emphasis in language, expeditionary learning, pre advanced placement or technology and engineering in addition to the variety of electives that include music, art, culinary arts, woodworking, etc. In our three high schools students can continue the path they started in middle school through our high school programs and take advantage of the additional electives which include; welding, autos, and theater arts. Students who do not have a chosen direction will most likely find something that sparks their interest through the options afforded them through FUSD schools. We are proud that all students are given the opportunity to "Discover Your Path" at FUSD schools.



Flagstaff Community STEM Celebration

FREE Event & Parking

Monday March 6, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 pm
NAU Walkup Skydome

Concession Stand





Thank You!

Important Contact Information for Flagstaff Unified School District

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FUSD Scenes

1. Marshall Magnet Mondays is always a great educational celebration.
2. FUSD JROTC Cyberteam continues to compete - see story in the March edition.
3. Kinsey Inquiry and Discovery School "STAR LAB"
4. Kahtoola Uphill Supports Camp Colton Outdoor Education
5. FUSD
6. We are so lucky to live here!
7. FUSD - "One Heartbeat" with a single goal.
8. Thank you CHS Culinary for your tasty FUSD Governing Board presentation.

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