

Schools

School Board to discuss contracts

This evening's Fountain Hills Unified School District Governing Board session is set to begin with an executive session, closed to the public. The executive session is set to kick off at 5:30 p.m. with members meeting with designated representatives of the public body to consider and instruct regarding negotiations with employee organizations in the matter of salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits. This session is conducted annually before the district enters into negotiations for coming year contracts.

Speaking of contracts, the only item listed under the discussion portion of tonight's meeting is director/assistant principal contracts. If any action is required in this area, it will be taken at a future meeting. No action items were on the agenda as of press time, though a number of policies that underwent first reads at the late February meeting will appear under a single umbrella as part of the consent agenda. The regular meeting is expected to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the District Learning Center. The regular portion of the meeting is open to the general public.

Scholarships are available for seniors

High School graduation is quickly approaching. This year, there are many scholarships available through the Golden Eagle Education Foundation and their sponsors for graduating Fountain Hills High School seniors. If you know a high school senior that will be continuing their education after graduation, remind them that now is the time to apply for scholarships. The GEEF has been to the high school English classes to discuss the scholarships available through the Foundation. Visit the website at fgeef.org for an

application. The applications are due no later than Thursday, April 7. The application packet must include the application form, resume, transcript, letters of recommendation, any required essays and any other required additional information. At the FHMS awards presentation, Coalition Director Shelly Mowrey revealed the winners starting with third place and then had them explain the meaning and inspiration behind their posters. "I am blown away by the talent and introspect these teens display through their posters. It is obvious they put a lot of time and thought into creating these works of art. I wish we could award everyone who participated." At the FHMS awards presentation, Coalition Program Manager, Maria Perreault, and Above That Club president, Gina Woods, spoke about what the Above That Club offers to all middle school students. Thanks to a generous donation from the Verne C.

Poster contest winners announced

The Fountain Hills Coalition recently announced winners of its second annual middle school poster contest. Students were asked to depict a message, without using words, on how they stay positive, away from negative influences and the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. This year's theme was "Respect Yourself." A total of 130 posters were received from Fountain Hills Middle School and Fountain Hills Charter School. First-, second- and third-place awards were presented to sixth, seventh and eighth graders. During an awards ceremony, classes from each grade were present to accept individual and classroom smoothie awards.

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Johnson Family Foundation, awards were doubled from last year. First-place winners received \$200 each; second, \$100; and third, \$50. Flyers of first-place posters will be distributed through Papa Murphy's Pizza beginning March 4. Respective first, second and third place winners for each school were: FH Charter School: Sierra Gibbs, Jason Broom and Isaac Wilson. FHMS Sixth grade: Fatima Naranjo, Ethen Rodwell, Madeline Britton; (Ms. Tallarida classroom, smoothie). FHMS Seventh grade: Evelyn Lagness, Morgan Solomon, Ethan McGraw (Mrs. Kelly classroom, smoothie). FHMS Eighth grade: Anya Freyer-Melk, Hannah Barsema, Theo Papanikos (Mr. Yoder classroom, smoothie). The coalition would like to thank contest judges Corey Povar, Teen Coordinator with the Town of Fountain Hills; Louise Sims, Fountain Hills Coalition member; and FHMS art teachers Karla Primoshch and Bonnie Perkins. Also, FHMS art teacher Tracy Perry, PE teacher/ Above That facilitator Patti Schultz and FHMS teacher, Shannon Lorraine, for their enthusiasm and work in making the contest a huge success.



Fountain Hills Charter School Principal Lynda Rice and teacher Mrs. Lorraine congratulate the winners of the Fountain Hills Coalition poster design contest. Students were tasked with creating an image that shows what being "above" the influence meant to them. FHMS winners were seventh grade student Sierra Gibbs in first place, eighth grade student Jason Broom in second and eighth grade student Isaac Wilson in third.



From left, FHMS Principal Anita Gomez with 8th grade winners, Theo Papanikos (3rd), Hannah Barsema (2nd) and Anya Freyer-Melk (1st) and art teacher, Tracy Perry.

School Briefs

Spring break runs through next week

Local schools, including all sites within the Fountain Hills Unified School District and the Fountain Hills Charter School, will be on spring break next week. Classes will be out of session from Monday, March 14, through Friday, March 18. Schools will return to their regular hours on Monday, March 21.

GEEF holds big drawing

The Golden Eagle Education Foundation is again conducting its annual "Make a Difference" raffle. Tickets are \$20 or three for \$50. First prize is \$1,000 and second and third prizes are \$500 each. The drawing will be held March 23, 2016. Winners need not be present to win. The GEEF has been enriching the Fountain Hills schools for the past two decades. The foundation is dependent upon the business community, parents and residents to help support the funding of innovative classroom projects and teaching techniques, a mentoring program, outstanding staff awards and student scholarships. Funds raised through the raffle will help the GEEF invest in local children, support their education, enrich their lives and impact the community positively. For more information and to buy tickets call Jeannie Ryan at 480-836-2177 or Pam McNeill at 480-837-1306.

The class is for two periods a day, Monday through Friday. The teacher has to be a nurse with at least two years' experience in long-term health care or supervising CNAs. Those interested can contact CTE Director Jennifer Ray at jray@fhmsd.org or call 480-664-5591.

Terrific Kids



Fountain Hills Charter School, a public Montessori school, is pleased to honor students who have displayed good character as Kiwanis Terrific Kids. Congratulations to Damani Dalton, Timothy Rawlings, Devon Ristuccia, Ava DeCampo and Shairah Rashid for the week of Feb. 28.

Health careers teacher sought

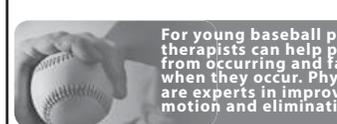
Fountain Hills High School is on the lookout for a nurse to teach the school's health careers class next year. The class is for two periods a day, Monday through Friday. The teacher has to be a nurse with at least two years' experience in long-term health care or supervising CNAs. Those interested can contact CTE Director Jennifer Ray at jray@fhmsd.org or call 480-664-5591.



Celebrating science

The high school science department worked through nearly 200 research papers, tri-folds and presentations over the course of two days for judging the local science fair. Three winners were eventually chosen to represent Fountain Hills High School in the state competition in early April. Ryder Worden took first place for his project on "Kerosene Fuel." Laura Anderson and Katie Laessig took second for their project on "Music on the Silver Screen." Marie Buetner took third place for her project, "Thermite."

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WINNERS

1st Place - \$1,000 - Nataly Gruender

2nd Place - \$200 - McKenna McCue

3rd Place - \$100 - Noah Ohnsorg

Honorable Mention \$50

Gabriel Anderson	Emily Pall
Ashley Beck	Dominique Pettiti
Amara Freyer-Melk	Brittney Quintana
Maddy Key	Darien Redondo
Ashley Knox	Mitchell Schurz
Katelyn McElean	Davis Smith
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