

Schools

Register for summer school

Graduation may be just around the corner, but that doesn't mean the educational opportunities are going to disappear heading into the break.

Fountain Hills Unified School District has partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale McKee Branch this year to offer both credit, non-credit and athletic classes through the first several weeks of summer.

FHUSD will host the middle school and high school classes this year while the McKee Branch will be the host site for all K-6 classes.

Registration cost this year is \$100 per middle school and high school sports class, \$185 for pass/fail audit or high school courses for middle school students and \$185 per high

school credit course. There is no cost for Title I Ticket for Success classes, but participation is by referral only.

There will be no credit remedial courses for the middle school. Parents and students are encouraged to audit a high school credit course for pass/fail in these situations. This will suffice for middle school remedial.

This year's slate of classes is vast and varied, ranging from high school credit courses to loads of extracurricular opportunities at all grade levels. Form basketball, volleyball and a sports sampler to English, world history, economics, multiple mathematics levels, chemistry and beyond, there's something to keep any student busy this coming summer. Course schedules, length

and duration will vary, but all will occur between the window of May 31 to July 1. A full breakdown of courses, schedules and the like can be obtained at any of the district's front offices.

Payment options include online payment at fhUSD.org or walk-in or drop off cash or checks. Online payments can be made at any time by visiting the listed website and selecting the "summer school" button on the site. Drop-off registration and payment may be done at the FHUSD district office. Finally, walk-in days are scheduled for 4 to 6 p.m. at the high school office on Thursdays, April 28, May 12 and May 26.

For questions, contact FHUSD summer school coordinator Dr. Paul McElligott at pmcelligott@fhUSD.org.

Jagodzinski considered for HS principal

It's going to be a busy night for the Fountain Hills Unified School District Governing Board, with a possible new high school principal hire, a look at proposed changes to the high school dress code, a report from the Vision Fountain Hills group and a presentation by VFW Post 7507 concerning Teacher of the Year honors making up the meat of the agenda.

This meeting is open to the public and will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the District Learning Center.

After last week's interview committees worked their way through the top three applicants for the position of high school principal, Superintendent Patrick Sweeney will present his recommendation for hire, Cain Jagodzinski, to the board during tonight's meeting.

Sweeney announced his recommendation within the Falcon Focus newsletter last week, stating that Jagodzinski is actually a former Fountain Hills Middle School teacher and high school basketball coach.

Along with a possible new principle at the high school, the board will consider renewing contracts for the other two district principals, too.

The evening will kick off with a special presentation by the local VFW chapter,

who will honor nominees for this year's Teacher of the Year recognition.

Also on the agenda is a presentation from Dana Saar, who will update the board on the current state of the Vision Fountain Hills program, including results from the recent survey and a roadmap of the months ahead.

Finally, along with a quartet of policy first reads, the board will hear from current high school Principal Tom Brennan, who will discuss proposed changes to his site's dress code. Potential changes to the dress code, including edits to the dress code listed in the student handbook, will be discussed.

Falcon Fiesta needs support

Graduation is right around the corner, a time of celebration for the high school seniors. Organizers of the annual Falcon Fiesta are on the lookout for sponsors to help make the 2016 event another success, as well as volunteers willing to pitch in at this big event.

Falcon Fiesta is a drug and alcohol-free event taking place in the high school gym following the graduation ceremony on May 27.

It is a time when seniors can party and have an evening of fun together in a safe environment. They can also win some amazing prizes to take with them when they go out into the world, to college or an apartment.

Organizers are in need of financial contributions, gift items, gift cards or tickets to local events. Those with questions are asked to email organizers at falconfiesta85268@gmail.com or call Gina Waldo at 480-710-3625.

Checks with financial contributions should be



Kim Helms, Manager of the Fountain Hills High School Store, presents Gina Waldo with a donation for \$5,000. The FHHS Store is a sponsor of Falcon Fiesta, the May 27 event following graduation that gives seniors a place to have fun and win prizes before heading off to life after high school.

made out to "FHPTO Falcon Fiesta 2016" and mailed to: FHHS, Falcon Fiesta 2016, 16100 E. Palisades Blvd., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268. Donations can also be dropped off at the FHHS office.



You got SRV-ed

The Fountain Hills Coalition received a special musical performance during its final meeting of the current academic year on April 14. Fountain Hills High School senior Justin Ferrer, who also goes by the name SRV (Stylistically Raising Vibrations), performed his rap, "Fade Away," which tells the story of his mother, who he lost to an overdose, and the positive message he pulled out of that experience and wishes to share with his peers.

Terrific Kids



Four Peaks Elementary School is proud to present Peyton McAloon (fifth grade) and Julian Sepulveda (fourth grade) as a Terrific Kid for the week of April 17.



Fountain Hills Charter School, a public Montessori school, is pleased to honor students who have displayed good character as Kiwanis Terrific Kids. Congratulations to Caden Craig, Dylan Luczak, Devon Ristuccia, Adalyn Olivares and Miles Prelog for the week of April 17.

Band needs instruments

The Fountain Hills High School band is in desperate need of new drums and tubas to replace the 12-year-old, worn out ones that are currently being used, and funding is not available to cover the costs.

Dwight and Laura Johnson, who manage the Verne C. Johnson Family Foundation, pledged \$25,000 as a matching grant with the hopes that community members will contribute the remaining funds.

Individuals or organizations that would like to help with this cause are asked make a check out to FHCCA/Band Instrument Fund and send it to P.O. Box 18294, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269. The FHCCA is a 501(c) 3. All contributions are tax deductible and a public recognition of your generosity will be made.

For additional information, contact Allen Fossenkemper at fossenkemper@gmail.com or 480-707-2476. Band Director Lynn Truby may be reached at ltruby@fhUSD.org.

School Briefs

Host families are needed

Host families are needed for an enthusiastic and motivated group of French high school students.

This is the 22nd year that a group of French high school students will visit the Valley in July for a three-week stay.

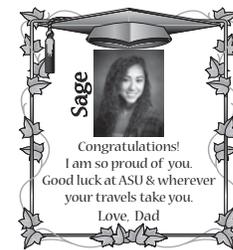
This exchange to Arizona is sponsored by ATL, a student exchange program based out of Paris and Lyon in France.

Volunteer host families are needed to provide a true Arizona experience. The French students are actively hoping to improve their English, learn about the state, discover American culture and share in an American family experience.

Contact Randy and Frym Hare, Arizona ATL Coordinators, for more details. Call 623-561-2656, 623-826-4330 or visit arizonastudentexchange.com.

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