

Schools

BMX group gives motivational presentation

Fountain Hills High School students were recently treated to an action-packed BMX motivational demonstration in the gymnasium.

The Fountain Hills Coalition organized the schoolwide assembly on Feb. 22, when StuntMasters founder John Parker kept the students' attention with BMX tricks while discussing important issues like communication, trust and respect.

Throughout the assembly, Parker and two assistants performed an aerial ballet of stunts. Hitting on the theme that every day is their own personal "showtime," Parker conveyed to students that every day they wake up, every person they encounter is a chance to show the world what

they are made of.

In addition, he discussed the finer points of character and how all goals depend on having strong character. One of the obstacles that can get in the way of reaching those dreams, he said, is making bad choices around underage drinking or drug use.

"The BMX crew did a great job of incorporating life lessons into a captivating performance," said Shelly Mowrey, Fountain Hills Coalition director.

Parker is a pro when it comes to BMX. He competed in over a decade of X Games competitions, winning two MTV Sports and Music Festivals, multiple tour events, and earning gold at the NBC Gravity Games along the way. He has toured with Tony



Stunt Masters founder John Parker and performers join members of the Fountain Hills Coalition.

Hawk, performing at Universal Studios, the Olympic Ceremonies and hundreds of other events.

"BMX is way more than crazy stunts and dumb luck," Parker explained.

"It's a lot of hard work, focus, dedication and practice, practice, practice! It is a lot of the same things that students need to do every day to be successful".

Terrific Kids



McDowell Mountain Elementary School and Noon Kiwanis Club member Jerry Cuomo are proud to present Ira Jolley (kindergarten), Anika Heyn (first grade), Sam Allison-Dice (second grade) and Ines Gegolli (third grade) as Terrific Kids for the week of Feb. 26. The program, sponsored by Noon Kiwanis, recognizes students for positive achievements with respect to attitude, helping out, kindness to others, etc.



McDowell Mountain Elementary School is proud to present Brody Simonson (kindergarten), Tayler Sinyella (first grade), Cayden Jones (second grade) and Danica Fritcher (third grade) as Terrific Kids for the week of March 2.



McDowell Mountain Elementary School and Noon Kiwanis Club member Joyce Stehlik are proud to present Angelo Latko (kindergarten), Shayl Smith (first grade), Kynzi Schaunaman (third grade) and Dalton (second grade) as Terrific Kids for the week of March 9.

School Briefs

Superintendent's contract renewed

Fountain Hills Unified School District Dr. Patrick Sweeney received a contract renewal during the March 8 Governing Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the new contract, which is for a three-year term.

Jazz Under the Stars March 31

The 12 annual Jazz Under the Stars event will be hosted at the Vu Bistro on March 31. The event is a fundraiser with all proceeds benefitting the Fountain Hills High School music program.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at Vu Bistro or Sami's Fine Jewelry. There will be a cash bar, appetizers, dessert, silent auction and raffle baskets. Entertainment will be provided by the high school jazz band and guest musicians.

School's out for spring break

The Fountain Hills Unified School District and Fountain Hills Charter

School are holding spring break this week. There will be no classes from through Friday, March 17.

All sites will return to their regular schedules beginning Monday, March 20.

FHUSD considers new textbooks

The Fountain Hills Unified School District is currently evaluating the following textbooks and workbooks for Fountain Hills High School statistics and AzMERIT math courses.

All will be on display at the District Office for 60 days. For questions, comments or to see a sample of the books, contact the office at 480-664-5011 or email jsimmons@fhUSD.org.

- "Stats, Modeling the world," by David E. Bock, Paul F. Vellema and Richard D. DeVeaux; Pearson, Fourth Edition, 2015.

- "Common Core Coach Mathematics I Workbook," Triumph Learning.

- "Common Core Coach Algebra I Workbook," Triumph Learning.

A textbook for AP World History is also being considered for the 2017-18

academic year. It is "Ways of the World," by Robert W. Strayer and Eric W. Nelson; Bedford/St. Martins, Third Edition.

Deadline looms for scholarships

High school graduation is fast approaching. This year, there are many scholarships available through the Golden Eagle Education Foundation and their sponsors for graduating Fountain Hills High School seniors to apply for.

Folks who know a FHHS senior who plans on continuing their education following graduation are encouraged to 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. More information, as well as an application, can be found at fhgeef.org.

The application deadline is Wednesday, March 29. The application packet must include the application form, resume, transcript, letters of recommendation, any required essays and any other required additional information.

Scholarship recipients

will be announced at Senior Recognition Night on Wednesday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the Fountain Hills Community Center.

Fundraising raffle wraps March 22

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 22. Winners need not be present to win.

The GEEF has been enriching 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.

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Join the MUSIC and FUN Saturday, April 1 • 3-9 p.m.

on the FH High School Football Field

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Proceeds benefit the FH Athletic Booster Club



Good Boy Daisy performs.



Phyllis Kern and Dan Margolis. THANK YOU Phyllis Kern for donating your stage to the High School Falcon Jam Festival.

Donations by Galucci Insurance, Wendy's, Faces Hair & Color Studio, Mads (Hot Rods), and the Fountain Hills Barbershop. Special thanks to Shane & Megan Baskerville - School of Rock, Euro Pizza, Fountain Hills Booster Club, Kern Realty & Kern Entertainment, Steve Costa and the Waisted Grain.

One adult band and six teen bands from the Valley will compete and YOU get to pick the best in this BATTLE OF THE BANDS! Bands include Hippie Gold, Good Boy Daisy, Cuervo, Phoenicia and The Sugar Skulls! Watch for stories in this newspaper for more information.

Community partners bringing quality programs to Fountain Hills.

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Deadline has changed to April 15!

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