



MANZANITA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Fast Facts

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Welcome to Manzanita!

At Manzanita Elementary School, our mission is to guarantee that each student achieves academic and personal excellence, becomes a lifelong learner, and is a responsible citizen of the world. Manzanita seeks to engage all students in meaningful programs, which meet the highest educational and ethical standards within a caring, collaborative learning community.

Manzanita has received many awards over its nearly 40-year history. In 2012, the US Department of Education named Manzanita a National Blue Ribbon School. We have been recognized as a High Performing School and a High Progress Rewards School by the Arizona Department of Education, and a Higher Performing School by the NCEA. Members of our distinguished teaching staff have won many honors, including CFSD Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Teacher of American History, Arizona Art Educator of the Year and Elementary Science Teacher of the Year by SARSEF. Many are recognized as CFSD Distinguished Educators. Our students have received numerous awards in science, chess, mathematics, poetry, robotics and writing.

—Kim Boling, Principal

Number of students: 600

Average class sizes

Kindergarten 23+1

First Grade 25+1

Second-Third Grade 26+1

Fourth-Fifth Grade 29+1

**2020 CFSD
Teacher of the
Year: Julie Michel**

**Named National
Blue Ribbon
School in 2012**

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**ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION GRADE**

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**EARNED THE HIGHEST
AZMERIT SCORES OF
ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICTS**

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**RANKED #1 AZ
PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICT ON 2021
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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

- Full day kindergarten option with fee-based program for half of the day.
- Fun campus activities like Read Across MZ week, a spelling bee, a science fair, an art show and a student variety show.
- World Languages learning (Spanish) for all students.
- Robotics curriculum beginning in Kindergarten.
- Extended math and reading programs.
- Gifted education program and services.
- Read Strong (reading support for grades K-3).
- Before and after school CARE program.
- Music, visual art and physical education taught by highly-qualified specialists.
- Award-winning Odyssey of the Mind and FIRST Lego League teams.
- Technology-enhanced classrooms with access to laptops (2:1 ratio), iPads, iPods, digital cameras, student response systems, Gmail, and Google academic accounts.
- A certified school counselor.
- Extended day classes and full summer programming.
- Dozens of extracurricular offerings.
- Fifth grade after school band and an after school orchestra program for fourth and fifth graders.
- Field trips to Bisbee, Flandrau Science Center, Sabino Canyon and more.
- A vibrant, engaged Family Faculty Organization.
- A Civil War reenactment that brings history to life with student-written vignettes complete with costumes and scenery.
- A Manzanita Little Free Library.
- A Mustang Mindset to increase student learning and to teach positive behavior, and a Ben's Bells Kind Campus.
- A garden where students plant and harvest vegetables, and record observations.



TEACHER AWARDS

2020 Catalina Foothills School District Teacher of the Year, 2017 Catalina Foothills School District Teacher of the Year, 2016 LifeChanger of the Year Award, 2014 CFSD Distinguished Educator Award, 2013 CFSD Distinguished Educator Award, 2012 Art Educator of the Year Award, 2012 Outstanding Teacher of American History, 2012 CFSD Teacher of the Year, 2011 CFSD Teacher of the Year, 2011 CFSD Distinguished Educators (3), SARSEF Elementary Science Teacher of the Year 2010 Distinguished Educator of the Year, 2010 Arizona Regional Tournament, FIRST Lego League, Coach of the Year, 2009 CFSD Distinguished Educators (2).

STUDENT AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

The Manzanita Math Team succeeded at the 2017 State Competition, with students winning #1 & #8 in the state in their grade level. Our students also participated in the 2017 ASU/Honeywell/Fiesta Bowl Aerospace Challenge, 2017 CFSD Spelling Bee (3rd place), 2016 Math League Competition (advanced to State), 2016 FIRST Lego League Judges Award, Odyssey of the Mind World Finals (3rd place) plus numerous student awards in chess, mathematics, poetry, robotics, science, and writing.

SCHOOL AWARDS

