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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD student and staff achievements:

Canyon View

Ravindu Vithanachchi, our CFSD Spelling Bee winner and the Pima County Spelling Bee 2nd place winner, took 4th place at the Arizona Spelling Bee.

Jax Larcom, CV 3rd grader, was a poetry winner at the Tucson Festival of Books Young Authors contest.

Ventana Vista

Ventana Vista's Odyssey of the Mind team won second place in regional competition. Team members are Ethan Bialis, Arianna DuPont, Audrey Kirk, Natalie Liu, Ezra Mandel, and Tessa Strickland. Their coaches are Dede Alexander, Tiffanie Bialis, and Lisa Meder.

Orange Grove Middle School

Orange Grove's "mathletes" team won the Southern Arizona MATHCOUNTS competition. Team members are Natian Kuo, Simon Rubin-Toles, Noah Wellman, and Alexandra Zega. Their coach is Chris Newton, OG math teacher.

Ian Britanik and Julia Faltin, OG 8th graders, were selected by audition for the All-State Honor Band. Their band teacher is Dustin Chilson.

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The CFHS Winterguard came in 1st place at the Mt. View Winterguard Show on March 17. Winterguard members are Katarina Bennett, Amalie Bergmann, Emma Blakely, Katherine Boesen, Emelie Bregman, Alza Coulter, Stephanie Cuneo-Mims, Caitlin Dooley, Allison Fagan, Brooke Fagan, Emma Finkelstein, Miko Fleming, Josephine Gilley, Lynn Highton, Kristina Jones, Cayleigh Manley, Caitlin Matthews, Sarah McMurry, Anna Montoya-Gaxiola, Gabriela Ruth Moreno, Benjamin Newton, Alana Petersen, Jordan Rios, Reese Royer, Dylan Sadowsky, Maya Schaan, Trianna Schurig, Anya Servidio, Victoria Smith, Grace Stone, and Andrea Villarreal. Their director is Ramon Sepulveda, CFHS instrumental music teacher.

The following CFHS Choir students qualified for the Arizona All State Choir to be held at the U of A on April 19-21: Claire Adams, Jessica Crocco, Ari Dettman, Inge Pham-Swann, Mira Raju, and Jeremy Wang. Their choir teacher is William Mattison.

The CFHS Concert Chorale earned "Superior with Distinction" at the Arizona State Choral Directors Association Festival in Mesa.

The CFHS DECA team competed at Nationals on March 2-3. Miriam Arden, Samantha Dickson, and Gabriela Grodzki will advance to International Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, this month. The DECA team coach is Jason Reinhardt, CFHS Business/Marketing teacher.

Miriam Arden, CFHS junior, won the Southern Arizona Shakespeare Competition and received an all-expense-paid trip to New York City for the national competition on April 22. Her theatre arts teacher is Carson Wright.

The CFHS Speech & Debate team competed in the state tournament with many members of the team reaching semi-finals and finals. The team took 3rd place. Joshua Cohen won 1st Place in Lincoln Douglas Debate. The team's coach is Angela Hill, CFHS English teacher.

Sam Beskind was named Region Player of the Year for boys basketball. He also made First Team All-Region. Coach Doug D'Amore received the Region Coach of the Year.

Nicole Conway earned First Team All-Region for girls basketball.

CFHS's National Signing Day will be April 11 for the following athletes, their sport, and college/university: Connor Cosgrove, soccer, Pima Community College; Chloe Gavino, tennis, New Mexico State University; Gaylen Lopez, football, Pima Community College; Sam Mulay, swim, Eastern Illinois University; Richelle Sandin, cross country, New Mexico State University; Devin Smith, football, Ripon College; Abby Watson, tennis, Trinity University, San Antonio.

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The winners of the CFSD 2018 Poetry Contest include (winning poem noted first, followed by the honorable mentions): Kindergarten - Ellie Schubert, "The Pony Needs Me"; Bishop Wagner, "I have 99 Pokeman Cards"; 1st Grade - Jacob Colman, "My New Bike"; Carolina Alfaro, "My Favorite Thing to Hear Is"; Jaevia Dugan, "I Like Cakes"; 2nd Grade - Ava Holt, "My Finder Has a Heartbeat"; Ryler Jones, "Blue Island!"; Clare Smith, "How to Be a Paintbrush"; 3rd Grade - Ivy Buffalo, "The Invasion of the Caticorns"; Taryn Smith, "The Colors of the Rainbow"; Ben Pershing, "Payson"; 4th Grade - Dashiell Chavez, "Senses"; Naya Moukabary, "Age"; Ethan Bialis, "The Curious Incident of Time"; 5th Grade - Chihiro Kazui, "Fear I Am"; Lily Marr, "Curious"; Jake Toole, "Calm"; 6th Grade - Jordan Andrews, "Reflection"; Genevieve Berry, "Stereotyping Girls"; Noah Sagar, "Sunrise"; 7th Grade - Allison Carr, "Spider"; Rowa Brack, "Two Red Shoes"; Allison Carr, "Dreams"; 8th Grade - Cole Yaskanich, "The Day the World Woke Up"; Natasha Myer, "Mask"; Melina Leonard, "The Psychic's Dream"; 9th Grade - Canyu Xia, "Evening"; Romit Banerjee "17"; Ember Wilson, "Dear America"; 10th Grade - Maya Benita, "Love Takes Logic's Head"; Emma Blakely, "Distance"; Chloe Fidel, "Soft Whispers and Velvet Shadows"; 11th Grade - Emma Burkhart, "Deadliest Gift"; Conner Wagner, "Drought"; 12th Grade - Donovan Guard, "Plot"; Nyah Williams, "Our Faded Love"; Maya Morken, "The Tale of Time"

Recommended Motion: Information Item