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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 3.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 8, 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:

Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering (SARSEF) Fair 2018 Awards

The following CFSD students placed at the SARSEF Fair (school, grade, student, award, project): **Canyon View Kindergarten** - Bay Jenkins, 1st Place, Got Germs?; 1st Grade - Hunter Simon-Topoff, TEP Award of Excellence, Fun With Electricity; 2nd Grade - Rhys Jameson Gibson, 1st place, The Rainbow Connection; Kelly Jean Siemens, 2nd Place, Dish Soap And The Environment; 3rd Grade - Viridiana Henikman, 2nd Place, Rub or Spray, Which One Will Protect You During the Day?; 4th Grade - Eoin Roberts, 2nd Place, Automating My Turtle's World; 5th Grade - Caelen Stoker, 1st Place, Studying Magnetic Shielding Strength of Maglev Train at Different Temperatures and How This Could Impact Arizona; **Manzanita 5th Grade** - Austin Cohen, 2nd Place, The Five Second Rule; Sebastian Cross, 3rd Place, Books Can Change The World; Sophia Hettich, 3rd Place, My Nanny Eats Mostly Old Noodles in Cans (MNEMONIC Devices); Isabel Holliday, 2nd Place, Will People Want to Eat Bugs If They Know The Benefits?; Zach Newman, TEP Award of Excellence, Predicting Power by Measuring Light; Quin Smith, 1st Place, Prevent Top Soil Loss; **Sunrise Drive 1st Grade** - Danielle Ben Dror, 1st Place, Car Exhaust Chemicals Near My Home; 2nd Grade - Greta Barber, 1st Place, Idle Free at My Elementary? - How Much Pollution From Vehicles is at My School?; Weston McNerney & Sophia

Novak, 1st place, Are Some Foods Better Than Others For Powering Your Body To Run Fast?; 4th Grade - Yash Chauhan, 1st Place, Free Electric Power from Mud; 5th Grade - Vivianna Colson, 2nd Place, Super Speedy Seeds; Caitlin Dessent, Chinese Business, Language, and Culture, Learning a New Language: Kids vs Adults; Haleigh Hinkle, 1st Place, Hopping Hearts; Carson Ruiz; Groot Award for Excellence in Plant Science, What Kind of Human Food can a Venus Fly Trap Eat?; **Ventana Vista Kindergarten** - Harrison Hannley, 1st Place, The Volcano Erupts; 1st Place - Zeke Bialis, 1st Place, Finding All the Colors; Vivien Higgins, 1st Place, Have you Washed Your Hands?; 3rd Place - Evelyn Higgins, 3rd Place, Fantastic Milk Plastic; 5th Grade - Joshua Max, Honorable Mention, Do Video Games Affect Sleep?; **Orange Grove** - 8th Grade - Mia Hernandez & Auhona Shil, Sonoran Desert Discovery, Saguaro Clay-mation; **Catalina Foothills High School** - Shivansh Srivastava, 3rd Place, Low Cost Aid for Fall Prevention; Sylvia Zarnescu, 1st Place, Are Twenty-Four Heads Better Than One? Testing the Optimal Group Size for Decision-Making in a Social Insect.

Chess

Manzanita's *Primary Players* chess team of 2nd and 3rd graders finished first at the Scholastic State Championships. Team members are Kaleigh DeLong, Sahil Shah, Hugo Surdeanu, Nathan Wu, and Elise Yin. Manzanita's *Elementary Team* of 4th and 5th graders finished 4th overall. Team members are Ingrid Benito, Jesse DeLong, Ricardo Padilla, Makeen Shafer, and Evan Yin. Kindergartner Haoyu Wang earned a trophy for 8th place. Their coach is Ken Larson.

CFHS Chess Team placed 15th overall in National competition. Team members are Zack Cancio, Matthew Coy, Quinn Hudson, Lucas Johnston, and Ryan Thompson. Their coach is Robby Adamson.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM)

Ventana Vista's OM team won 2nd place at State and will move onto the World Finals. Team members are: 3rd Graders Audrey Kirk, Natalie Liu, Ezra Mandel, Tessa Strickland, and 4th Graders Ethan Bialis and Arianna DuPont. Their coaches are DeDe Alexander and Tiffanie Bialis.

Manzanita students who are part of the Tucson Children's Museum OM team, finished 1st place in regional competition and will go to the World Finals. Team members are Bryce Falkoff, Ava Mercaldo, Jason Mercaldo, Jocelyn Swift, and Jake Toole. They also received the Omer Award, given to only one team in the entire K-12 competition. The award is given to a team that exemplifies teamwork.

Shakespeare Competition

Miriam Arden, CFHS student, placed as a semifinalist at the 35th Annual National Shakespeare Competition on William Shakespeare's birthday while competing against 55 students from around the US. Her teacher is Carson Wright.