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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 3.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 10, 2016

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

I am pleased to highlight the following CFSD staff achievements:

Financial Reporting Award

The Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) awarded CFSD its Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2015. Congratulations to Controller Sandy Thompson and the entire business office team for their continuing commitment to fiscal integrity.

Youth Science Camp Delegate

Jack Burgess, CFHS senior, was selected by Governor Doug Ducey as one of Arizona's two delegates to the 53rd Annual National Youth Science Camp held near the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia. Jack is a member of our Science Olympiad State Championship team. He will attend Dartmouth College in the fall.

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Grant Award Winner

Chelsea McIntyre, Orange Grove Middle School math teacher, was awarded the NCTM Travel Grant to attend the 13th International Congress on Mathematics Education in Hamburg, Germany. She was also selected to participate in a workshop between Finnish and American educators sponsored by the National Research Council that will take place in Helsinki.

CFSD Poetry Contest Winners

We are proud to announce our 2016 CFSD poetry contest award winners. The winning poem is noted first, followed by the two honorable mention winners. The teacher and school are identified in parentheses.

Kindergarten

“Winter Is...” - Elijah Rzepecki (Pawloski, MZ)

“Airplanes” - Leo McNamara (Sundstrom, SD)

“My Family” - Elise Yin (Sulik, MZ)

First Grade

“In November” - Rina Keri (Wiley, MZ)

“The Beach” - Hadley Fugate (Evers, SD)

“Fireworks” - Evelyn Higgins (Baca, VV)

Second Grade

“The Wedding Day” - Darya Jani (Dickey, VV)

“Indus Mystery” - Orly Liu (Baker, SD)

"Bird" - Katie McNulty (Pennington, SD)

Third Grade

“Down by the Sea” - Sabina Coan (Hawkins, VV)

“Love Is...” - Madeleine Brown (Eggert, SD)

"Rain" - Jana Holt (Eggert, SD)

Fourth Grade

“Evening into Night” - Anissa Madrid (Fisher, MZ)

"The Test" - Katherine Diaz (Beyer, SD)

"Lone Blue Rose" - Kate Mansfield (Larson, MZ)

Fifth Grade

“Can You Make Sorrow Happy?” - Kate Steffan (Torres, CV)

"Ungiven" - Maya Moffatt (Hernandez, MZ)

"Chocolate" - Eman Tamimi (Lopez, SD)

Sixth Grade

“Sandpaper” - Noah Wellman (Bindschadler, OG)

“Where I’m From” - Emily Gruber (Bindschadler, OG)

"Pillows" - Emily Gruber (Bindschadler, OG)

Seventh Grade

“My Boyfriend for a Year” - Kiri Kenman (Bindschadler, OG)

“I Took a Walk” - Gianluca Tenino (Bindschadler, OG)

"Time" - Dante Olita (Bindschadler, OG)

Eighth Grade

“Just Another Night” - Emery Fesler (Staton, EC)

“Path of Nature” - Bryn Callie (Staton, EC)

“If Only” - Annie Lu (Bindschadler, OG)

Ninth Grade

“The Little Boy Who Wandered” - Zachary Schlamowitz (Hill)

“The Never Ending Ride” - Haley Dveirin (Hill)

"A Despondent World" - Hanna Ju (Hill)

Tenth Grade

“Make Life Worthwhile” - Pei-Ling Wung (Major)

“A Childhood Worth Reliving” - Domiic Dobai (Major)

“Human Nature” - Grace Stone (Major)

Eleventh Grade

“A Cut Above” - Meena Venkataramanan (Dennis)

“The Faceless Mask” - Jessica Guise (Dennis)

“No One’s Song” - Jessica Guise (Dennis)

Twelfth Grade

“Carnal” - Natalie Aronson (Hill)

“Words Cannot Describe” - Eyad Umaz (Hill)

“Lionhearted” - Niccolo Giambanco (Hill)

State Chess Championships

Sunrise Drive won the State title in grades K-1 at the 2016 Arizona State Scholastic Chess Championships held April 23-24. Close 600 chess players from every corner of the state competed. Team members were Aidan Chang, Rachel Chen, and Jayden Yao.

Manzanita had two State 4th place finishes in the Elementary Division and the Primary Division. The elementary team included Franklyn DeLong, Forest Saxe, Suraj Shah, and Austin Troike. The primary team members were Jesse DeLong, Daniel Myerson, Kyri Papas, Evan Yin, and Johnny Yu.

Catalina Foothills High School won the State title for the High School Division. Team members were Aiya Cancio, Zak Cancio, Rueshil Fadia, Justin Fritz, Patrick Froehlich, Lucas Johnston, Nicolas Johnston, Eyad Krunz, Rohan Mittal, Jeremy Segal, Ryan Thompson, Jacob Waitt, and Emma Wing.

Speech and Debate

The CFHS Speech & Debate Team competed with 13 Arizona schools and more than 60

students in the Phoenix Rotary 100 Scholarship Contest. The team won first place and came away with 3 of the 6 award spots. Scott Wisnom won 2nd place in the lower grade division (grades 9-10) and won a \$500 scholarship. In the upper grade division (grades 11-12), Sumhith Aradhyula won 2nd place, earning \$3,000 in scholarship money. Alexander Relich won 3rd place, earning \$1,500. Meena Venkataramanan won 4th place, and Maxim Quint took 5th place.

Special Olympics

The CFHS Track Olympiad team of Shan D., Brennan P., Maggie J., and Niko T., took home 6 Gold Medals at the Coronado Special Olympics Track and Field Competition.

Author Competition

CFHS student, Haley Chen, was a winner in the 2016 Young Author Competition, sponsored by Altrusa International of Tucson. Her work, *The Destiny Within Ourselves*, is included in the book, *Anthology of Winners*.

HOSA Future Health Professionals

CFHS HOSA students competed at State during CFSD's Spring Break. Meena Venkataramanan placed 1st in Medical Spelling. Daniel Wieland placed 1st in Medical Math. Kara Thompson placed 4th in Medical Terminology.

Winter Sports All-Southern Arizona Team

The Arizona Daily Star named the 2015-2016 Winter Sports All-Southern Arizona Team, including the following CFHS student-athletes: Boys Soccer – Honorable Mention – Kyle Benson, Jorge Garavito, Brandon Le, Payton Rudnick, and Zane Wade; Girls Soccer – First Team – Olivia Lai; Second Team – Tatianna Lizarraga; Honorable Mention – Abby Camenisch, Meghan Hawkins, Allison James, Elaina Matte, Payton Maxwell, Lindsey Nelson, Yarcza Santacruz, and Rebecca Steiger; Boys Basketball – Honorable Mention – Sam Beskind and Nik Nehls; Girls Basketball – Third Team – Kelsey Siemons; Honorable Mention – Nic Conway; Wrestling – Honorable Mention – Nathan Buterbaugh, Jacob Davis, Cullen Drenkhahn, Dawson Hand, and Michael Orlandella.

Community Schools

Mary Grodman has been named Arizona Community Education Association Program Leader of the Year. Recipients of the award exemplify what it means to lead a team of individuals to successfully implement a high quality program that meets the needs of the community, which may range from infants to adults.

Marjorie Brown and Beverly Smith were Arizona Community Education Association Office Staff of the Year award recipients. Honorees of this award are recognized for consistently going above and beyond to help deliver outstanding service to all customers both internal and external.