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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 3.3

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 12, 2015

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

FIRST Lego League (FLL) - Adult Coach/Mentor of the Year

Charlotte Ackerman, FLL coach, was named Adult Coach/Mentor of the Year at the FIRST World Festival Championship held on April 25. The award goes to the coach or mentor whose wisdom, guidance, and devotion are most clearly evident in the team's discussion with the judges.

Charlotte has coached over 60 FLL teams in her 12-year history of coaching in CFSD. Several of her former students wrote to FIRST Lego League crediting her teaching as their gateway to studying science at colleges like CalTech, MIT, Stanford, the University of Arizona, and Penn State.

Arizona Department of Education (ADE) World Language Standards Committee

Scott Olmstead, CFHS Spanish teacher and department chair, was selected to serve on the ADE's Foreign and Native Languages Standards Revision Committee this past year. Scott was one of 42 representatives from a broad spectrum of K-16 educational institutions. The committee's work product is a new framework for language learning in Arizona. He reports that the new standards will seamlessly integrate into our CFSD curriculum because our world languages program is already focused on the same benchmarks.

Business Office Honor

Congratulations to Director of Finance Sandra Thompson and the entire CFSD business office staff for earning the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2014. It is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

FIRST Lego League (FLL) World Festival Championship

Local Legends, our FLL team competing at the World Festival Championship, was nominated for four awards: Research, Gracious Professionalism, Innovative Solution, and Strategy & Innovation. Team members are Alex Chiu, Wesley Chiu, Michael Gross, Josh Tint, and Jeremy Wang.

Arizona State Science and Engineering Fair (AzSEF)

Four Manzanita students were award winners in the state science fair competition. Simone Gelety and Nathaniel Cross won first place in behavioral sciences. Nathan Kuo won second place in chemistry. Maggie Proebsting won second place in plant sciences.

KFC (Kasparov Chess Foundation) All-Girls National Champions

Our Foothills team won the All-Girls National Championship sponsored by the Kasparov Chess Foundation of the United States Chess Federation. Team members are Aiya Cancio, Amber Fox, and Emma Wing. This was the 12th year of the competition but the 1st year that we entered a team.

CFSD 2015 Poetry Contest

The following students are our 2015 poetry winners. At each grade level, the winning poem is listed first, followed by the honorable mention winner(s). Their teachers and schools are also noted.

Kindergarten

Winter	Max Auman	Jones	MZ
The Mop	Jillian Bea	Sulik	MZ
Winter	Giovanni Metzger	Jones	MZ

First Grade

Glowing Moon	Nathan Kim	Hyde	MZ
Brave	Sophia Ledyard	Cucciarre	MZ

Rainbow Bridge	Grace Seo	Weeks	CV
Second Grade			
Piano Recital	Addison Levine	Jurgenson	SD
The Pencil	Romi Gioffredi	Jurgenson	SD
Third Grade			
Candlestick	Vincent Clark	Clark	CV
Brothers	Megan Longnecker	Prucell	SD
Fourth Grade			
Tomorrow	Nick Urbanski	Beyer	SD
Black's Life	Ally Arreola	Dodson	VV
Fifth Grade			
An Echo	Melina Leonard	Pagels	MZ
Nature's Quilt	Rohini Ghosh	Hays	CV
Sixth Grade			
A Willow Sits	Adam Plante	Staton	EC
Silence	Max Rubin-Toles	Bindschadler	OG
Seventh Grade			
Streetlamp	Grace Proebsting	Binschadler	OG
Trench Paradise	Malachi Dodge	Crocchi	EC
Eighth Grade			
Walking Away From a Storm	Maddie McCue	Staton	EC
Valentine's Day at Middle School	Sophie Holtzman	Binschadler	OG
Ninth Grade			
Things She Left Behind	Annika Lauer	Hill	HS
Running Sets Me Free	Richelle Sandin	Wright	HS
We Strive for Perfection	Mitchell Kaufmann	Hill	HS
Tenth Grade			
Scarlett Misery	Mikelena Panchesin	Dennis	HS
To Waltz Upon the Breeze	Mikelena Panchesin	Dennis	HS
Love	Meena Venkataramanan	Guajardo	HS

Eleventh Grade

The Equal and Opposite Reaction	Hannah Beskind	Dennis	HS
Mistletoe	Brendan Scobie	Guajardo	HS
The Sun Is a Tyrant	Natalie Aaronson	Johnson	HS

Twelfth Grade

Picture a Room	Dakota Garcia	Kittredge	HS
Your Eyes to Mine	Sandra Muller	Hill	HS
He Will Be All But Forgotten	Anthony Delviro	Hill	HS

Young Author's Competition

CFHS students, Annika Lauer and Haley Chen, are winners in the 2015 Young Author's Competition held in conjunction with the Tucson Festival of Books. Annika won for her story, "Dear Allen", and Haley won for her story, "The Aspen Leaf", both included in the *Anthology of Winning Entries*.

History Day State Championship

CFHS students, Nadia Louri and Elyssia Salamanca, qualified for Nationals in Washington, D.C. at the April 18 state competition. Nadia won for her website on Alice Paul, and Elyssia won for her website on Harvey Wiley. Students Sarah Kaddoura and Aidan Jackson are alternates.

Middle School Chess

The Orange Grove Chess Team placed 6th in the Arizona State Chess Championship. Team members are Rueshil Fadia, Justin Fritz, Preston Martin, Ryan Thompson, and Jacob Waitt.

Elementary School Chess

The Ventana Vista young chess team of 2nd and 3rd graders placed 6th in the Arizona State Chess Championship. Team members are Alex Hoover, Zoe Iacomini, Cooper Medvec, and Walter Zacherl.

Manzanita Elementary School

Manzanita's math team that won the county competition also won the state championship for Mathleague.org last weekend. Team members are Jad Bader, Nathan Kuo, Elliot Liu, and Noah Wellman. Elliot Liu was the top scorer among all students in the competition. Individual winners also include Annabelle Samuels - 8th place among Arizona 4th graders; and among 5th graders, Nathan Kuo - 6th place, Eliot Liu - 1st place, and Noah Wellman - 4th place. Their coach is Kelly Taylor.

Winter Sports All Stars

The following CFHS athletes were recognized by the Arizona Daily Star:

Girl's Soccer - Player of the Year - Emily Parker; 1st team - Emily Parker, Alexandria Skidmore, Samantha Weisband; 2nd team - Olivia Lai, Sarah Lansey; Honorable Mention - Meaghan Hawkins, Payton Maxwell, Brooke Nelson

Boy's Soccer - Player of the Year - Jeremy Siwik; 1st team - Jeremy Siwik, Grant Hubble, Galen Vincent; Honorable Mention - Hagan Hyatt, Brandon Le, Prince Pahi

Wrestling - 2nd team - Zachary Davis; Honorable Mention - Jacob Davis, James Dick, Bryan Ellwood, Ryan Martz, Mario Trujillo

Girl's Basketball - Honorable Mention - Caroline Schulte, Kelsey Siemons

Boy's Basketball - 3rd team - Dakota Kordsiemon; Honorable Mention - Nik Nehls, Michael Pecora

State High School Tennis Championship

The CFHS boy's tennis team won the Arizona State Championship last weekend. Members of the boy's team are: George Jiang, Mike Lee, Kian Milani, John Miller, Conner Oseran, Bogdan Racolta, Nate Rasmussen, Dalton Reisig. The boy's coach is Bill Wright

The CFHS girl's tennis team were runners-up (2nd place). The girl's team members are: Mari Bangoura, Kirtana Bhat, Morgan Chakroboty, Cierra Colell, Kendall Colell, Tori Hirsch, Cody Hutchison, Deanna Pedrahita, Abby Watson, Katie Watson, Halle Zadro. and Chuck Reisig. The girl's coach is Kristie Stevens.