



Catalina Foothills Unified School District #16
2101 E. River Road, Tucson, AZ 85718
(520) 209-7500 (520) 209-7570 FAX www.cfsd16.org

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.5

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 12, 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:

Canyon View Elementary School (CV)

Congratulations to Mary Clark, 3rd grade CV teacher, for being honored as November's Teacher of the Month by Bear Essential News. Ms. Clark was nominated by one of her students who wrote, "She is trustworthy, respectful, responsible, a great citizen, is fair and is caring. She also loves us kids. She is one of the best teachers ever!"

Community Schools (CS)

Our middle school team, *Local Legends Recharged*, won two awards at the FIRST Lego League (FLL) state competition. They took home the Mechanical Design Award sponsored by Raytheon, and they came in second place for the Robot Performance Award, which is given to teams who score the most points in the Robot missions. They also received a perfect score ("Exemplary") on all Core Values, which judges Teamwork, Inspiration and Gracious Professionalism. Team members are Wesley Chiu, Michael Gross, Brandon Ni, Jackson Tint, Josh Tint, and Jeremy Wang. Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and Nancy Hsiao.

Our Sunrise Drive Elementary School team, the *BoxBots*, won the Best Presentation Award, which recognizes the best skit of the tournament. During their skit, the Boxbots demonstrated their Trash Trek solution on how to reuse shipping boxes, which often are used only once and then discarded. Team

members are Ethan Blakely, Reece Culliney, Violette Donnelly, Zakary Gruber, Seth Rojas, Alexis Saffer, Bridgett Walters, and Diana Zarif. Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and Anne Gruber.

A third team from Canyon View Elementary School, the *Raptors*, qualified for the state competition. They had an excellent showing in their first year in FLL. They placed in the top 30 (of 63) teams in the Robot Performance category. They found ways to reduce waste through encouraging students to shun disposable lunch wrappers in favor of reusable containers. Team members are Isabella Alikpala, Saha Dasika, Maxwell Palermo, Bryce Rosen, Asha Viswanathan, and Cyrus Zhang. Their coaches are Charlotte Ackerman and John Palermo.

Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS)

Our CFHS chess team is co-winner of the 2015 state championship. They also had a perfect 40-0 regular season. Team members are Aiya Cancio, Zakary Cancio, Reship Fadia, Amber Fox, Justin Fritz, Patrick Froehlich, Lucas Johnston, Nicolas Johnston, Eyad Krung, Rohan Mittal, Jeremy Segal, Lora Temyanko, Ryan Thompson, Jacob Waitt, Evan Willmarth, and Emma Wing. Their coach is Robby Adamson

The *Women's Silver Choir* and the *Concert Chorale* scored Excellent with Distinction at the Arizona Music Educators Association's Fall Choral Festival. The *Change of Pace Choir* scored a Superior at the Northern Arizona University Jazz Madrigal Festival. Their teacher is Leah Seitz.

Kelsey Siemons, CFHS junior, was named "High Achiever of the Week" for December 17-24 by the *Arizona Republic*. Listed among her accomplishments were 4.1 GPA, captain and center of basketball team, Tucson Rattlers and Club Copper Volleyball, Link Crew, and church volunteer.

The following CFHS athletes were named 2015 *Arizona Daily Star* Fall Sport High School All-Stars: Boys Cross Country - Sam Pershing, first team; Philippe Mortelliti, second team; Mark Cai and Johnny Pershing, honorable mention. Girls Cross Country - Katie Watson, first team; Allison, James, Libbie Jorgensen, and Katie McDonnell, honorable mention. Boys Golf - Tyler Blohm and Gavin Cohen, first team; Jake Goode, Ty Goode, Ryan Kauffman, and Reece Nilsen, honorable mention. Girls Golf - Elizabeth Carter, Cody Hutchison, Lizzie Miller, and Kassy Tejada, honorable mention. Boys Swimming & Diving - Brooks Fail, Swimmer of the Year and first team (200 and 500 free); Sam Mulay (100 breast), and Danilo Malo-Malino (Diving), first team; Sam Mulay (200 IM), and Brendan Finn (100 fly), second team; Atharva Deshmukh, JP Greener, Jack Hadley, Martin Hocheder, Scott Pekarske, and Sean Seyller, honorable mention. Girls Swimming & Diving -

Lexy Hansen, Rachel Kahn, Heidi Bockisch, Ali Cox (200 medley relay), Giana Vadillo (200 free), and Isabelle Bishop (100 back), second team; Sophia Bayze and Jenna Vaaler, honorable mention. Girl's Volleyball - Rachel Davis, Anita Eichenour, Bella Gallerani, Geena Kading, Kelsey Siemons, and Samantha Stinnett, honorable mention. Football - Rhett Rodriguez, first team offense; Bryan Beckon, first team defense; Collin Stine, second team offense; Jimmy Stewart, second team defense; Max Michalczik, third team offense; Steven Brezovski, third team defense; Preston Kime, Heath Kleindienst, Hunter Myrdal, Brandon Smith, and Trevor Wells, honorable mention.

Recommended Motion: Information Item