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BOARD AGENDA ITEM

ITEM NO: 1.4

BOARD MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

OPENING ITEM: Outstanding Achievements

SUBMITTED BY: Suzanne Gould, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTED BY: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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

Science Olympiad

On April 2, CFHS Blue won the Science Olympiad Arizona Championship, held at the ASU Tempe campus. CFHS Silver finished strong as well, placing 5th out of 22 teams. Team members are Jerry Barela, Francesca Barela, Nali Coan, Bina Coan, Zachary Cramton, Logan Curley, Riya Fadia, Rohini Ghosh, Bhargav Ghosh, Aditi Ghosh, Dean Gill, Ava Gill, Samantha Gottlieb, Joseph Han, Max Henry, Brandon Martz, Andrew Nesnadny, Sara Nielsen, Anna Nielsen, Alycia Oh, Katie Pawloski, Nin Raju, Nicole Richards, Simon Rubin-Toles, Annabelle Samuels, Thomas Scott, Daniel Sutherland, Ravindu Vithanachchi, Kulindu Vithanachchi, Noah Wellman, and Iliana Wisniewski. Their coaches are Terry Fortunato and Kevin Duong, high school science teachers.

Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF)

Students from all CFSD schools participated in the SARSEF competition and earned awards (shown by school, grade, student, science project title) Canyon View - 2nd grade - Myla Closterman, *The Lion Project*; 3rd grade - Abby Henson, *What is the best way to grow a plant from a cutting on a windowsill?*, Audrey Wild, *Do You Eat With Your Eyes?*; 4th grade - Alexander Boerup, *Everything Recycling*, Khalil Shehab, *Paper Airplanes Take Flight!*, Caris Wiegand, *Dog Germ Busters*; 5th grade - Amelia Holmes, *Now You See It, Now You Don't*, Ivy Jensen and Saheli Waggoner, *Does Wearing Your Mask Affect*

Intensity In Your Voice?, Darby Lin, *What fruits make a persimmon ripen faster*, Alex Myers, *Dog Talk*. Manzanita - 4th grade - Mrs. Maura Baker's class, *Mite-y Cockroaches*. Sunrise Drive - Kindergarten - Nurhan Shirazi, *Jellyfish and Pollution*, 1st grade - Amelie Puell, *Aerodynamics - The Tail of my Kite*, 2nd grade - Aaheli Shil, *The Dirtiest Area I Touch Everyday in my Classroom*, 5th grade - Taric Bruckner, *Cider Mysteries*, James Jacobsen, *What Material Makes Ice Melt the Fastest?*, Eli Le Peau, *Shooting and Passing in Soccer*, Liliana Ruiz, *Cookies!*, Aneira White, *Bouncy or Not*. Ventana Vista - 4th grade - Mrs. Maura Baker class, *Mite-y Cockroaches*, Zeke Bialis, *Desalination Of Ocean Water*. Esperero - 8th grade - Ethan Bialis, *Is it Possible to Use Mars to Live on Mars?* Orange Grove - Sophie Roth Gordon, *Investigating Biophilia: Do Plant or Water Images Reduce Stress?* Catalina Foothills High School - 11th grade - Henry Roth Gordon, *Agrivoltaics in the Time of Water Restrictions*, Joseph Han, *Neuropharmacology: Effect of Caffeine and Nicotine on Gromphadorhina Portentosa Neural Activity*; 12th grade - Jeronimo Barela, *Effects of Sceloporus Virgatus (Striped Plateau Lizard) Cloacal Bacteria on Fungal Growth*, Emily Kamp and Ashley Mannenbach, *Assessing Urban vs. Rural Historical Temperature Trends*, Zachary Keyes, *Hypo- and hyperglycemia Stimulate PKC-I'+ Neurons in the CEI*. Note: Jocelyn Smerz, 5th grade teacher at Canyon View, received a SARSEF teacher award.

Choir

Five CFHS singers were admitted into the Arizona All-State Choir: Jean Paul Aoun, bass, Harrison Dodge, bass, Morgan Hinkle, alto, Julia Jonas, soprano, and Finch Silverman, tenor.

On March 29, CFHS choirs competed at the AZ American Choral Directors Association State High School Festival. Change of Pace, Concert Chorale, and Concert Silver all received the highest possible ratings in the areas of performance and sight reading.

Jeffrey Evans is the director of our high school choirs.

Graphic Design

CFHS graphic design students were recognized in the Graphic Design Regional Championships. In the first event, students designed a poster for AZ Litho's 70th anniversary. Graphics 2 student Maya Martin's poster placed 2nd. In the second project, students designed a logo and ad for the Pima County Sheriff's Office and their "Backpacks for Kids" campaign. Maya Martin's design was awarded 2nd place and Graphics 2 student Kyle Boesen's design came in 3rd. Their teacher is Kim Gassman.

Model United Nations (MUN)

The high school's team competed in the annual AZMUN at the University of Arizona. Delegates were able to represent various countries while working with high schools from across Arizona and New Mexico to create resolutions to problems our world is facing currently. 10th grader Carter Smith was awarded Best Novice. The team is coached by Dee Ann Perez.

Move Mining

CFHS freshman Ingrid Benito and sophomore Cole Warnock won the Move Mining competition at the MINEXCHANGE 2022 Annual Conference and Expo in Salt Lake City, Utah. Their team Terramovers was awarded 1st place for their concept of an interactive video game where players can learn about mining operations, processing, and reclamation. Ingrid and Cole were the only teen presenters among the 5 team finalists.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM)

Community Schools' OM teams competed at the March 27 State Championships. Two teams placed 1st: Odyssey ReOMvention Div II team took 1st in all categories (state champs). Team members are Esperero students Ethan Bialis, Arianna DuPont, Lilianne Ferguson, Addison Fluegel, Annalise Runyon, and Soleil Sakali. Life is a Circus! Div I team placed 1st in Long term and style (state champs). Team members are Ventana Vista students Zeke Bialis, Beau DuPont, Isabel Perez, Isabella Rowe, and Ishani Timbadia.

Other award-winning CFSD teams were Escape vroOM Div I taking 3rd place overall and 1st place in Spontaneous with VV team members Benjamin Barlow, Andrew Krokhmal, Eliot Mandel, Daniel Sadiq, Jasper Torrance, Ethan Wagner, and Grace Wolf; Classics...The Musical Production Div I winning 3rd place overall and 2nd in Spontaneous with VV students Lyra Boyt, Eleanor Hudgens, Naomi Hudgens, Elena Mehl-Dominguez, and Julia Moreno; Classics...The Musical Production Div II winning 5th place with EC team members Campbell Arbogast, Stella Ausland, Scarlett Bonomolo, Esai Carrillo, Lillian Dupont, Olivian Matty, and Isabella Trader; Life is a Circus! Div II taking 4th place overall and 2nd in Spontaneous with EC team members Charlotte Cassell, Alejandra Albino Chapman, Lily Henderson, Joshua Holden, Alexandra Kapke, and Felix LeBlanc.

All six teams are coached by Tiffanie Bialis. Parent volunteer Cookie DuPont helps coach the Ventana Vista teams.

FIRST Lego League (FLL)

At the FLL State Championship held on March 5-6 at the AsU Tempe campus, these CFSD teams earned the following awards: Matchmakers - 3rd place Champions Award, Juan Esteban Aguirre (OG), Owen Cantor-Goldner (EC), Braeden Gracy (OG), Ethan Lin (EC), Anthony Milo (EC), Sarah Orr (EC), Christian Pierson (EC), and coached by Charlotte Ackerman. The Tube-o-Nardo DaVincis - "Rising Stars" Award, VV students Luke Bennett, Zeke Bialis, Jacob Colman, Beau Dupont, Ale Goodman, Harrison Hannley, Zak Jusain, Mason Kot, Andrew Krokmahi, Lucas Rodriguez, Claire Vardent, with Mentor Ethan Bialis (EC), coached by Noah Mickey-Colman and parent volunteer Jon Bialis. Tracker Hackers, 2nd place Core Values Award, Simon Crawford (OG), Audrey Dessent (OG), Matthew Meislin (OG), Warren Moore (OG), Nicholas Pickard (EC), Nathan Wu (OG), Aiden Zhou (OG), and coached by Charlotte Ackerman. Sunrise Packers, 11th place (out of 43 teams), SD students Sophie Barrios, Ella Berger, Katya Berger, Eli Le Peau, Michael Rogers, Lily Ruiz, and coached by Charlotte Ackerman; Fraud Squad, 16th place (out of 43 teams), Elijah Barbieri (EC), Ali Lucas (OG), Loki Martinez (OG), Tristan Thompson (EC), Roger Wallace (EC), Ben Wild (EC), Basil Wood (EC), Jolie Wung (EC), and coached by Charlotte Ackerman.

All-State Band

Several CFHS band members made the All-State Band and Orchestra: Ian Britanik (trumpet), Jonathon Clements (oboe), Sienna Davoli-Boen (flute), Logan Douglas (percussion), Rohini Ghosh (flute), Xiaowen Kang (clarinet), Tyler Kebo (percussion), Diego Jaquez (tuba), Dillon Peng (clarinet), Zach Russell (clarinet), Noah Wellman (piccolo). Their teacher directors are Renee Shane-Boyd and Ramon Sepulveda.

Community for Music Education

Patricia Moore, music director at Canyon View and band director at Ventana Vista, received a Best Communities for Music Education Award sponsored by the NAMM Foundation (National Association of Music Merchants). Best Communities for Music Education is a signature program of The NAMM Foundation that recognizes and celebrates schools for their support and commitment to music education.

Recommended Motion: Information Item