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## **BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**ITEM NO:** 3.4

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, December 8, 2015

**OPENING ITEM:** Outstanding Achievements

**SUBMITTED BY:** Margie Jones, Administrative Assistant

**PRESENTED BY:** Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent

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

### Orange Grove Middle School

Carol Schaedler, Orange Grove social studies teacher, was honored in November with the Tucson Values Teachers/Office Max/Depot Teacher Excellence Award. Carol has been teaching for 29 years and was nominated by fellow teacher Andrea Chadwick who wrote, "Carol Schaedler is dedicated to her craft, her students, and her school community. Throughout her career, Carol mentored new teachers, created an innovative program for at risk students, developed creative curriculum, and implemented an alternative program involving peer justice...Carol inspires her students to be passionate about learning."

Orange Grove math students competed in the [mathleague.org](http://mathleague.org) Southern Arizona regional contest last month with the following results: Individual Totals - 1st place, Noah Wellman; 2nd place, Nathan Kuo; and 5th place, Nathaniel Cross; Team Sweepstakes - 6th place, Nathan Kuo, Gianna Lampert, and Noah Wellman; 11th place, Nathaniel Cross, Natasha Meyer, Nate Schwartz, and Devak Shah; Number Sense Test - 1st place, Nathan Kuo; 3rd place, Noah Wellman; 5th place, Nathaniel Cross; and 10th place, Natasha Meyer; Sprint Test - 2nd place, Nathaniel Cross; 6th place, Natasha Meyer; and 9th place, Devak Shah.

## Manzanita Elementary School

The Manzanita fifth grade team placed first overall at the [mathleague.org](http://mathleague.org) Southern Arizona regional contest. Over 300 students competed. Manzanita's results: Team Sweepstakes - Grade 5, 1st place overall, Annabelle Samuels, Gabriel Lima-Lax, Austin Troike, and Peter Todd; Grade 4, 4th place overall, Griffin Helfand, Presley Landis, Daiki Kimura, and Simon Rubin-Toles; Team Competition- Grade 5, 1st place overall, Gabriel Lima-Lax, Annabelle Samuels, Peter Todd, and Austin Troike; Grade 4, 2nd place overall, and 1st place, Griffin Helfand, Daiki Kimura, Presley Landis, and Simon Rubin-Toles; Individual Totals - 2nd place overall, Annabelle Samuels; 4th grade, 2nd place, Simon Rubin-Toles; 3rd place, Griffin Helfand; 4th place, Presley Landis; and 5th place, Daiki Kimura; 5th grade, 5th place, Annabelle Samuels; 7th place, Austin Troike; 11th place, Gabriel Lima-Lax; Number Sense Test - Grade 4, 3rd place overall, Daiki Kimura; 2nd place, Daiki Kimura; 5th place, Griffin Helfand; and 7th place, Presley Landis; Grade 5, 3rd place, Austin Troike; and 5th place, Peter Todd; Sprint Test - 2nd place overall, Annabelle Samuels; Grade 4, 2nd place, Simon Rubin-Toles; 3rd place, Presley Landis; 6th place, Griffin Helfand; and 8th place, Daiki Kimura; Grade 5, 2nd place, Annabelle Samuels; Target Test - Grade 4, 1st place, Simon Rubin-Toles; and 10th place, Griffin Helfand; Grade 5, 2nd place, Annabelle Samuels; 9th place, Austin Troike; and 10th place, Gabriel Lima-Lax.

## Catalina Foothills High School (CFHS)

The CFHS band performed at four festivals beginning in early October at Cienega High School and Northern Arizona University where it earned excellent ratings and awards for outstanding music performance. In late October, the band earned a Superior rating at U of A Band Day. This rating was one of only 4 Superiors earned among approximately 40 bands. At its final performance in October, the band received a Superior with Distinction rating and Outstanding Performance recognition in the areas of music performance, visual performance, auxiliary performance, and general effect.

Seniors Katie Watson and Alexis Belkoff each signed a Letter of Intent for collegiate athletics. Katie signed with St. Mary's College of CA for cross country, and Alexis signed with Sacramento State for gymnastics.

CFHS Falcon Teams competed in the Special Olympics Bowling Competition on November 13. The team of Shan Donau, Emily Dong, Maggie Johnson, and Brennan Polito took 1st place in their division, and the team of D. Shawn Haimovich, Kendall Hodges, Chad Preble, and Niko Tax earned 1st place in their division. Both teams won gold medals. The CFHS teams and their members won a total of 8 gold medals.

Alex Tang won gold medals in both the Junior and Adult division of the 55kg weight category at the World Tae Kwon Do Alliance Championship in Las Vegas in November.