



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: **April 5, 2016**

TITLE: **Recognition of 2016 SARSEF Top Science Elementary School**

BACKGROUND:

Lulu Walker Elementary School was named the Top Science Elementary School for 2016 by the Southern Arizona Research, Science and Engineering Foundation (SARSEF). This is the second year in a row that the school has achieved the honor, beating out schools from across the region, including the Sonoran Science Academy and BASIS.

The school submitted a total of 30 projects for the regional science and engineering fair and took home a total of 24 awards. Nineteen of their projects were named “exemplary.” The school with the most winning projects earns the title of Science Elementary School of the Year. More than 1,900 projects were registered for this year’s Southern Arizona Science and Engineering Fair (SARSEF) held at the Tucson Convention Center in March.

At least eight of the winning projects have been submitted for advancement and the students will present their research in Phoenix during the state competition (AzSEF) on April 7th.

In addition to hosting the fair, SARSEF has worked to promote science, engineering, mathematics and technology in Southern Arizona for 61 years.

A complete list of the winning projects from Walker Elementary is below:

Grade-Locator / Student(s)	Project / All Awards	Teacher / Category
K-CB104-C Class of 20	Melting Away SARSEF Grand Award: 2nd Place	Jennifer Powers Chemical and Biochemical Sciences
K-CM103-C Class of 20	Kill Those Germs! SARSEF Grand Award: 1st Place	Gina Graham Cellular, Molecular, and Microbiological Sciences
K-AP003 Clare Kathleen Smith	Ants Are Friends SARSEF Grand Award: 3rd Place	Miss Sulik Animal and Plant Sciences
K-EN002 Payton Walker	Kitchen Science SARSEF Grand Award: 2nd Place Female Excellence in Inquiry and Creativity TEP Award of Excellence	Jennifer Powers Energy
1-BE103-C Class of 25	His Foot, Her Foot, My Foot, Your Foot SARSEF Grand Award: 3rd Place	Chris Kostin Behavioral and Social Sciences
1-EM105-C Class of 25	Float Your Boat SARSEF Grand Award: 1st Place	Lynette Dominguez Engineering and Materials Science

2-CB102-C Class of 12	Fake Snow SARSEF Grand Award: 3rd Place	Raquel Llamas Chemical and Biochemical Sciences
2-BE105-C Class of 25	Groovy Groups SARSEF Grand Award: 1st Place	Amy Lewis Behavioral and Social Sciences
2-EM006 Lucy Lewis	Cool Crayon Holder SARSEF Grand Award: 3rd Place	Jamie Kasen Engineering and Materials Science
3-EE106-C Class of 24	Plant Environments SARSEF Grand Award: 2nd Place	Rayette Jackson Earth and Environmental Studies
3-AP012 Caysea Cordell	Soil of the Dine' SARSEF Grand Award: 3rd Place	Ellen Gauthier Animal and Plant Sciences
3-AP005 Jade Cruz	Let It Grow! SARSEF Grand Award: 1st Place Southwest Gas Corporation / Award of Excellence	Rayette Jackson Animal and Plant Sciences
4-BE102-C Class of 26	Handwriting Heroes SARSEF Grand Award: 1st Place	Amy Martinez Behavioral and Social Sciences
4-CM101-C Class of 12	Germs Make Everyone Sick SARSEF Grand Award: 1st Place	Pam Juarez Cellular, Molecular, and Microbiological Sciences
4-AP011 Rowen Wong	Catch That Fish: Fishing By Color SARSEF Grand Award: 1st Place Wonder of Wildlife	Jean Shivers Animal and Plant Sciences
5-AP103-C Class of 76	Go, Grow SPACE Tomato! SARSEF Grand Award: 2nd Place	Kelly Smith, Mandi Cordell, Karyn VF Animal and Plant Sciences
5-CB033 Kaylynne Garner	Smoking vs. Vaping SARSEF Grand Award: 1st Place ASQ Tucson Section Individual Merit Award	Kelly Smith Chemical and Biochemical Sciences
5-AP036 Vincent Santino	Healthy and Bug Free Excellence in Cactus and Succulent Research	Karyn Vick-Frantziskonis Animal and Plant Sciences
5-EE030 Lucia Vasquez	Different Air Qualities SARSEF Grand Award: 2nd Place	Mandi Cordell Earth and Environmental Studies

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for the Governing Board's information and recognition.

INITIATED BY:


 Amy Sharpe, Director of Community Relations

Date: March 25, 2016


 Patrick Nelson, Superintendent