

Catalina Foothills School District
Tucson, Arizona

December 4, 2013

TO: CFSD Governing Board
FROM: Mary Kamerzell, Superintendent
RE: Outstanding Achievements

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

Catalina Foothills High School

- CFHS Student Anastasia Matiatos is one of ten Arizona finalists for the US Senate Youth Program. Two winners will be selected from these ten finalists to spend a week in Washington, D.C. interacting with Senators, Representatives, government leaders, and policy makers. The top two winners will also receive a \$5,000 college scholarship. Anastasia earned this honor based on her score on the US/AZ Government exam given at CFHS in October.

Orange Grove Middle School

- *Band*
Twenty-two students from Orange Grove Middle School have been selected to participate in the Southern Arizona Honor Band. Sixth grade band members are: Soelle Arnett-Canody-Tuba, Cora Clements-Bassoon, Molly Cross-Horn in F, Grace Hufford-Flute, Kelly Malone-Bflat Soprano Clarinet, and Grace Proebsting-Trumpet/Cornet. Seventh grade band members are: Ari Dettman-Euphonium/Baritone, Hannah Ju-Bflat Soprano Clarinet, Daniel Kersey-Trombone, Maya Krouse-Bassoon, Ella Maltzman-Horn in F, Scott Pekarske-Euphonium/Baritone, Julian Valenzuela-Horn in F, and Samantha Wallace-Horn in F. Eighth grade band members are: Mark Cai-Bflat tenor Saxophone, Dylan Crawford-Trombone, Jillian Hoyt-Bassoon, George Jiang-Horn in F, Anna Kittle-Bflat Soprano Clarinet, Shane Vincent-Trumpet/Cornet, Maisie Wagner-Tuba, and Scott Wisnom-Euphonium/Baritone.

Manzanita Elementary School

- Manzanita students took first place in the Elementary Math Challenge of Southern Arizona on November 15. Teacher Kelly Taylor was the students' coach. For individual overall scores, out of 149 contestants,

Preston Helfand = 1st place overall

Max Rubin-Toles = 2nd place overall

Drew Smith = 5th among fifth graders (8th overall)

Eli Lefkowitz = 10th among fifth graders (13th overall)

Elliot Liu = 1st place among fourth graders (3rd place among all contestants)

Nathan Kuo = 2nd place in the fourth grade (4th among all contestants)

Noah Wellman = 3rd place (12th overall)

Shivam Kedia = 4th among fourth graders (18th overall)

There were several different test categories. On the Team Test, both fourth and fifth grade teams came in first place for their grade levels. On the Countdown Round, Preston Helfand came in first place. On the Number Sense test, Elliot, Noah, Nathan, and Shivam were 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place in fourth grade.

- Eighteen 4th graders competed at Math Matters on November 16. Teacher Tina Moricz was the coach. Jack Clements came in 4th place overall.

Ventana Vista Elementary School

- Fourth Grade VVES Student, Hannah Lee, received 1st place in the 26th Tucson Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Competition. She will perform with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra in May 2014.