

# PUSD

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## Vision

A community of learners who direct our collective actions and resources toward the unique learning needs of every child in order for all students to become college and career ready and successful in a global society.

## Motto

Collectively Committed to Every Student, Every Day, Every Minute.



## Mission

Our schools are passionate about the learning-for-all mission and understand that every student matters. We are responsible and accountable for the education of every student that walks through our doors every day.

# Moore is Rookie A.D. of the Year



Congratulations to Megan Moore are in high order.

The Arizona Interscholastic Association Athletic Association (AIAAA) has named PUSD's Athletic Director, Megan Moore, with this year's AIAAA Rookie of the Year for all Athletic Directors in the state of Arizona. The prestigious honor is officially called the Zig Kwiatkowski Rookie "Step to the Plate" Award. The award is voted on by all Arizona athletic directors.

Moore was also named the NAIC Athletic Director of Year.

Moore was born and raised in Page, and graduated from Page High School. Prior to becoming PUSD's athletic director at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, Moore has

been a teacher at Page High School since 2016. During that time, she has also served as Student Council Advisor for six years and this year served as Senior Class Sponsor.

Moore has a drive for taking on big tasks and big responsibilities. While a student at Arizona State University, she served as the Homecoming Director for three years as well as the Student Coordinator at ASU's Sun Devil Fitness Center.

Moore will return as PUSD's athletic director next year, and will also serve as NAIC's president.

Thank you, Megan, for all you do for our students, our schools and our community!

# New Playground Equipment Installed at Desert View, Lake View



**H**unter Bald, a Kindergartener at Lake View Primary, had the honor of being the first student to try out the slippery slide on the school's brand new playground equipment.

Work crews finished installing it in mid-May in the play area designated for Kindergarten students. When it was opened, the students swarmed over it like bees on a cloverfield.

This is the third set of such playground equipment that has been erected at PUSD's schools in the last year. Crews also built one on the area of Lake View's grounds used by the first and second graders, and one Desert View's playground.

The new structures feature towers, slides, bridges, firemen poles, climbing nets, and other features to ignite a

child's imagination. The structures also include overhead shade panels to help keep the play areas cool.

The kids love the new equipment, says Lake View Principal, Brian Henderson.

Kids learn many important lessons and life skills in playground settings, but because it occurs in a fun space, it just feels like playtime with their friends, said Hattie Williams, Lake View first grade teacher.

"Teachers call it Discovery Learning," said Ms. Williams. "They are learning to share and take turns, learning how to communicate with each other and all of that is all important for a child's social development, and even their language skills. A lot of that occurs on the playground."

During Discovery Learning kids increase their dexterity as they move through the playground's terrain, they in-



crease their confidence as they try new things, such as going down the tall slide for the first time, and . . .

“Our kids love the new equipment,” said Desert View Intermediate Principal, Mary Stahl. “They love climbing on the net – it looks kind of like a spider web – and they love the new slide which is a lot taller and longer. It’s a big hit.”

The District views the purchase of the new playground equipment as a long-term investment in PUSD’s students, said PUSD Superintendent Dr. Bryce Anderson

“Our students deserve the absolute best when they’re outside during their recess time,” said Dr. Anderson. “More than anything else, it’s about giving them memories that will be meaningful for the rest of their time with us.”

Outside play time is critical for a young students overall

academic performance, said Dr. Anderson. “Having time to exercise and burn off some of that energy that they have is essential to supporting to what they’re doing in the classroom. The playground equipment we’ve had has served its purpose,” said Dr. Anderson. “The new equipment is safer and is more meaningfully interactive.”

The equipment is manufactured by BCI Burke, Co. It’s the same brand the City of Page has put up in its parks. It’s high-quality and built to last several decades.

“It’s important as we look at our investments in the District and in our students that those investments are long-term investments and be good stewards of taxpayer dollars. Investing in high-quality equipment now will mean savings in the future as there will be lower maintenance costs.”

# Photos of Groove Cats Concert



# Welding Students Honored at Banquet



Page High School's Welding Club ended the school year with a barbecue and banquet to celebrate the club's successes from the school year.

During the event, four students – Maximus Nez, Davidson Fuller, Lyla Begay and Dylan Whitehat – all received letters for achievement in welding. The letter they receive is different than an athletic or academic letter, but the students are allowed to put it on a letterman jacket if they choose.

The Welding Club held a barbecue outside its classroom on a day after school was out. "It was a way to wrap up the

end of the year and honor those who were receiving the letter award and who were graduating," said Sam Rangel, welding club advisor and teacher. "It was a fun event. Everyone had a good time."

All the people from the welding club – about 15 people – were in attendance.

The requirements to receive a letter in welding are: Attend 80 percent of the welding club meetings, compete in one or more welding competitions, participate in two or more fundraising events, and be a welding club officer.

# Photos from PHS Graduation





# Photos from PHS Grad Walk 2023

One of the greatest traditions at Page Unified School District is its annual Grad Walk, when graduating seniors don their robes and mortarboards and visit Lake View, Desert View and Page Middle School. Grad Walk allows graduates one last walk through the hallways of their youth, while at the same time inspiring younger students toward the day they graduate.



# Photos from SSVA Graduation



# Photos from MMHS Graduation



# Photos from 8th Grade Celebration



# Photos from Desert View Track & Field Day



# Panthers Softball Team Crowned NAIC Champs



The Page Middle School Panthers softball team defeated the Kayenta Colts 13-12 in the semi-finals to advance to the championship game where they faced the Tsehootsooi Scouts, and beat them 11-1.

The most dramatic inning of the day came in the third inning of the semi-finals against the Colts, when the Lady Panthers posted a monster comeback. The Panthers trailed 11-4 following the second inning, but the Panthers – wearing hand-me-down Sand Devils uniforms – found the big

bats in the third inning, bringing in eight runs to tie the game at 11.

The Colts added another run and regained the lead in the following inning, but the Panthers scored two more runs in the game's final inning giving them the 13-12 victory.

After a brief rest, the Panthers returned to the field and easily defeated the Tsehootsooi Scouts 11-1 for the NAIC championship.

Way to go girls!

# Panthers Baseball and Track & Field Teams NAIC Champions

Congratulations to Page Middle School's baseball team and Page Middle School Track & Field Teams for bringing home the NAIC Championships!

You make us proud!



# Photos from Preschool Celebration





# EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Certified Employee of the Month

April 2023

**Brian Henderson**

Classified Employee of the Month

April 2023

**Ximena Hendrickson**

Certified Employee of the Month

May 2023

**Robyn Wingrove**

Classified Employee of the Month

May 2023

**Natalie Kawano**

# APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Page Preschool  
Georgia Korovilas

Lake View Primary  
Khloe Slim

Desert View Intermediate  
Kensi Ross

Page Middle School  
Kora Tappan

Page High School  
Aaliya Henderson-Senior

Manson Mesa High School  
Diaz Brown

Sage & Sand Virtual Academy  
Lailene Daw