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PAGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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On the Cover

Brianna Smallcanyon throws to Janelle Etsitty during the game vs. Tanque Verde.

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.



April 13, 2022

Notes from Regular Board Meeting: April 12, 2022

Page Unified School Board members convened for its Regular Board Meeting April 12, 2022. Board President, Desiree Fowler, and Board Members Sandra Kidman, Dee McKerry, Charles Weiss and Mike Mangum were present. Superintendent Dr. Bryce Anderson was also present.

During the meeting, Board Member, Sandra Kidman, recognized PUSD's Employees of the Month. The Certified Employee of the Month was Judith Casterline. The Classified Employee of the Month was Mariah DeJolie.

Board President, Desiree Fowler, recognized PUSD's Students of the month.

They are:

Preschool: Moriah Robertson

Lake View: Jaden Yellowhorse

Desert View: Mason Hurley

Page Middle School: Angel Etcitty

Page High School: Makenzie Olsen

Manson Mesa High School: Isaiah Jump

Sage and Sand Virtual Academy: Kenneth Walker

The Navajo Language and UNITY Club students gave a presentation to the Board regarding its upcoming Spring Conference.

The Board moved into Executive Session to allow the Board meet with prospective school principals, Leigh Guenther, Alyssa Covington and Brian Henderson.

In the Consent Agenda portion of the meeting, the Board approved several items, including:

- A. Statement Concerning the Consent Agenda
- B. March 1, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Notes
- C. March 22, 2022, Work/Study Session Meeting Minutes
- D. March 22, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes
- E. Ratification of Vouchers
- F. Ratification of Routine Personnel Items - Hiring/Transfers/Stipends/Extra Duty/Pay Changes
- G. Resignations, Terminations, and Retirement
- H. Out-of-State Travel Requests -
- I. Student Activities and Operations Reports
- J. Authorization to Dispose of District Surplus Equipment
- K. District Bank Account Signatories
- L. Navajo Nation Debarment & Suspension Form

- M. MOU between PUSD and Navajo Head Start Program
- N. ADE Food Program Permanent Service Agreement for PUSD

The Board authorized Supt. Anderson to act on behalf of the District to enter into finalized participation in “New Paths Grant Partnership” agreement.

The Board voted unanimously to approve Supt. Anderson’s recommendation for 2022-2023 Director of Talent Management - Nancy Warner

The Board voted unanimously to approve Supt. Anderson’s recommendation for 2022-2023 Lake View Primary Principal - Brian Henderson

The Board voted unanimously to approve Supt. Anderson’s recommendation for 2022-2023 Lake View Primary Asst. Principal - Wanda Burton

The Board voted unanimously to approve Supt. Anderson’s recommendation for 2022-2023 Page Middle School Principal - Alyssa Covington

The Board voted unanimously to approve Supt. Anderson’s recommendation for 2022-2023 Page Middle School Asst. Principal - Kevin Anderson

The Board voted unanimously to approve Supt. Anderson’s recommendation for 2022-2023 Page High School Principal - Leigh Guenther

Four Members of the Board (Sandra Kidman, Dee McKerry, Charles Weiss, Mike Mangum) voted to approve Supt. Anderson’s recommendations for 2022-2023 Page High School Asst. Principal - Teresa Robbins. Board President, Desiree Fowler, voted against the recommendation.

The Board approved job descriptions for Behavior Interventionist, Coordinator of Indian Education, Director of Academic Enrichment and School Psychologist intern, Psychologist, Coordinator of Student Support Services, Health and Wellness Director, Executive Director of Academic Services, Director of Athletics & Events, Teacher - English Learner EL, Summer Programming Counselor, Summer Programming CN, Edgenuity Courseware Summer School Teacher, Summer School Paraprofessional, ESY Summer School Teacher, Summer School Guest Teacher, Summer Programming Paraprofessional, Summer Blossom Paraprofessional-Instructional Support, Summer Programming Site Coordinator, Summer School Teacher.

GOVERNING BOARD

Desiree Fowler	Sandra Kidman	Dee McKerry	Charles Weiss	Mike Mangum
President	Clerk	Member	Member	Member

Superintendent
Bryce C. Anderson

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Airgas Gives PHS Welding Program \$10K in Equipment

On April 27th, Airgas USA, a welding supply company from Flagstaff, delivered \$10,000 worth of free welding equipment and supplies to Page High School's welding program. The equipment included brand new welding hoods, various welding tools – such as pliers and channel locks – welding gloves and PPE for the students, as well as argon and CO2 gas. Pretty much everything a welding student needs to succeed in his or her class.

"This is going to have a huge impact for my welding students, and on our program," said Sam Rangel, Page High School Welding instructor. "I feel absolutely blessed and honored to be selected. We've been in need of new tools for some time. They get used hard and they get old and worn out. This will replenish our tools so that every student during a class period will have their own tools, rather than having to share between students."

Rangel said he plans to keep a set of the new welding hoods aside for his students attending competitions so they'll have a nice-looking uniform.

The award is a direct testament to Rangel's dedication and the positive direction he's taking the high school's welding program.

"I want to remind our community that our welding program is here to help," said Rangel. "In our country right now, we're experiencing a skills gap. There are more skilled-labors jobs than there are skilled workers to fill the jobs. Graduating skilled welders will lessen that skills gap."

Rangel takes great pride in teaching the next generation of America's welders. "Having skilled welders keeps America competitive on the world stage, being a strong industrial nation, being a world country and having to rely less on foreign help."

Rangel teaches a little more than 100 students in his welding classes. He teaches first-time welders who don't know anything about the craft, all the way to advanced students. The ultimate goal of the high school welding program is to have any student who wants to, graduate from high school with a welding certification that can get them an entry-level position in the welding industry.

The welding supplies that were given to PHS's welding



PHS Welding instructor, Sam Rangel, with Airgas Reps Eden Lainoff and Don Dexter

program came from the 2022 Airgas High School Welding Education Initiative, an annual program Airgas sponsors as a way to help successful high school welding programs meet their needs.

Page High School was one out of 30 schools across the country who won this year's Airgas High School Welding Education Initiative. Airgas has been a supplier and supporter of Page High School's welding program for decades and the two organizations have a long history of cooperation. Eden Lainoff, Airgas Branch Manager in Flagstaff, nominated Page High School's welding program for the \$10,000 award.

"Sam [Rangel] and I talked on the phone and I asked him what his program needed," said Lainoff. "We went through a list of high-priority to low-priority items they needed, and submitted their application."

Airgas was more than happy to award the PHS welding program with \$10,000 worth of equipment, said Don Dexter, Airgas District Manager. He sees it as a win-win for both the high school and his own company.

"We like to partner with schools, because the way we see it, this continues our industry," said Dexter. "The students today learning to weld will be our customer tomorrow. The people in the skilled trades, like welding, are very important to the success of our business, as well as the success of

Sue Tucker Sets Up Her Graduating Artists for Success



McKayla Tisi, Jaydean Jordan and Sheridan Fowler at the Fine Arts Fair.



Jayden Secody at the Fine Arts Fair.

Students in Page High School's advanced art class are finishing out the school year with a raft of positive experiences that have given them a taste of success and further fueled their passion for art, and the importance of the work they do as artists.

The month began with the City of Page inviting 14 art students from Page High School to join the city's Fine Arts Festival, and throughout the month, PHS art teacher, Sue Tucker, brought in visiting artists who gave demonstrations, and dispensed practical, valuable advice for students wanting to make the leap to professional artist.

In the years that Sue Tucker has been an art teacher at Page High School, she has strived to build an art program that encourages her art students to take chances and be brave with their creativity. So when she learned about the invitation to have her students join the Fine Arts Festival, she was thrilled.

Participating in the city's Fine Arts Festival was overwhelmingly positive, said Sue Tucker. For the majority of the students, it was their first steps into the professional art world. For the budding artists, displaying their work alongside the work of professional, respected artists was a real boost to their confidence, and their abilities as artists.

The Fine Arts Festival began Friday night with a Meet-the-Artists dinner at the Grand Canyon Brewery and Distillery. There artists displayed their best works, ate dinner

and mingled with their fellow artists and the interested public in the center portion of the restaurant, which was roped off from the rest of the dining area. The dinner also served as a fundraiser for Page High School's arts programs, and raised \$600.

On Saturday and Sunday, the festival moved to the city park.

"I have so many talented kids, and they got to see that first-hand during the festival," Tucker said, "Hearing that your work is great from your art teacher is one thing, but having a stranger pay a hundred dollars for something you created is on an entirely different level. Some of them walked away with hundreds of dollars in their pockets, which was a very big surprise for them, and really validated them as artists."

Participating in the Fine Arts Festival was a great growing experience for the students, allowing them to experience the business side of their craft.

"Many of them had never done this before, or shown their work before and they had to learn how to do it," said Tucker. "It was all so new to them that most of them didn't know what prices to charge for their art."

Tucker coached them how to come up with a proper

Miquedah Taliman Honored by Navajo Nation Leaders



During the 2022 Spring Session Recognition Ceremony, the 24th Navajo Nation Council joined Honorable Paul Begay to honor Miquedah Taliman, a student leader and athlete attending Page High School, for her recent accomplishments. The Navajo Nation is proud of our young student-athletes and sends its congratulations to the Page Unified School District and all our hard-working parents for their support.

During the 2021-22 basketball season, the talented playmaker scored 1,000 points during her high school career, and was named the 3A North Regional Player of the Year 2022.

Council Delegate Paul Begay represents the communities of Coppermine, K'ai'bii'tó, LeChee, Tonalea/Red Lake, and Bodaway/Gap.

WAY TO GO, MIQUEDAH!

Troop 1996 Donates Cookies to Student Support Services

Daisy Troop 1996 drop off Girl Scout Cookies to PUSD's Student Support Services earlier this month. The girls chose to give the donated cookies to Student Support Services' Backpack Program because they wanted "every kid to enjoy some Girl Scout cookies."

Pictured are (from left, back row), Vanessa Pottorff, Troop 1996 Co-leader, Virgie Whitehorse, Student Support Services Parent Liaison, Dana Law, Troop 1996 Co-leader. Front row, from left, Zoey Richardi, Brooklyn Swinton, Ellie Pottorff, Bryn Anderson, Brooklyn Redshirt, Eden Anderson, Roo Law and Gwen French.



Photos from High School AVID Awards Ceremony



Photos from Middle School AVID Awards Ceremony



Photos from Health & Safety Fair & LVP Parent Engagement Night



PUSD's Wellness Committee combined in Health and Safety Fair with Lake View's Parent Engagement Night Wednesday night.

The Health and Safety part of the event featured a variety of booths from 23 community Health-related, and community outreach organizations. Out on the playground, Lake View faculty and staff had set up a variety of activities to promote health, safety and overall personal wellness.

Photos from Middle School Moms & Sons FunNight

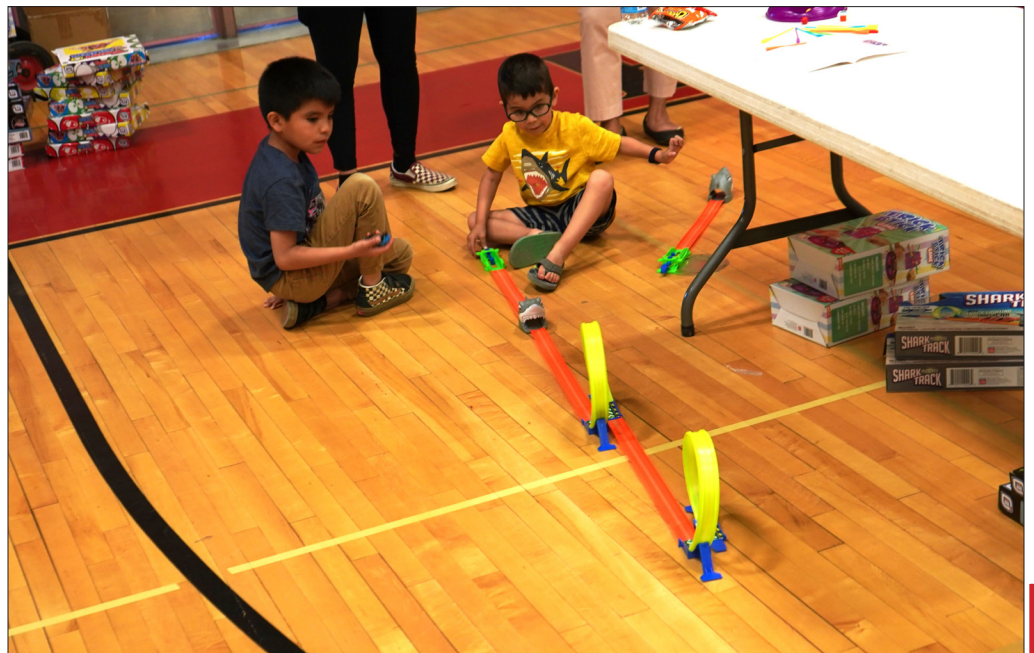


Page Middle School held a Moms and Sons Fun Night the last week of April.

The event featured numerous games and activities, food, snacks, a DJ and a photo booth.

"The purpose of it was to provide some time and some space for moms and their sons to take a break from their normal obligations and relax, play games and share some time together," said Sharon Watson, who helped organize the event.

The event was well-attended and a lot of fun.



CTE's Auto Tech Program Acquires State-of-the-Art Training Aid



The Automotive Technology program recently acquired a state-of-the-art training aid. This trainer features a late-model recycled vehicle. The training vehicle has a full operating engine, A/C, electrical system, and all the computer systems.

The training car will aid in developing real-world system skills and knowledge by performing actual service manual diagnostic procedures on the following systems: Engine Performance, Electrical/Electronics, Suspension/Steering, Brakes, Heating/Air Conditioning, and Transmissions.

It is equipped with a Fault / Simulator Panel with multiple faulting options.

"It's something I've wanted for the CTE program for a long time," said Chuck Sharp, CTE Director.

The automotive training aid has no roof and no doors, making it more easily accessible to students, some of who are seeing the systems for the first time. Because the car is open, it also allows the instructor and 25 students to easily gather around while during demonstrations.

"The instructor can throw a fault into the car's system, and the students will have to diagnose the problem," said Sharp. "It's going to greatly increase our hands-on instruction for our students."



CTE Students Earn ASE Certifications



Josh Tenpenny and Haylen Tsosie



Deeshawn Twitty and Sonny Johnson

Four CTE students from Page High School recently passed several ASE certifications. Sonny Johnson completed nine out of nine certifications, a feat that has only been completed by a handful of PHS students throughout the years. Johnson plans to continue his education in automotive technology by attending the Universal Technical Institute.

Tenpenny, who completed seven out of nine ASE certifications, is expected to put his knowledge to good use. Post high school, Tenpenny will be an Aviation Mechanic for the US Coast Guard.

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our country.

“And we were especially happy to give this to Page’s welding program. This program has been turning out quality welders for decades. I doubt you could visit a job-site that requires welders anywhere in our region without finding a welder that didn’t come through Page High School’s welding program. We happy to help keep that tradition going.”

Chuck Sharp, PUSD’s CTE Director, is thrilled at the work being performed by Rangel and his welding students and is looking forward to see what amazing things they’ll do with the new equipment.

“It’s great to have an industry partner like Airgas,” said Sharp. “We’re very appreciative of the support they give to us.”



Persephone Whitehair at the Fine Arts Festival.

price for their art.

"I told them to think about how many hours they had put into their work, the materials used to make it, and not to under-sell themselves," said Tucker. "I saw that some of the students had priced their art too low, and suggested they raise the prices, and they got it. Some students sold three or four of their pieces and walked home with \$800. After years perfecting their art, and wondering if it's any good, it's an amazing feeling knowing your art is worth something."

For the young artists at the Fine Arts Festival, it was a chance to watch the public interact with their work. It was an opportunity to see what affect their art had on them, and what reactions or connections their art produced.

A piece created by high school artist Sheridan Fowler had a big and immediate impact on a festivalgoer, Darren Coldwell, Page's City Manager.

It's a painting of three sunflowers, titled "Sunflower Heaven."

When Coldwell saw the painting, it had an immediate, visceral impact. Opening night of the Fine Arts Festival happened to coincide with the three-year anniversary that Coldwell had been cancer-free. The sunflower is the symbol for sarcoma awareness, the type of cancer Coldwell

beat three years earlier.

"Each different type of cancer has a flower that symbolizes it," Coldwell explained. "I had a form of sarcoma in my lower spine, and the sunflower is the symbol for that type of cancer. We had been looking for a couple years of a painting of sunflowers. When we saw this one, we thought it would be a nice inspiration."

Coldwell purchased the painting for \$275, and had it professionally matted and framed. It now hangs in his bedroom where he can see it every day.

"That's the perfect example of the power of art," said Tucker. "You can never tell who it will touch."

Sheridan's piece, "Sunflower Heaven", acrylic on canvas, started off as an experimental project. Sheridan began by painting clouds in the sky. Painting clouds was new to her and something she wanted to try. "I liked how the clouds turned out," she said. "After that, I did something I'm good at, which is painting flowers. My favorite flowers are sunflowers."

Fowler is the daughter on well-known Navajo artist, Frank Fowler, Jr.

Fowler, a senior, plans to continue creating art as a hobby after she graduates.

Another one of the high school students in the Fine Arts



CJ Jones at the Fine Arts Festival.

Festival was Jayden Secody, a senior. He sketches, makes drawings, sculpts clay and makes wearable art. At the festival, Secody showcased wearable art. Secody's style of wearable art was sculptures created from cardboard made to look like armor. Most of the "armor" Secody creates is inspired from video games and movies.

For Secody, creating sculptures out of clay or cardboard felt like the logical next step in his creative career. The idea hit him out of the blue, he says.

"One day I was like, wait, I can turn what I've drawn into a 3D sculpture to see what I had seen in my imagination become more physical," Secody said. "

Secody was one of the few students who has displayed work at previous art festivals.

"Sometimes I sell art, sometimes I don't," he said. "I like to walk around and see what the new meta is, see what other artists are doing and what they're working with."

Secody plans to pursue a career in the arts and sees his art progressing into gaming design, working with the digital arts.

"I want to be more multi-media, and work with everything," he said.

Another big piece of Tucker's approach to developing the next generation of successful artists is introducing her students to successful artists, particularly ones who come from backgrounds similar to their own.

Tucker invited Mekhi Merritt, a former PHS student, into her classroom for several days as an Artist-in-Residence.

"I think a number of my students were inspired to see someone with an identical background as them, go on to become a successful artist," Tucker said.

Merritt does tattoo art, sketches, watercolor, murals and whatever else inspires him. During his time in Tucker's class, Merritt gave demonstrations on shading, tone and how to transfer a finished design to a different surface. When Merritt wasn't giving demonstrations, he remained in the classroom and worked on his art, and was available to answer questions from the art students throughout the day.



PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT



EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Certified Employee of the Month
March 2022



Judith Casterline

Classified Employee of the Month
March 2022

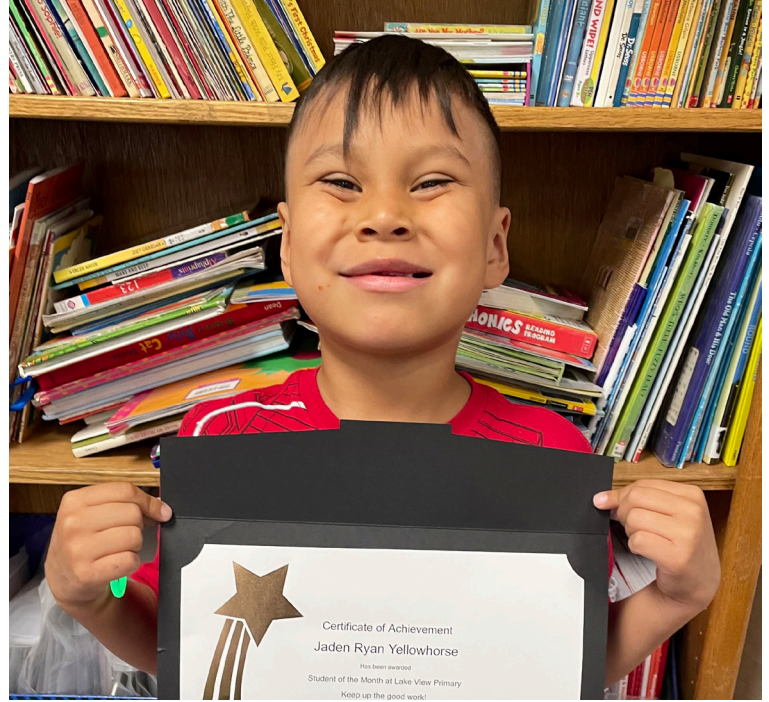


Mariah DeJolie

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Moriah Robertson
Preschool



Jaden Yellowhorse
Lake View Primary



Mason Hurley, with Miss Iverson
Desert View Intermediate



Angel Etcitty
Page Middle School

MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Makenzie Olsen
Page High School



Isaiah Jump
Manson Mesa High School



Kenneth Walker
Sage & Sand Virtual Academy



Page Unified School District
presents

A Music Educator Showcase

Featuring performances by the music educators in PUSD schools

May 25th, 2022
6:30 PM
Cultural Arts Building

A colorful poster for Spring Concerts. The background is white with various colored paint splashes (orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) and musical notes (green, blue, yellow, pink) scattered throughout. The text is arranged in a grid-like fashion, with each concert name and date in a different color and font style.

Spring
CONCERTS

UKULELE MAY 5	BAND MAY 10
STRINGS MAY 11	CHOIR MAY 12
K MUSICAL MAY 13	

ENROLL NOW!

**PAGE UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**



2022

**Summer programming
Now open for enrollment**

———— Summer Programming at ————
Lake View | Desert View | Page Middle School
Page High School | Manson Mesa | Sage & Sand

Find detailed descriptions of classes, calendar at
pageud.org/summerprogramming

For more information, contact the school's Assistant Principal.

Find links to enroll at
pageud.org/summerprogramming