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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.

4 PHS Athletes Sign Letters of Intent



Sofia Cambridge



Alyssa Harris



Kaydence Tsingine



Jade Reid

Four athletes from Page High School signed Letters of Intent last week as part of a special signing ceremony organized by PUSD athletic director Megan Moore.

The ceremony followed the Parade of Champions, which celebrated team and individual achievements which occurred during the 2023-24 school year.

The signing ceremony was attended by Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren and ASBA President, Desiree Fowler, who acknowledged the talent and drive of the four Sand Devils.

Sofia Cambridge signed to play basketball with Pima Community College. Cambridge played volleyball, basketball and track. She was a key player on this year's Lady Sand Devils basketball team which won the state championship. She also brought home the gold in the 200M and 400M in this year's Arizona Interscholastic Association Division IV Championship.

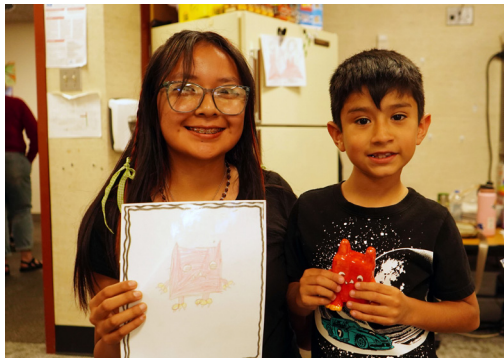
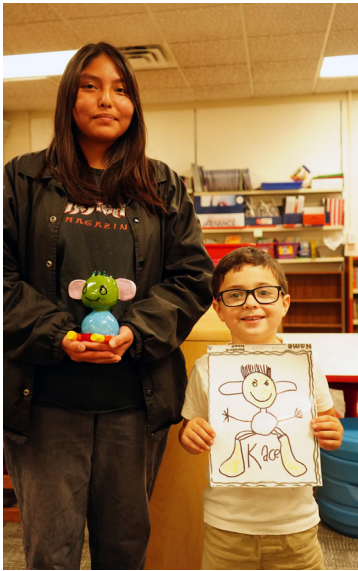
Alyssa Harris signed to play basketball with Husson Uni-

versity. Harris led the Lady Sand Devils to the 3A championship this year and was named 3A Conference Player of the Year in her role as point guard for the Lady Sand Devils.

Jade Reid signed to run cross-country and track for Fort Lewis College. Reid had a spectacular year this year. She ran cross-country, was a key player for the Lady Sand Devils basketball team, and won gold in the 3200M at the Arizona Interscholastic Association Division IV Championship this year.

Kaydence Tsingine signed to play volleyball for Ottawa University. Tsingine was one of the premier playmakers on the Sand Devils volleyball team this year. She also helped the Lady Sand Devils bring home the 3A championship trophy in basketball. In track this year she ran the 100M, 200M and was the anchor on the 4x100 relay. She won the gold medal in the long jump at the Arizona Interscholastic Association Division IV Championship this year.

Monster Art Delivery



The art collaboration between Lake View's Kindergarteners and Page High School's ceramics class came to fruition during the final days of the school year. The art collaboration began shortly after the Christmas break.

Erica Pullin had her Kindergarten art students draw a monster. She then gave the drawings to Ms. Tucker's ceramics students who then made a ceramic 3D version of the

monster.

The ceramic monsters turned out amazing, and the Kindergarten kids were happy and amazed to see their drawings become a 3D piece of art.

Thanks Erica Pullin and Sue Tucker for the great collaboration, and great job ceramics students. Wow! What amazing work.

Page Middle School's School-Wide Showcase



Page Middle School opened its doors to parents and the public in May for its School-wide Showcase. It was a chance for Page Middle School students to demonstrate and display some of the things they have learned, developed and created during the school year. This was the middle school's second year hosting the School-wide Showcase.

Page Middle School uses WICOR for its curriculum. WICOR is a learning model that AVID and JCMS use to help students learn at higher levels and increase rigor in the

classroom. WICOR is an acronym that stands for Writing to learn, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading.

"These are the critical skills needed to go on to, and succeed in college," said Stacey Schropshire, Student Achievement Teacher. "A lot of times middle school gets left out or overlooked, and because of that parents may not be aware of how much work and rigor Page Middle School students are

4 Sand Devil Track Stars Bring Home Gold

Four Sand Devil track stars – Sofia Cambridge, Symond Martin, Jade Reid and Kaydence Tsinigine – brought home six championship medals from the Arizona Interscholastic Association Division IV Championship over the May 4th weekend.

Sofia Cambridge, a senior, took gold in the 200M and 400M, also setting new school records in each event. Jade Reid, a senior, took gold in the 3200M. Kaydence Tsinigine, a senior, took gold in the long jump. Symond Martin, a sophomore, took gold in the 1600M and 3200M. He placed sixth in the 1600M last year.

In the 1600, Symond, who was named 3A North Male Runner of the Year, held the lead for the first three laps staying ahead of Chino Valley runner Quenton Metz. Metz made a break for it on the fourth lap, but Symond out-kicked him down the final straightaway for the victory. Metz finished with a time of 4:21.10 and Symond finished at 4:20.10.

Symond said he didn't panic when he saw Metz pull into the lead.

"When he went into the last lap I knew I could overtake him because I was just cruising it the first three laps," he said. "I knew I would have a kick at the end, and I caught him in the back stretch."

Symond returned the next day and captured gold in the 3200M.

Cambridge, who was named 3A North Female Runner of the Year, had a season-long goal to set a new school record in the 200M and 400M.

"I was feeling pretty good when we arrived there," she said. "I had been training all season to peak at Divisionals, and that's what happened."

Cambridge broke the school record in the 400M earlier this season at the Winslow Invitational on April 19, then bettered that time at Divisionals.

"Sofia did an amazing job following the training we set out for her. She trusted the program and peaked at the absolute right time," said sprint and relay coach Jonathon Prather.

Cambridge, Reid and Tsinigine entered the track season after winning the state basketball championship.

"The first thing we had to do is transform their bodies from basketball muscles and movements to track muscles and movements," said Coach Prather. "The movements and flexibility are different and if you don't make the transformations it can lead to injuries."



Coach Prather and his runners spent the first few weeks of practice doing that.

"After that, we worked on developing their strength in the weight room," Prather explained. "The goal was pure power and speed."

For Cambridge and Tsinigine, his sprinters, that meant sprinting 40, 50 and 100 meters with as much strength and speed as they could.

Tsinigine, a long-jumper, captured her first divisional title with an amazing jump of 16-feet, 8.25-inches effort in the long jump.

"I really didn't expect to take first place because two other girls had been jumping in the 17s earlier in the season," Tsinigine said.

"I wore my dad's cedar beads, and I prayed to my grandpa, who is watching over me, to get me the strength and speed to get out there," Tsinigine said. "My dad's beads are my lucky charm, and my grandpa was always my biggest supporter."

Photos from May Band Concert

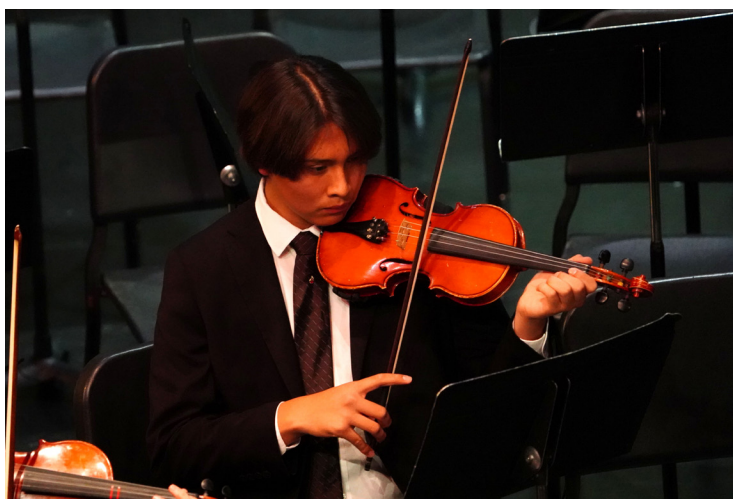


Photos from May Choir Concert





Photos from May Strings Concert



Desert View's Got Talent



What a fun night!

Desert View Intermediate held its 2nd Annual DVI Got Talent last Friday night and it was a blast! Students and teachers sang, danced, performed magic tricks and a cultural poem.

The students displayed a lot of talent, bravery and charisma.

When it was done, judges awarded fifth place to Alexa

Cummings and Dallis Mountain who performed a dance. Fourth place went to Abeagall Rodgers who sang a song. Third place to Matauis Sailego who performed a song for his talent. Second place went to Piper Mangum, who performed a song. And the winner was Jolesha Johnson who performed a cultural dance.

Great job everyone!

Photos from Track and Field Days

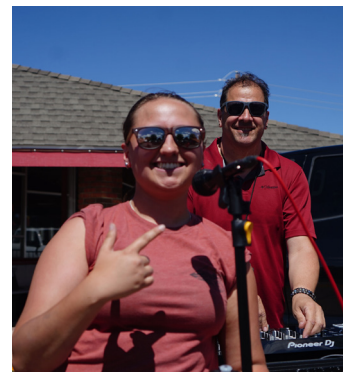


Grad Walk 2024



One of PUSD's greatest traditions: Grad Walk. Graduating seniors visited their old stomping grounds of Lake View, Desert View and Middle School.

Parade of Champions!



PUSD celebrated an outstanding year of excellence and achievement in athletic and academics Friday with a Parade of Champions.

Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren traveled from Window Rock to attend the parade, and the signing ceremony that followed. Desert View 5th grad teacher Chuck Serventi DJd the music and PHS alum Ally Gardner was the event's announcer.

Honored in the parade were:

- Kyra Sloan is Page/Lake Powell Rodeo Queen.
- Miriam Lassen is a gold medalist in the Arizona FCCLA Culinary Arts.
- Desert View 4th grade teacher Jodian Brown was one of three finalists for Coconino County Teacher of the Year.
- The Page High School Concert Choir brought home a Su-

perior with Distinction from state.

- Page Middle School football team, which were NAIC champions.
- Page Middle School wrestlers Justin Rivers, Peyton Seimy and Leon Sombrero, who got first place in their weight class.
- Page Middle School co-ed soccer team, which were NAIC champions.
- Page Middle School girls track team which were NAIC champions.
- Page Middle School track team members who took first place: Justin Rivers, Noah Reid, Andrew Hawker, Max Martin and Owen Sombrero.
- Page High School football team were 3A North Champions.
- Page High School Cheerleaders were 3A North Spiritline



Showcase Champions.

- Page High School Wrestling had several wrestlers compete in State.
- Page High School softball team were the 3A North Champions.
- Page High School track teams, boys and girls, won the 3A North Championship. In the Div. IV State Championships Sofia Cambridge took gold in the 200M and 400m and set new school records in each, Kaydence Tsinige took gold in the long jump, Jade Reid took gold in the 3200M and Symond Martin took gold in the 1600M and the 3200M.
- Boys Cross Country were the Division 3 state champions. It was the 30th time PHS boys cross country team's 30th championship.
- Tim Martin was 3A Coach of the Year in both cross-coun-

try and track.

- Celeste Claw was 3A Conference Coach of the Year for girls basketball.
- Trent Sutherland was 3A North Coach of the Year for Softball.
- Tyree Stingley was 3A North Player of the Year in both football and basketball.
- Alyssa Harris was the 3A Conference Player of the Year.
- Symond Martin was 3A North Runner of the Year in both cross country and track.
- Sofia Cambridge was 3A North Runner of the Year for track.

And a giant shout out to Megan Moore for coordinating the amazing moment of recognition.

Photos from Preschool Graduation



Photos from Manson Mesa Graduation



Manson Mesa High School held its Commencement Ceremony last night celebrating its 14 graduates.

The Manson Mesa Class of 2024 Shawnelle Barlowe, Penelope Begaye, Isaac Benally, Trina Bennett, Troy Ben-

nett, Taylar DeJolie, Adam Elshire, Leman Gishie, Ryen Martin, Tommy Nelson, Ameara Robertson, Andrew Smith, Dana Yazzie and Calitri Zahne.

Congratulations Manson Mesa Class of 2024!

Photos from Sage & Sand Graduation



Sage & Sand Virtual Academy held its Commencement Ceremony last night celebrating its 5 graduates, Lakyra Adson, Isaiah Aquila-Curley, Kodi Nez, Nathan Shortman and Autumn Rayne Yazzie. Congratulations Sage & Sand Virtual Academy Class of 2024!

Photos from Page High School Graduation





Going into the season, Tsinigine's goal was to break the school record in the long jump, which is 16 feet, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. She didn't break the record but she credits her push to do that as one of the big reasons she took gold at Divisionals.

At True State, Tsinigine placed 10th.

In addition to the long jump, Tsinigine also ran the 100M, 200M and 4x100M relay.

"She was my killer, my anchor," said Coach Prather. "She got the baton and went to work."

Jade Reid has been a top long-distance contender all four years at Page High School, but this was her first time bringing home the gold at Divisionals. Reid was the second seed runner going into the race behind Chinle's Jannessa Segay. Reid outlasted Segay in the eight-lap race finishing two seconds ahead of Segay.

"Going into the race, Coach Martin made a plan for me to pace off her," Reid said. "He knew I had it in me to win. I stayed with her until the final 200 meters and then I started sprinting."

Reid said it took a while for her victory to sink in.

"It felt like a normal race, but later it hit that I actually won," she said. "It was a lovely feeling."

Head track Coach, Tim Martin, who was named 3A North Coach of the Year, was ecstatic with his team's performance; but not surprised.

"We went down there on a mission," he said. "We all knew we had some chances for doing really well. Sofia went down ranked no. 1 in the 400 and ninth in the 200. We knew she was fast. She knew she was ready. Sprint Coach Jonathon Prather put together a plan to peak at Divisionals and it worked perfectly."

While Coach Prather put together a plan for the sprinters, Coach Martin put together a plan for the long-distance runners.

"We pushed these kids hard for weeks and weeks and weeks at the beginning of the season, but at the end we pull back on that and let them rest, eat right, get the sleep they need, and mentally focus on what we need to get done," said Coach Martin. "That's basically what they did. All of the kids performed at their best level. It was a pretty beautiful thing to watch."

"Overall, the entire team – from our fastest to our slowest – had a great year. They gave us everything all season long. Even the ones who aren't our stars still put it out there all year long.

It was the non-stars who got the team enough points to win the 3A North on both sides."

"I owe a lot to our coaches," Coach Martin said. "Prather did a great job as sprint coach, peaking our runners at the perfect time, and Shallene Russell did a great job with our jumpers."

Though Nyall Prather didn't reach the podium, he still had an excellent performance at Division IV Championship running in the 3200M. He ran the fourth fastest time as a freshman in Page High School history.

True State

Symond Martin, Sofia Cambridge and Jade Reid all qualified to compete in True State. Nyall Prather and Cadence Tsinigine went as alternates. In the Divisional Championships, the Sand Devils compete against runners from other 3A schools. In the True State Championships, they compete all the top runners from the state regardless of their school size. Only the top 16 athletes in each event qualify for True State; just qualifying is a pretty big accomplishment.

The most notable performance came from Symond Martin, who finished the meet as runner-up in the 3200M. He also ran in the 1600M where he placed 8th and set a new personal record.

"When I started the season, I wanted to win Divisionals and be on the podium for True State," Symond said.

He ran the 1600 on the first day of the meet, and ran the 3200 on the second day.

"I was sticking right behind the fastest guys during the first part of the race, but they slowed their pace partway through the race," he explained. "I knew these guys had a big kick at the end of the race and I wanted to create a gap between me and them so when they slowed down I kept going and built a pretty good gap. The one who ended up beating me came up fast at the end and I didn't have time to react."

Symond came in less than half a second behind the leader.

"There was a time during the race when I thought, 'Wow, I could win this.' But even coming in second feels pretty good. It's better than I was expecting."

Tsinigine placed 10th in the long jump. Cambridge placed 10th in the 400M.

"Both those girls did excellent," said Coach Martin. "Placing in the top ten in the state is amazing!"



capable of. They do work hard and their work is worthy of being showcased.”

The School-wide Showcase was organized as a way for students and teachers to demonstrate for parents and community members how students use the WICOR standards.

The Showcase featured displays of items the students have created and developed during the school year, such as art, video games, and graphics. The Showcase also featured some live demonstrations from students. Some of the live demonstrations were examples of debate, persuasion and critical thinking. Some were posters and dioramas that helped explain the steps and/or sequences of science projects.

“It’s a chance for the middle school to showcase how students have developed college and career-ready skills” said Shropshire.

Seventh-grade students put on a couple different demonstrations: One group demonstrated a Socratic Seminar, where students ask questions in an exercise of critical thinking and inquiry.

“Kids learn to keep asking those questions until they get a fuller perspective and understanding,” explained 7th grade science teacher Revington Babu. “That is also one of the strategies of AVID. Part of that process is learning to see the problem or the challenge from the other person’s per-

spective.”

Another group of seventh-grade students played a game of Philosophical Chairs, where students used methods of persuasion in an attempt to coerce students on the opposite side of the argument to see their side. If they succeeded, the student moved chairs to the other side.

Part of that learning module is teaching the students to use academic language and academic respect as part of the process,” said Shropshire. “It helps get them into the mindset of being scholars.”

“Students who learn critical thinking skills, learn to ask inquiring questions, will be able to use those skills for the rest of their lives,” said Babu. “As adults, it will be very helpful for them as they make difficult, important decisions. Arriving at well-informed answers requires asking relevant questions. This requires asking to see the evidence behind the truth claims. Those are very important skills we need to help us navigate many of the challenges of adulthood.”

A group of 8th graders did a tutorial about how they use collaboration as a learning method to elevate learning throughout the entire class.

“What we like to see from our student collaborations is when one student who understands the concept shows another student, who doesn’t understand it, how to do it,” said Shropshire.

Students of the Month



Russell Gardner
Preschool



Oaklyn Chischilly
Lake View Primary



Esmeigh Ruse
Desert View Intermediate

Jaden Sloan
Page Middle School

Kendyl Bennett
Page High School

Logan Young
Manson Mesa High
School

Zayden Singer
Sage & Sand Virtual
Academy

Employees of the Month

April Certified Employee of the Month



Hattie Williams and a group of her supporters

May Certified Employee of the Month



Sean Shields and a group of his supporters

April Classified Employee of the Month

Heather Saavedra

May Classified Employee of the Month

Sunni Crank



Announcements

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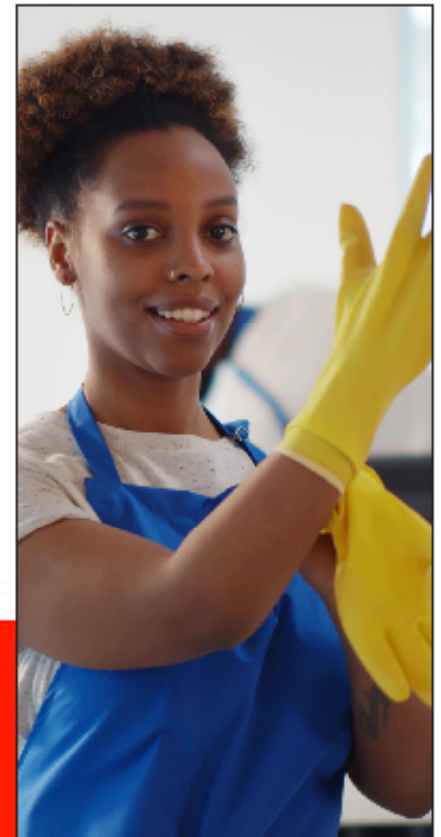
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