

Chalk Talk - CAS

It is our pleasure to announce that Alyssa Stoddard, from Mr. Medeiros' 6th grade class, has placed in the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay contest (Huachuca City Post). Patriot's Pen, a youth-essay writing contest is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6, 7, and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. Annually, more than 115,000 students participate in the contest. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the contest and to Alyssa, who will be honored at awards ceremony at the Huachuca City VFW on December 6, 2009.

Thirty-eight students from the middle school's Advanced Topics in Science classes flew along with local pilots during the city's annual Young Eagles Nov. 6th event at the airport. In addition to studying the principles of flight, Mr. Oh!'s science students designed their own rockets to demonstrate Newton's Third Law of Motion. Prizes went out to the most originally decorated and highest flying water-powered rockets. To demonstrate Newton's First Law of Motion, 6th grade science students designed a container to protect an egg that Mr. Young dropped from the school's roof. On Nov. 13th, Friday science class students traveled to the Titan Missile Museum for a field trip to witness first hand ballistic-missile technology and to participate in a simulated launch sequence.

Mr. Oh!'s Friday Geocaching class continues to scour the landscape on their never-ending game of hide and seek. Students are learning to use GPS technology, how to read topographical maps and getting plenty of exercise and fresh air as they seek our hidden treasure troves around Cochise County. The class also is dedicated to learning good trail and environmental stewardship.

A heads up for parents: CAS eighth graders will be taking their final exam for the science Physics unit on Wednesday, Nov. 25th. Students will be tested on all the materials studied for the past 10 weeks. Students also will have to complete a comprehensive study guide. The exam and study guide will account for about one-third of their second quarter grade.

CAS will sponsor a float in the Sierra Vista Christmas parade on December 5. The nighttime parade's theme is "A Christmas Night of Lights." Parents and students are encouraged to join us to show their holiday spirit and their CAS pride as we walk the parade route. If any parent is interested in helping with decorations or would like more information, please contact Ms. Christa at 520-439-3500.

