

Chalk talk CAS High School

Saturday, December 5, CAS staff and students participated in the Christmas parade. Even though it was cold, walking down Fry Blvd warmed everyone up and they all had a good time. CAS would like to thank the following people for their help - Kevin Rouch – for the loan of the flatbed trailer; JEM's Feed on Moson Road – for letting us use the straw bales; Michael Shepard for all your help with the lights and decorations on the float; and parent chaperones Mr. Swope and Mrs. Schuster. Thank you to the following CAS school students for participating – Dante Buscemi, Sean Crum, Phynix Duncan, Shadow Duncan, Micheal Foster, Rafael Huerta, Kalecia Jackson, Destiny Martin, Tristian Radhe, Cherice Ratliff, Santino Rojo, Joseph Rooney, Jazmine Savage, Jessica Shepard, Mikayla Shepard, David Shelton, Calvin Shoppa, Anaka Steemers, Kaila Steemers, Kasara Stewart, Kelvin Swope, and Julien Wilson. Special thanks go to Amanda Morelli and Katrina Quinones for holding the CAS banner throughout the entire parade route. For their participation in the parade or with the float, thanks also go to staff members Stacy Bernardo, Mary Choi, Andrea Gaines, Christine Garza, Nadya Goodwin and her son Trey, Stephanie Lord, Meg McKay, Christa Niffen, Mary Silverwind, Mary Tieman and Jarad Young.

Thanks again to Mary Choi and Mary Tieman for “jogging” down Fry Blvd helping our candy elves!

CAS Elementary and Middle School

A hearty CAS congratulation goes out to 6th grader Alyssa Stoddard. On Sunday, Dec. 6th, the Huachuca City VFW post honored her for an essay she wrote about patriotism for a national essay writing contest, Voice of Democracy. The awards ceremony recognized several local students and teachers, including CAS Science teacher Mr. Ofstedahl (Mr. Oh!) who received a Teacher of the Year award at the district level. His name has been entered into consideration for Teacher of the Year at the state level. Way to go Mr. Oh!

The afterschool Drama club held the time-honored holiday production of “The Night before Christmas” on Thursday. The drama club, led by Miss KacCee Shreve, includes about 40 students in grades K-6. The reviews are in: the play was a fun time and a huge success. Bravo!

In other middle school news, the Advanced Topics in Science class took a field trip to the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson this week and Mr. Mederios' guitar class has been strumming in the season by learning various popular Christmas Carols.

Mrs. Kelsey's 7th grade class has just completed a poetry unit. They wrote six poems through the second quarter. Her student of the month is Phynix Duncan, she received this honor for many reasons; class participation, helping others, good citizenship, attendance, and getting all her work in on time. Mrs. Kelsey says she loves to see her students succeeding!

In Mr. Medieros's sixth grade class they'll be decorating their classroom for the holidays and doing little Christmas projects. Mr. M. would like to thank Anaka Steemers for staying on task. And they are all looking forward to the holidays!

Mrs. Tomlinson, the middle school math teacher, likes to reward her students by giving them free time, but they have to earn it as a class. Her idea of something special for the class is special

projects that relate to the curriculum. She says Rosita Davis, an 8th grader, is the student of the week for staying on task and behaving.

In Mrs. Garza's 8th grade class, they are finishing up the book *The Outsiders*. This has been a very exciting story for the class. Involvement has been amazing in all activities pertaining to this unit. In Social Studies, students are studying World War II and this week they are discussing Pearl Harbor Day. The student of the week is Rosita Davis, for class participation and citizenship.

CAS welcomes aboard Dana Lang who joins the faculty from Texas where she worked 11 years as a school librarian. She will be an aide for the middle school and will also run the computer lab.