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WILLCOX HIGH SCHOOL'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



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QUARTER ONE MUSINGS

by Tammy Hall

The first quarter started in a great way! Having our students on campus, and learning various concepts in the classroom, was the best way to start the new school year! We welcomed all freshmen and new students to our district to WHS, and *all* programs and extracurricular activities increased in participants.

We've also gained great support from our families and the community. Administration, staff, students, and off-campus stakeholders are working together to provide a variety of opportunities for our students. We look forward to a great school year, and with the support that we've received thus far, we know it will be a successful one. We hope you enjoy our new newsletter - feel free to reach out to me with any input regarding this newsletter or our programs at WHS. Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Nov. 2 - ASVAB in the New Gym, 8:00 - Noon, ALL Juniors**
- **Nov. 3 - Scholarship Fair (WMS Cafeteria) from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- **Nov. 4 - FFA Chile Field Day**
- **Nov. 8 - WHS PAC @ 4:00 p.m.**
- **Nov. 11 - NO SCHOOL - VETERANS DAY**
- **Nov. 19 - Law Enforcement Day - NO FRIDAY SCHOOL FOR WHS**
- **Nov. 24-25 - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK**

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

by Maureen Johnston

In the three months we have been back for the 2021-2022 Academic Year, Willcox High School has been non-stop. There have been amazing things happening in the months of August and September.

August saw us get our AZ-Merit Test results back from last year. Despite COVID-19 students still excelled. Furthermore, ASU and ADE have studies that show Willcox High School Graduates are ranked in the top 10 for University level English in the state of Arizona. Congratulations to our English Department - great job!!

In other amazing news, Mr. White has been recognized as the Arizona Rural Schools Teacher of the Year! Mr. White teaches Chemistry, while also sponsoring Knowledge Bowl, GATE, and the Science Club. His science students were on the winning team again at this year's International Space Settlement Design Competition. This year, he is trying to launch a Racing the Sun solar go-kart team, a VEX Robotics team, a Great American Rocketry Challenge team, while mentoring students into the science fair and through STAR Labs.

Recently, the WHS Advanced Chemistry class, won grand prize across the entire Rocky Mountain Region for the American Chemical Society Tik Tok Safety Video Challenge! They submitted the BEST entry for the High School, Undergraduate and Graduate level contest! Way to go!

Further, the Spanish class did some cultural exploration through their unit on the talked origin of mystical animals called "Alebrijes". Alebrijes are hand-made which means no two sculptures are alike, whether they are a winged cat, a legged serpent, or a lion with the head of a giraffe. The origin of the Alebrijes can be traced to Pedro Linares, an artist who lived in Mexico City in the 1930s. On one occasion, when he was ill, he had dreams of seeing these strange creatures in the forest, and once he had recovered he started to create them from paper mâché. His work caught the attention of artists from across the country, including Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. Afterwards studying the Alebrije history, the Spanish classes created their own, which are featured at the school, and we made an Alebrije project and described what it meant for them individually.

Other amazing programs at the school include the Chess Club, which has been meeting Monday-Wednesday in the library. Students are enjoying playing chess and other games including checkers and Connect 4 from both the middle and high school. All middle school and high school students are welcome. Game time is during lunch. The location is the school library.

The Civil Air Patrol is an exciting new program that is being introduced to Willcox Middle and High School students as well. The Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program strives to develop young students into responsible citizens and tomorrow's aerospace leaders.

The Willcox High School Community Ability Program recently hosted their first tea party. Students enjoyed serving hot tea and school-baked muffins and brownies. This program is designed to increase student knowledge and skills necessary for everyday living. The program emphasizes goal-setting, decision making and problem solving, communication, healthy lifestyles, nutrition, personal safety, citizenship, and consumerism.



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

- Nelson Mandela