

# Schools

## Teacher of the Month Sue Hare receives March honor

Four Peaks Elementary School teacher Sue Hare has been named the Four Peaks Rotary Club Teacher of the Month.

Input from local principals helps the Four Peaks Rotary Club recognize teachers on a monthly basis throughout the school year. In addition to the recognition, the club provides a \$200 check for the teachers' use.

The Four Peaks Rotary Club Teacher of the Month has the respect of students, parents, and peers; brings out the best in each student regardless of individual academic ability; and is actively involved in providing and promoting high quality educational opportunities for students in Fountain Hills schools.

Four Peaks Principal Anita Gomez recently shared with the Four Peaks Rotary Club why she nominated Sue Hare as the Rotary Club's Teacher of the Month.

"Very few people remember a time when she hasn't taught fifth grade at Four Peaks Elementary School," Gomez said. "Sue Hare is a hard-working, dedicated teacher who sees the best in each of her students. Her teaching style is one of a calm guide who poses questions or makes statements that nudge students in the



Four Peaks Principal Anita Gomez, left, Four Peaks Foundation Chair Paul Perreault and Four Peaks Rotary President Art Tolis congratulate Sue Hare on being the Teacher of the Month for March.

direction of their own discoveries and conclusions."

Along with her work in the classroom, Gomez said Ware is equally dedicated in teaching students the

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Anita Gomez, Principal  
Four Peaks Elementary

game of chess.

"Teaching ways to think through problems, be it math or ones they face in the lunchroom, is something Ms. Hare does to promote achievement and

harmony in the hallways," Gomez added. "She's known as 'The Secret Weapon' when it comes to getting more than a year's worth of academic growth from students in just eight months' time. She's amazing, she's calm and she's still working every minute with kids."

Four Peaks Rotary Club is a volunteer service organization whose motto is "Service above Self." More information can be found at [fourpeaksrotary.org](http://fourpeaksrotary.org). Anyone interested in learning more about club activities can attend a complimentary breakfast. The next meeting is Thursday morning, April 13, at 7 a.m. at Fountain View Village.

## Scouts receive CPR training

Boy Scout Troop 343 recently held a special training meeting conducted by the Fountain Hills Fire Department.

Thanks to Engineer Patrick Lay and Firefighter Devin Schofield from the Fountain Hills Fire Department, the scouts and adult leaders all received CPR training which included how to use an AED.

"Our troop goes on several camping, hiking and backpacking adventures throughout the year," said Scoutmaster Scott Woods. "Making sure our scouts and leaders are CPR trained is an essential component of scouting. We appreciate the fire department for donating their time to teach us these important skills."

Troop 343 is part of the Four Peaks District of the Grand Canyon Council in Boy Scouts. The Troop began in 1988 and is chartered by the Church of the Ascension. A strong emphasis is placed on outings, including camping, backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing, hiking and more. Troop 343 is a boy-led troop, and is always looking for more boys to join the adventure and advance in scouting.

Boy Scout Troop 343 meets Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at Church of the Ascension, 12615 N Fountain Hills Blvd, in Fountain Hills. Boys age 12 and older



Boy Scout Troop 343 practices CPR lessons under the tutelage of the local fire department.

that have completed the fifth grade and are interested in scouting are invited to attend a meeting (with a parent) to learn more.

## Allstate awards grant

The volunteer work of Allstate exclusive agency owner John Clarkson helped secure a \$1,000 grant from The Allstate Foundation to support Fountain Hills High School.

"Commitment to our communities is a natural extension of what we do every day - protecting people from life's uncertainties and preparing them for the future," said Denis Bailey, Allstate's field senior vice president in Arizona. "With support from The Allstate

Foundation, this local high school can continue making the Fountain Hills community stronger."

FHHS is one of 3,500 organizations this year that will receive The Allstate Foundation Helping Hands in the Community grants secured by agency owners on behalf of organizations for which they volunteer. The grants support nonprofits focused on teen safe driving, disaster preparedness, hunger and other causes.

## Terrific Kids



Fountain Hills Charter School, a public Montessori school, is pleased to honor students who have displayed good character as Kiwanis Terrific Kids. Congratulations to Christian Theisen, Luna Bendet, Jackson Bjerke, Lilly Miller and Winnie Harris for the week of March 19.



## School Briefs

### Jazz under the Stars March 31

The 12th annual Jazz under the Stars event will be hosted at the Vu Bistro on March 31. The event is a fundraiser with all proceeds benefitting the Fountain Hills High School music program.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at Vu Bistro or Sami's Fine Jewelry. There will be a cash bar, appetizers, dessert, silent auction and raffle baskets.

Entertainment will be provided by the high school jazz band and guest musicians.

### FHUSD considers new textbooks

The Fountain Hills Unified School District is currently evaluating the following textbooks and workbooks for Fountain

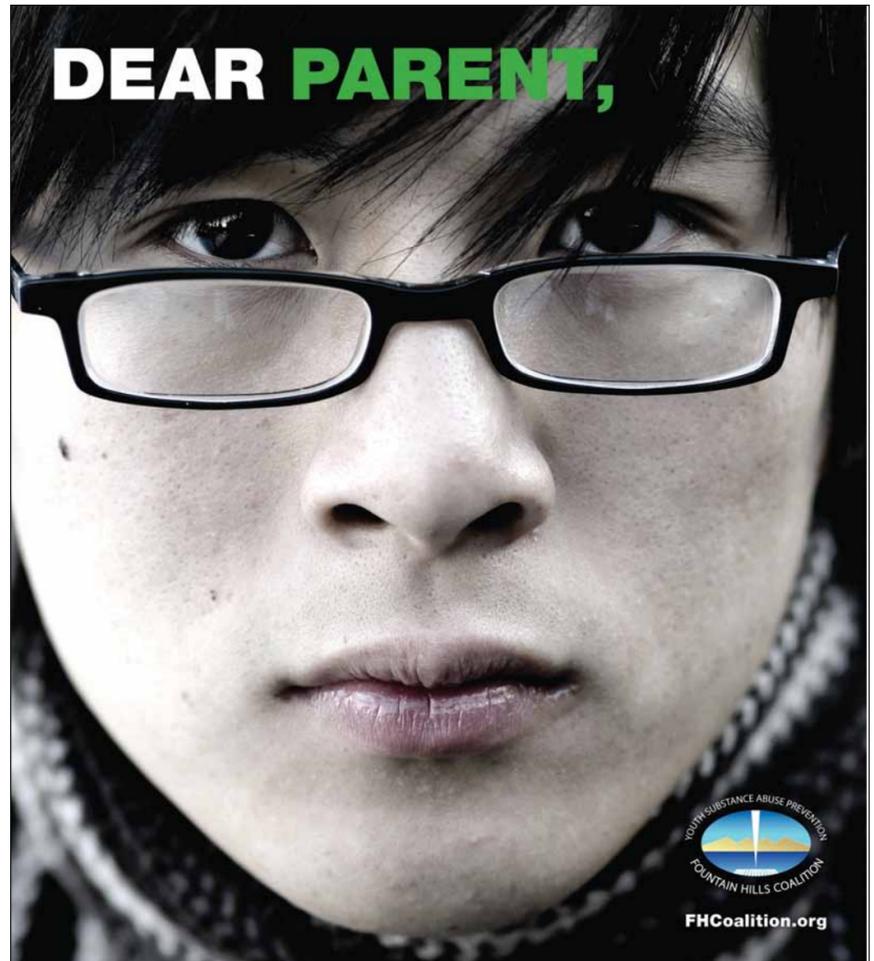
the books, contact the office at 480-664-5011 or email [jsimmons@fhUSD.org](mailto:jsimmons@fhUSD.org).

\*"Stats, Modeling the world," by David E. Bock, Paul F. Vellema and Richard D. DeVeaux; Pearson, Fourth Edition, 2015.

\*"Common Core Coach Mathematics I Workbook;" Triumph Learning.

\*"Common Core Coach Algebra I Workbook;" Triumph Learning.

A textbook for AP World History is also being considered for the 2017-18 academic year. It is "Ways of the World," by Robert W. Strayer and Eric W. Nelson; Bedford/St. Martins, Third Edition.



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