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#TeamTUSD

Mansfield STEM

Mansfield Middle School is the home of Tucson Unified’s STEM Magnet program in middle school and is proud to sponsor a phenomenal Science Olympiad Team. The team was founded in 2005 with a small group of students and has expanded every year. The current team of students meets after school and works independently on weekends to prepare for various competitions throughout the state.

Each year the team competes in 25 events that range from engineering events, to general science events, to performance tests. Students specialize and develop expertise in four events with older students serving as mentors to incoming team members. Students compete as individuals and as part of the team.

Because of the students’ hard work, the team has pulled together to bring increasing accolades to the school Mansfield and Tucson Unified.

We asked each of the members to share what they love about their team, and here’s what they had to say:

Emma (grade 7): I enjoy being part of a team because they help you no matter what!

Jae (grade 7): I like Science Olympiad because the activities are cool and makes me learn things I didn’t already know.

Maya (grade 7): I enjoy participating in Science Olympiad because I learn many things, improve teamwork skills, and meet people from different grade.

Brinley (grade 6): I like Science Olympiad because it expands on the subject of science.

Travis (grade 8): I like doing the research competitions.

Chase (grade 7): I like being on the Science Olympiad Team because I like being able to work with my friends while learning.

Lexi (grade 6): I like being on the Science Olympiad Team because I get to work with my friends and I like the teamwork involved.

Kennon (grade 8): My favorite thing about Science Olympiad is that I get to learn a lot with my friends and get to create a lot of cool things.

Shane (grade 8): I like being part of Science Olympiad because it gives me a chance to connect with my friends while learning science.

Coach Ryan (Magnet Coordinator): I love coaching Science Olympiad because it gives kids a chance to compete in an academic setting and teaches them that failure is just a step along the road to success.

Coach Smith (7th Grade Science Teacher): I love seeing students get excited about being able to participate in science as an extracurricular event.

Coach Shafer (Science Olympiad Teacher): I love helping students apply theory to real-world problems and matierials.

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Student Wellness Advocacy Team (SWAT) at Carrillo

The Student Wellness Advocacy Team (SWAT) at Carrillo Magnet School is made up of fourth and fifth graders. Their job is to promote health and fitness throughout the school year. Students go into classrooms and speak about the importance of being healthy and fit, and SWAT members help on Thursdays. On these days, the entire school comes out to the playground area to participate in Fitness events such as sprints, high-step dancing, jumping ropes, running, and other fun events. In order to participate, SWAT members must be in good standing in and out of the classroom.

We asked each of the members to share what they love about their team:

Poppy Chamberlain: “I love encouraging the students to be fit.”

Sebastian Barrera-Santos: “Helping students at the fitness stations.”

Isabella Roberts: “I love to teach kids dances on being fit.”

Julius Lopez: “I love to do fitness because I like to help kids get fit.”

Ale Martínez: “I like that we get to play and teach different sports with the younger students.”

Mya Trout: “I like getting kids active.”

Someone wrote: “I love motivating people to exercise and be active.”

Gabriela Santillanes: “Being on the SWAT team has helped me to become more of a leader.”

Jacob Lopez: “I love how we all commit to be fit.”

Nelson Weiszman: “I like watching the younger students have fun while we work out.”

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Team Ed Duffy

Thank you, Team Ed Duffy, for your contributions in serving TUSD's educational community! Here's the team describes their work:

- SEA team and the records team work closely together serving TUSD and the education community at large. SEA team work with the Exceptional Education teachers and staff to ensure students with IEPs is being adequately and fairly evaluated. The records team quickly and efficiently maintain Exceptional Education records by fulfilling requests from TUSD and any agency asking for Exceptional Education records. Both teams also provide Exceptional Education information for funding, while maintaining student, teacher and classroom data for departmental self-reflections. We are the ones that make Exceptional Education learners come to life when they have fhelst questions. We are the closest family, who support one another and the community around us every day.

We asked each of the members of this team to share what they love about their jobs:

Angela Sisodia: What I love about my job is that I work with some of the greatest people I've ever met, and we have the chance to support some great teachers and provide opportunities for students to grow.

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Jesse Duvall: What I love about my job is that I get to work with a great team at TUSD and we are always willing to share a laugh. What I love about TUSD is that it has been my home and it's been a great place to live and work.

Follett Van Vleet: I work with a great group of wonderful people!

Charity Cline: What I love about my job is serving students and their families. They are always willing to ask questions and share stories and experiences.

Harri Kwon: What I love about my job is being able to work with some of the best teachers and staff.

Cheri Anderson: What I love about my job is that I get to work with a great team at TUSD and we are always willing to share a laugh. What I love about TUSD is that it has been my home and it's been a great place to live and work.

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Look back each month to see other teams in TUSD. We'll be featuring other teams, teaching teams, PTAs and PTAs, academic teams-any group that works together for the district and helps make it a place where students love to learn, teachers love to teach and parents love to see their kids.

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