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Student Classic

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Comments from the CEO



Dick Schlagel, CEO

Pixley Middle School's First All-American Student Classic

A vast array of smiles were very evident on the faces of Pixley Middle School students, administrators, teachers, support staff and parents at the awards ceremony of their 1st Annual All-American Student Classic (AASC).

The 67 participants in grades 6-8 received a variety of awards and were highly recognized for their participation, efforts and achievement.

The awards were a beautiful certificate and ribbon for each participant. 45 gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to those students scoring first, second or third in each of the five academic and athletic contests.

The overall girl and boy at each of the three grade levels were the school's 2018 All-American Students. They received backpacks and a plaque for this remarkable accomplishment. Second and third runner-ups received a book mini backpack.

It was very exciting to see those beautiful smiles as David Morehead, Event Director and Erika Cortez, School Principal, gave out the various awards. Go, Jaguars, go!

Our Special Interview



David Morehead
Event Director, AASC
Physical Education Teacher
Pixley Middle School

Q: What grades did the All-American Student Classic feature ?

A: Grades 6, 7 and 8.

Q: How many students participated in the Classic?

A: 67...a number of students expressed to me that they did not take part in it, but want to do it next year.

Q: What is your overall feeling about this event?

A: It is an awesome experience for the kids. They took the academics very seriously.

Q: What event of the ten did the students enjoy most?

A: The obstacle course.

Q: Why the obstacle course?

A: The variety of the seven obstacles and its challenging competition.

Q: What three words would you use to describe the AASC?

A: Challenging, competitive and exciting.

Q: What benefits does a student and school derive from sponsoring the AASC?

A: There is a common theme. It brings students together for a week of fun and activities. It also helps change the school culture and provides a very positive school climate. I also observed students who normally don't participate an opportunity to take part in the various activities.



**Have
You
Heard?**

That...Fatima Torrez, 8th grade student at Pixley Middle School, scored an amazing 955 points in the AASC. This is the highest score achieved of any of the past 7,500 students who have competed in the Classic. Congratulations!

That...Maple Elementary School District in West Kern County will be presenting the AASC in the fall of 2018. Dr. Julie Boesch, Superintendent, is an outstanding educator and runs an exemplary school.

That...Our AASC team members are looking forward to a great 2018-2019 school year. A number of new schools are planning to present the Classic this coming school year. We are indeed excited!

"The AASC is an entertaining, very unique and fascinating extra-curricular activity for grades 4-8 students. This Classic is created and designed to invigorate the student participant's mind and inspire his involvement with various athletic skills. Overall the AASC is challenging and rewarding. Recognition is still the key ingredient as they participate and compete in this ten event Classic."

Pixley Middle School Staff Comments

"The All American student classic is unique in the way it allows students who may not normally get a chance to shine due to poor decisions they may have made in the past be honored for their academic and athletic accomplishments. Being on stage with a medal proudly hanging around their neck may be the spark they need to make a change for the better. During this past week of competition I learned things about our kids that I was not aware of. For example, there were students who are normally quiet and reserved out there competing, having fun, and showing a side to them I had never seen before!"

David Morehead
Event Director, Pixley Middle School

"I think this competition is awesome! I love that academics are combined with athletics."

Heather Rodriguez
8th Grade Teacher, Pixley Middle School

"I am so proud of our students who completed and worked hard in both academics and sports competition. They are learning that you have to work hard and not be afraid to stand out in order to become successful in life."

Ms. Laura Archer
Science Teacher, Pixley Middle School

"The All-American Student Classic is inspiring and simply what every child needs to highlight how truly awesome they are in their academic and athletic abilities."

Laura Cisneros
RSP Instructor, Pixley Middle School



President's Pointers

Bob Pugh, President
All-American Student Classic

The All American Student Classic is the perfect event to run at the end of the year...or anytime! A small team or one person can run the entire event. It can be run in one All American Week, or in one exciting All American Day! We are seeing schools do some very exciting things to make the All American Student Classic "their own!"

This issue of The Classic Communicator features Pixley Middle School. Their program really was "Classic!"

ALL-AMERICAN STUDENT CLASSIC WINNERS - PIXLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



Very Top: David Morehead, Event Director
Top row, left to right: Fatima Torrez, 8th Grade; Thania Orozco, 6th grade; Alejandra Clavijo, 7th Grade; Erika Cortez, School Principal
Bottom row, left to right: Bryan Sanchez, 8th Grade; Josue Figueroa, 7th Grade; Joe Ray Giron, 6th Grade

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS PIXLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



"Getting Kids Fired Up About School" is a major responsibility of each teacher, support staff member and school administrator. The All-American Student Classic's four major components: Participation, Competition, Sportsmanship and Recognition will provide a tremendous event which will greatly help you reach this responsibility and endeavor.