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Student Classic

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Comments from the CEO



Dick Schlager, CEO



**Have
You
Heard?**

While serving as an Elementary School Principal for 15 years, and as a Junior High School Principal for the same number of years, I always looked forward to and enjoyed the opening of a new school year. Meeting and working with new teachers, especially first year staff members, was also a very rewarding experience.

Our AASC Leadership Team is also looking forward to the new school year with great anticipation. This will be our eighth year. 7,500 students have participated in this very unique Classic. Our goal for the 2018 - 2019 school year is to reach 10,000 student participants.

Contacting new schools, administrators, teachers and students is very exciting. Connecting again with schools who have been presenting the AASC through the years is always a very enjoyable experience.

Our desire and goal is to have schools seriously consider sponsoring the Classic. A vast array of comments from administrators, teachers, support staff, students and parents indicate that the AASC is indeed an incredible signature event.

That...More and more people are visiting our website (aastudentclassic.com). It is both informative and interesting. It's an excellent tool for planning, promoting and presenting the All-American Student Classic (AASC). We encourage your leadership team, along with their assistants to use it. All of the AASC components and much more can be seen on the website.

That...Student participants now take the 5 academic tests (Math, Science, Reading, History and English) online. This greatly decreases staff time in both administering the tests and getting the test results.

That...You can use General Funds to defray the costs of the event. We encourage schools to also explore placing the event in your Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

That...We at AASC have set a goal of 2,500 student participants this school year.

Our Special Interview



Rick Craig
Teacher
Olive Street School
Porterville Unified

Q: Overall what did you think about our 1st Invitational Classic?

A: I thought the 1st Invitational Classic was a success for students, teachers, parents, and event staff. It also provided an incentive for students to do their best at their school's All - American Student Classic event.

Q: What was your favorite activity?

A: My favorite activity to watch was the rock wall. It required the students to push past their fears to achieve success, especially for the older students. Also, watching the parents cheering their child on was motivating to me.

Q: What event did you supervise?

A: I supervised the 50 yard dash. It was incredible to see students giving their all.

Q: What 3 words would you use to describe the Invitational Classic?

A: The 3 words I would use to describe the Invitational Classic would be motivating, encouraging, and fun.

Q: What do you feel are the major benefits of sponsoring the event for middle grade students?

A: I believe there were several major benefits for the students attending the event. First, they had earned the privilege of competing in the 1st Invitational Classic. Second, they had opportunity to make new friends. Third, parents were able to participate and see first hand what this event did for their child's morale.

Q: Any suggestions for the next year's event?

A: I think it would be nice to provide lunch for the students and families. During lunch scores could be tallied and names printed out for awards. I think each child could have a photo taken with their awards and provided to the family.

"The All-American Student Classic is an incredible event where ordinary students achieve extraordinary results and recognition. The idea of incorporating scholastic achievement with athletic excellence is an encouraging goal for the best of the students."

All-American Student Classic Trivia

1. The very first All-American Student Competition was sponsored at Bartlett Jr. High School in:

A. 1978 B. 1980 C. 1984

2. It started up again as the All-American Student Classic in:

A. 1992 B. 2005 C. 2012

3. What school sponsored the AASC once it started up again?

A. Bartlett Middle School B. Pioneer Middle School
C. Burton Middle School

4. Which is NOT a major component of the four, when it started:

A. Participation B. Life Change C. Recognition

5. Who was an All-American student at Bartlett and now is presenting the event at Redwood Christian School in the Bay Area?

A. Al Hearne B. John Pendleton C. Lora Haston

6. What is the students favorite activity:

A. 50 yard dash B. Basketball Toss C. Obstacle Course

7. How many schools in the Tulare City School District sponsor the event during the 2017-2018 school year:

A. 1 B. 3 C. 4

8. How many students participated in the first McDermont - AASC Invitational on May 26, 2018:

A. 45 B. 72 C. 91

9. How many consecutive years has Alta Vista School Sponsored the event:

A. 4 B. 5 C. 6

10. Who is the President of the AASC:

A. Bob Pugh B. Dick Schlagel C. Laurie Pugh



President's Pointers

*Bob Pugh, President
All-American Student Classic*

Wow – summer is pretty much behind us. Fall is upon us and we have been busy.

The McDermont X – All American Student Classic Invitational was a huge success with 91 student participants from Tulare county schools including Strathmore Middle School (5,6,7,8th grade) , Alpine Vista, Mulcahy, Wilson Elementary, Rocky Hill, Lincoln, Pixley and Woodville. The students had a great time as they took three Academic tests and did three Athletic Events which were put together by McDermont X (including the Rock Climb, 50 yard dash and an amazing Obstacle Course with archery). The student participants from each school all received McDermont X – All American Student Classic Invitational T-Shirts and the winners of each grade level received red backpacks and plaques.

After the invitational was finished everyone was invited to *Stay and Play* at McDermont X for a discounted rate. The AASC is very thankful for the partnering of McDermont X with us for this very special occasion.

Daniel Sanchez, our IT specialist, has been working on updating our website and the first phase should be appearing soon.

We are hoping you check in to Facebook to see who from where is doing what with the AASC.

Up in the Bay Area, Redwood Christian Middle School in San Lorenzo has just completed their third All American Student Classic. Mr. Gillette always put together an amazing event for his students, grades 6, 7 and 8. As Laurie and I were able to attend their last day – the fun obstacle course – it was wonderful seeing how the 7th and 8th graders had grown since last we saw them and the 6th graders got their turn at participating and having lots of fun in Redwood Christian School's 3rd AASC. It was truly a 1st Class Event – with their awards assembly and ice cream party to celebrate.

Next up? West Putnam in Porterville starting early October – again keep an eye open on the Facebook page for quick updates.

What defines the AASC is Smiles



Receiving medals at the awards ceremony really brings smiles to the participants.

On the Horizon

Our AASC Leadership Team will be contacting various schools and school districts this fall: tentative list includes Maple Elementary School District in Kern County, Dinuba Unified, Porterville Unified, Greenfield in Kern County, Reff-Sunset in Kings County, Cutler/Orosi, Exeter Middle School, Alpaugh, Allensworth, Woodville, Terra Bella, Ducor, Earlimart, Tulare City, Visalia Unified, BCSD, Panama-Buena Vista, Clovis Unified and Lindsay Unified. We hope these schools and districts will consider sponsoring the event for the first or second time.

"The human mind and body are two vital and fundamental resources. The All-American Student Classic (AASC) is a unique and incredible event for middle grade students (grades 4-8) as they focus and utilize these two resources while striving for excellence in academics, athletics and sportsmanship."