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Site Spotlight: Cabazon Elementary 3rd Annual Talent Show

On May 19th, Cabazon Elementary School students performed in their 3rd Annual Talent Show. This function was a joint effort between students and staff. This year, Cabazon teachers, LuAnn VanPool, Krista Kruse, and Pam Valencia organized the event.

LuAnn has been teaching for 26 years; 3 years in Needles, 7 years at Hoffer, and the last 16 years at Cabazon. Over the years, LuAnn has voiced the need for a talent show at Cabazon, knowing how successful it had been in Needles. She stated that she wanted to “give students an opportunity to showcase their talents.” During a GATE training, LuAnn heard a story about how Jim Carrey always played around in class, so in response to his need to entertain, his 7th grade teacher gave Jim the last 10 minutes of class to put on the Jim Carrey Show! This has reminded LuAnn, that for some students, there is more to life than academics.

Krista is one of Cabazon’s newest teachers, and we are excited to have her! She is currently attending the University of Redlands and is teaching 5th grade math and science. Helping with the talent show was special to Krista because growing up, in grades K-5th, she participated in her school talent show that her mom always put together.

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Pam has been teaching for 18 years; the last 14 years at Cabazon. When Pam switched to 4th grade four years ago, after being in Kindergarten for 14 years, she saw how much the students loved to sing and dance, and how naturally it came to them. She quickly joined forces with LuAnn to make the talent show a reality for the students.

But of course, ALL of the staff is amazing and helped out with the event, especially Ms. Maria Cruz, who is one of our Kindergarten aides. She was our amazing stage designer, making all the students feel like they were celebrities on that special night! Cabazon Dinos Rock!

Negotiations Update

The next negotiations date is June 2nd. Please provide your personal email address to your BTA rep for communications that will be sent over the summer.

Remember, any extra time requested is not mandatory for the summer.

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