



GOOD NEWS UPDATE

January 18, 2017

Collier Elementary

Ms. Patti Shannon had seventh grade students create a mural to serve as a backdrop to the school garden. The liaison from West Valley Arts Council, **Dr. Melanie Ohm** was also in attendance.



The Collier student council organized a school wide food drive. Collier won third place in the City of Avondale's School Spirit Holiday Food Drive! The school brought in a whopping **1,618 pounds** of food to those less fortunate in our city!!!! As a city, Collier and seven other elementary schools gathered together to donate **9,564 total pounds of food!** (WOW)

LIMBS INTERNATIONAL was happy to report that they were able to combine Collier's efforts with other schools to provide a prosthetic leg for a person in need. Attached is the picture and story of a life that has been changed because of Collier's participation in Socktober.

Country Place Leadership Academy

CPES Library Wins Fiesta Bowl Grant for Leadership Library. Congratulations to *Mrs. Monique Dunlap* for winning \$5000 from the Fiesta Bowl Wishes for Teachers Program to purchase books highlighting leadership for the Country Place library. The books will support students learning about leadership, the impact of leadership throughout history and the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Thanks for bringing great resources to our students!

CPES Teacher Wins Award for Sharing Lessons on BT. Congratulations to *Ms. Kristine Perria* for winning a monetary award and recognition for sharing lessons with other teachers on the Beyond Textbooks website. Thanks for sharing your passion for teaching and learning!



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6th Grade Partnership with Estrella Community College. Our 6th grade students, led by *Ms. Aileen Mancillas*, *Mrs. Julie Fach*, *Mrs. Stephanie Budzban* and *Mrs. Ashley Pomeroy*, will begin a partnership with Estrella Mountain Community College and their Future Teachers Club. The Future Teachers Club will guide our students through an experience they call- The Vision of College. Our students will visit EMCC to inspire the vision that they are college material, and EMCC is the place for them. Activities will include a tour of the campus (in groups of 10), a play with the theme focus as presented by several EDU classes, a panel of local professionals (who were EMCC graduates) representing professions (as requested by the students ahead of time), a Q&A session with our FTC officers about the many facets of attending college, lunch, and a summarizing Jeopardy game.

Additionally, students from **Dr. Pete Turner's** EDU236 Classroom Management class will be visiting *Mrs. Stephanie Budzban's* class to see a model classroom in action!

Collier Elementary Students are Changing Lives Around the World!

You are all LIMBS' Heroes!

Liberia



1 Leg

We are so grateful for your continued support! LIMBS salutes you for partnering with us to provide the gift of mobility and hope to amputees who thought their lives were over. We are now pleased to introduce to you Elijah, a life you have helped transform



Elijah (Liberia)

A few months ago a doctor in rural Liberia contacted LIMBS and told us about a patient who was in need of a prosthetic limb. Elijah is a 17-year-old boy from a remote region in Liberia who had an accident that caused a severe injury to his leg. The doctor did everything she could but an injection set in and in order to save Elijah's life and stop the infection she told the family that they needed to amputate his leg above the knee.

Elijah's father was very concerned about what kind of life his son would have with only one leg and refused the lifesaving

surgery. After many conversations between the doctor and the father, the doctor asked Elijah what he would like to do if his leg was healed. He said play soccer and go to school. The doctor told him that neither one of these things has to be completely closed off to him with an amputation and explained that people even play soccer with prosthetics. She showed him pictures of the Liberian amputee soccer team. He agreed to stay and have the surgery. He had the amputation and his leg healed well.

The problem was that the only prosthetic legs available in the country were old and very heavy. Fortunately, because of the efforts of your school LIMBS was able to provide a leg to Elijah at no cost! Elijah was fitted with his new LIMBS' leg and is now walking again and looking forward to returning to school and the soccer pitch. Thank you so much for partnering with LIMBS to give Elijah as second chance at life!