



GOOD NEWS UPDATE

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Tres Rios Service Academy



Congratulations to Resource teacher *Kelly Diekemper* and fourth grade teacher *Scott Fusi*. They have completed the first step in an amazing journey. Both teachers have completed their Pre-Candidacy class for National Board Certification. This is the gold standard of the teaching profession. Pre-candidacy is offered through the Arizona K12 Center. The class provides the resources necessary for a meaningful experience as a teacher challenges the rigorous standards of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Both of these amazing Tres teachers went thru a six week course which was a hybrid of face to face and online learning. Kelly and Scott are now joining their Tres colleagues, *Markeita Momon* and *Scott Kelbick* in the pursuit of National Board Certification. We are proud of all four of these amazing Pumas and look forward to learning all about the great things they are doing for kids every day as they embark on the candidacy trail.

Fine Arts Academy

“Creativity is Intelligence having fun”- Einstein. Before Fall Break we had our first awards assembly, Principal’s list, Honor roll, perfect attendance, Art student of the quarter and our Kid at Hope award. The assembly was a huge success we had 173 students make honor roll and 62 students on Principal’s list. Falcon’s scored well on benchmarks, we were very proud to see that we were part of the district’s top averages.

Anti-Bullying Week. This week, every class participated in an anti-bullying activity. Each morning was started with a quote about bullying and followed up with conversation. The quotes included:

- “What if the kid you bullied at school, grew up, and turned out to be the only surgeon who could save your life?” – **Lynette Mather**
- “Often the right path is the one that may be hardest for you to follow. But the hard path is also the one that will make you grow as a human being.” – **Karen Mueller Coombs**
- “The common mistake that bullies make is assuming that because someone is nice that he or she is weak. Those traits have nothing to do with each other. In fact, it takes considerable strength and character to be a good person.” – **Mary Elizabeth Williams**
- “Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.” – **George Bernard Shaw**
- “Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one’s definition of your life, but define yourself.” – **Tim Fields**

Quentin Elementary School

Quentin Elementary is proud to share that we have been accepted into the NFL Play 60 Challenge. This program will support the students in grades 4 through 8 to increase their activity by recording minutes active in and out of school as well as helping teachers incorporate activity in their classrooms through brain breaks.



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We celebrated Red Ribbon week. QUES students made a commitment to say “NO” to drugs. There was a theme each day of the week culminating in a half day committed to lifestyle choices. On this day students and faculty were able to participate in a bean bag toss, review of recipe cards, intramural sports (soccer/football), karate booth, bike safety (with Police Officer Tocash from the Avondale Police Department) and yoga.

Lastly we had our Family History Fair/Character museum night for our students and families. Some of the things our families and students encountered were: geography and history dioramas, 3D artifacts, civics and American Colonies-skits by students and display boards of the roaring ‘20s. We had a great family turn out for the event with many happy and supportive families.