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ORGANIZATION**

In lieu of holiday gifts for faculty and staff, we invite all North Phoenix families to participate in this annual holiday giving campaign (formerly Snowstorm).

Show your heartfelt appreciation by contributing a **one-time monetary gift** to be distributed evenly among faculty and staff at our December Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. Suggested donation: \$55/student

Deadline: November 30th



Get to Know Fifth Grade!

Mr. Milton, 5A Lead

Book most thankful to have read...

It's so hard to choose the book that's influenced me the most, so here's a list: *A Pattern Language* by Christopher Alexander, *Dune* by Frank Herbert, *The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkein, and *The Collected Works of Flannery O'Conner*.

Favorite book to read...

I re-read *Dune* quite often!

Ms. Westergaard, 5A Asst

Helped you become the person you are today...

My mom – she loved me unconditionally. She took me to church when I was nine. She is, by far, my biggest cheerleader. She let me tell her everything with no judgement. I then had children and she loved them, too. She is one of the most generous people I know.

Favorite subject in school...

Spelling.

Mr. Cain, 5B Lead

Grateful to have learned about yourself over the past year...

These past couple of months have taught me that when I choose to start my day with an attitude of joy, "my cup runneth over." If I give a small measure of grace and kindness to my students, they multiply it and return it.

Favorite subject in school...

English.

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Mr. Messana, 5B Asst

Helped you become the person you are today...

My teacher (Professor) opened my eyes to logical thinking and helped me to see the world rationally. The world is full of wonder and meaning because of his gift of insight.

Favorite subject in school... History, American History.

Ms. Mueller, 5C Lead

Grateful to have learned about yourself over the past year...

Working in education has led to immense growth. I have learned that I am far more patient and compassionate than I ever thought I could be. I am thankful that my time with my students has taught me this.

Favorite subject in school...

Without a doubt, History was always my favorite subject in school. I am happy to share that same enthusiasm with my scholars today.

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that **gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.**"

- Gilbert K. Chesterton

Ms. Torres, 5D Lead

Grateful to have learned about yourself over the past year...

I am most grateful for learning patience over this last year. Often times it is easy to make plans and when they go in a completely different way, it can make for a very stressful situation. Patience in understanding that things always happen with a purpose teaches us a lesson and makes us better humans.

I am humbled by the way things, regardless of plans, have a way of always working out for the best. I am grateful for the patience that has allowed me to see this at work throughout time.

Describe yourself as an animal.

I had a hard time with this one, so I had to ask my fiancé. He said a puppy, because all I want to do is love on people and show them I care while spending time with them. I also love to sleep when not spending time with people.

Mr. Jefferson, 5D Asst

Book most grateful to have read...

I recently read *The Other Wes Moore*. The author, Wes Moore, details how his life and a prisoner with his same name had similar lives but with vastly different outcomes.

During their correspondence, they discuss how people's expectations of us often come to fruition. Those expected to go to college often make it to college. The same goes with prison. It shows that we as teachers, parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents have such profound impacts on young minds and souls.

Favorite subject in school...

My favorite subject has always been math!



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Ms. Layton, 5C Asst

Grateful to have learned about yourself over the past year...

I recently moved back to Arizona after several years away. Places can hold such powerful memories of who we were when we lived there. It was revealing and inspiring to come back and see how much I've grown since I've been away.

Favorite subject in school...

It's a close race, but my favorite subject in school was language arts. I love it all: language, literature, poetry. The power of our language to communicate, tell stories, and evoke emotion is incredible.