

kinder



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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



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Get to Know Kindergarten!

Ms. Borchers, KA Lead

Helped you become **the person you are today...**

I am grateful for my childhood music teacher, Mrs. Booth. She taught me how to play the flute and was a model of virtuous behavior. She gave me glimpses of what it means to work hard and sacrifice for something truly good.

Favorite **childhood memory...**

One of my favorite memories from Kindergarten was "Science Day." My dad came to school and I showed him how to make a tiny sailboat out of foil. We competed against other students and parents to see whose boat could hold the most bears. We did not win, but it was great fun!

Ms. Park, KA Asst

Helped you become the **person you are today...**

My former music teacher who has been my mentor for over half of my lifetime, Dr. Lisa Oberlander, has inspired me to go into the music field. She made me into a person who tries to be responsible and share the joy of music with my students.

Three items you would take on a **deserted island...** Water, food and lots of sunscreen!

Ms. Leahy, KB Lead

One experience recently that inspired a **sense of wonder...**

I experience a sense of wonder every time I am able to hike a local mountain near my house. The views from the top help me see things from a better perspective and to realize just how amazing life can be.

One meal you could enjoy for the rest of your life... Wow, that's a hard choice! Definitely Mexican food.

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Ms. Creemens, KB Asst

Helped you become the **person you are today...**

Kelli Sneed has always been a positive influence on my life, my career choice and in my family. She truly believes in providing support and encouragement to those who wish to better themselves. If I could thank her for anything, it would be her unwavering love and presence in the lives of those around her, including my own.

Favorite book to read...

My favorite book to read is *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl.

Ms. Baines, KC Lead

Helped you become the **person you are today...**

My parents are the ones who have helped me become the person I am today. I would thank them for loving me in spite of my (at times) unlovely self.

Favorite subject in school...

English was my favorite subject in school.

Ms. Garcia, KC Asst

Reminded you that **life is good...**

I sat with our students during calendar time and listened as Ms. Baines reviewed all of the virtues we have talked about – including friendship, courage, honesty, and integrity. The children gave examples of situations where they have seen or themselves displayed these qualities.

In that moment, I realized again just how lucky I am to be part of a school that not only cares deeply about grades and performance, but also instills a sense for what is true, good and beautiful. I believe when our students begin to live their lives with these virtues in their hearts, they will also begin to recognize them in others and that will lead to many “life is good” moments.

Makes you **laugh the most...**

A child’s ability to be utterly and brutally honest.

Ms. Distler, KD Lead

Reminded you that **life is good...**

Every day in our class, I am reminded that life is good. The pure joy of learning that my students have, the excitement in their eyes when we do a new experiment and the laughter on the recess field all remind me of the goodness of this world.

Recently, we were discussing sorting and matching. We were sharing items in the classroom that go together and one of my students raised her hand to say, “Our class – we can work together to help one another.” My eyes teared up at such a precious comment.

Favorite book to read... My favorite book to read is *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott.

“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”

- MARCEL PROUST

Ms. Huntley, KD Asst

Helped you become the **person you are today...**

My dad has probably been the one person who has helped make me the person I am today. As a child, he was a role model for being a hard worker and a kind, loving person. Everyone is his neighbor! He introduced me to responsibility and hard work at a young age, developing in me a good work ethic. He is always consistently in my life, encouraging me to live truth and not emotion.

Favorite childhood memory...

I grew up on a farm. Planting season was always very busy, but my dad would take five of us out with him to ride on the back of the drill. We would jump off and run behind all day. We would come home tired and dirty, but happy.



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