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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 Third Grade!

Ms. Diesing, 3A Lead

Something witnessed recently that reminded you that **life is good...**

Seeing my students continue to persevere each and every day at school is so amazing to witness. I see them supporting each other and learning something new each day. This has been humbling and has changed my perspective in many ways. It makes me appreciate the small things in life.

Favorite book to read... *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith.

Ms. Allan, 3A Asst

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

I most definitely would not be the person who I am today if it wasn't for my previous employer, Melanie. She saw something in me that I hadn't recognized. I always saw myself as a follower and was more comfortable staying in the background – allowing others to lead the way, but she always encouraged me to be more and to believe in myself. If it wasn't for her belief that I could be leader, I would not be working here at Great Hearts at all. I would not be the leader she taught me to be and that is exactly what I would thank her for.

Favorite subject in school... Psychology class – Junior year of high school!

Ms. Schippers, 3B Lead

Favorite **childhood memories** involving Thanksgiving...

As a child, I would wake up early with my dad on Thanksgiving morning. While he was preparing the turkey, I would sit on a stool in the kitchen and rip bread into bite-sized pieces for the stuffing. We would listen to music and talk the entire time. I am so thankful for these memories that I have with my father and for the love of cooking these moments have instilled in me.

One meal you could enjoy for the rest of your life... enchiladas!

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Ms. Stoller, 3C Lead

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

As Lincoln once said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." I've always loved this quote because it expresses my own feeling towards my mother. I admire my mother for her unwavering example of selfless service and unconditional love.

I will ever be thankful for her love of learning and that she inspired me to love learning as well. She taught me to look under rocks, gaze up into the heavens, delve into books, to ask questions, and to experiment. Most importantly, she encouraged me to allow the things I was learning to not only fill my mind but change my heart. I hope that in some small way I can be as wonderful a teacher to my students as my mother was to me.

Favorite book to read...

Among my favorite books are *Little Women* and *Little Men*. They are stories that seem to grow with me and have benefited me at every stage of life. In *Little Men*, I loved reading about the adventures Jo has with her home full of boys as she coaches and molds them through all their scrapes, successes, and failures. After reading this book as a child, I told my mother that I wanted at least 20 children so I could have a home full of kids to love and teach. Though I may not have quite that many children of my own yet, my dream has come true with a classroom full of 30 children!

Ms. Pilkington, 3C Asst

Something witnessed recently that made you **feel a sense of wonder** or awe...

During Memorial Day weekend, I had the opportunity to hike Humphrey's Peak in Flagstaff, AZ. The hike was long, steep and absolutely beautiful. During our long ascent, I had an opportunity to reflect on the similarities between hiking long trails and teaching a classroom of 30. Both require a lot of patience, endurance and a clear focus on the end goal.

Even though the journey can include slips, trips, fails, and falls, the view from the top of the mountain (or the end of the semester) is worth it. I loved conquering that mountain, in spite of the aching lungs and sore muscles. The perseverance paid off, and the view from the top filled me with absolute awe. How wonderful it is to work hard for a worthwhile reward!

Ms. Pilkington continued

One meal you could enjoy for the rest of your life...

If I could only eat one meal for the rest of my life, I would choose to eat bagels and cream cheese. I'm usually a big believer in the cheesy bagels with all the savory goodies stuffed into them, but a nice blueberry or cinnamon raisin is perfectly acceptable as well.

Bagels are so much more fun than boring old toast and way more hearty and delicious than their cousins, the saccharine sweet donuts. They're tasty, versatile and great for loading up with delicious spreads and toppings. Also, if you're looking for a true fashion statement piece, you can wear one on your wrist like an oversized bracelet. Clearly, bagels are the ultimate win-win food item.

Ms. Kellogg, 3D Lead

Grateful to learn about yourself in the past year...

I have been grateful to learn of my own strength and resiliency in the face of hardship. Last year was very difficult and, looking back, I am proud of the way I walked through that season of life with determination and perseverance – even when I was entirely overwhelmed.

Describe yourself **as an animal**... a cat.

"We must find time to stop and **thank the people** who make a difference in our lives."

- JOHN F. KENNEDY

Mr. Waterbury, 3D Asst

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

My father helped develop a love of wisdom in me. That is one of the top things I would thank him for.

One meal you could enjoy for the rest of your life... ravioli.



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