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EXPERIENCE AT JPL

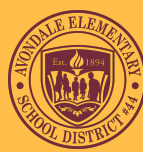
**RECOGNIZED BY
AZ GOVERNOR**

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTED
FOR GROWTH

**FLAG FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONS**

FIRST VICTORY FOR
EAST DIVISION

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More than 150 Avondale ESD students were given the unique learning opportunity to visit the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab. This one-day learning trip in California introduced students to the work of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"JPL is the leading U.S. center for robotic exploration of the solar system, and has 19 spacecraft and 10 major instruments carrying out planetary, Earth science and space-based astronomy missions," according to JPL's website. Students received a tour of the center and learned about current and past missions conducted by the lab. Attendees also visited an assembly facility where teams were building a new spacecraft that will soon be launched into space.

JPL tours are popular in demand and only a few districts participate throughout the year. This is the second time Avondale ESD has provided the opportunity to its students.

Avondale ESD would like to thank their local community for supporting their efforts to expand learning beyond the classroom.



Click on the icon to watch a recap from the NASA trip

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Avondale Elementary School District's East Division took the win in the Valley Junior High Athletic Conference.

In a defensive battle, the team outshined Madison No. 1 Middle School. Avondale's East team managed to score seven points, while Madison was not able to score any points the entire game.

"I am extremely proud of this team. They were well-coached. It takes a lot of work to become a successful team in just a few short months but they were able to accomplish their goal of winning a championship," says Avondale's athletic director, Timothy Furco.

Over twenty teams participated in the conference from schools around the Southwest Valley. Avondale East Division almost went undefeated, winning eleven games out of thirteen. This is the first flag football victory for the Avondale Elementary School District.





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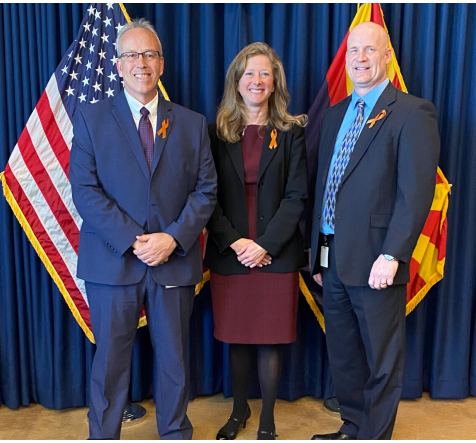
Avondale ESD was recognized at Arizona Governor Doug Ducey's State of the State address. In the broadcasted event, Ducey highlighted the accomplishments and impressive academic growth the district has had in the last years.

"By 2018, through a targeted strategy, the district had double digit growth in math and English. Triple the average growth of other Arizona schools," said Ducey at the State Capitol.

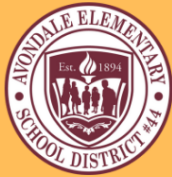
That targeted strategy implemented at AESD, known as GEARS, provides a uniformed professional development plan across all campuses to ensure academic success. A plan that first was introduced to Avondale, is now making its way across the state with other districts implementing the highly-effective method.

The implementation of GEARS is the basis to the success the district has achieved in the past years. Avondale is outperforming neighboring districts and charter schools in state testing. They have also become the district with the highest percentage of A rated schools in the Southwest region.

Avondale has become a powerhouse in professional development within our direct community and now throughout the state.



Click on the icon to watch Avondale ESD's recognition



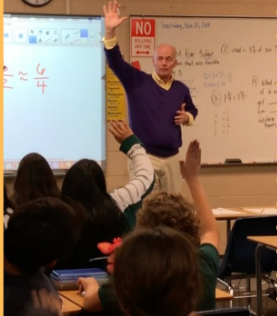
Social shout-out

Do you have a teacher or staff member you would like to recognize?

Click here to give them a shout-out!

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Shoutouts will be posted on our official social media for #AESDThankfulThursdays

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GET YOUR STUDENT READY FOR AZMERIT



State testing is a crucial time for every student. Please make sure your child is ready to succeed. Make sure to:

- Get enough sleep the night before exams and in the days leading up to tests
- Set an alarm and arrive on time daily to school
- Schedule any appointments or trips after the school day
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Check with your school on exact testing dates for your student.

