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FOR THE 2021 AWARDS

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MICHAEL ANDERSON - EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

The National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) announced Michael Anderson School as a NIET Founder's Award finalist. As a finalist, the K-8 campus received a \$10,000 check to continue exceptional education.

"Michael Anderson School provides a positive learning environment where teachers and students are motivated to reach their highest potential," NIET Chairman and Founder Lowell Milken said. "I congratulate Principal Lori Goslar and her staff on their outstanding academic progress and unwavering commitment to make talented teachers the driving force for educational excellence."

Founder's Award recipients are selected by NIET based on their efforts to make instructional excellence the cornerstone of school improvement; plan for regular professional learning focused on real-time needs of teachers and students; create a culture of collaboration and reflection; and leverage teacher leaders and administrators to drive student growth.

"Michael Anderson's focus on great teaching and a 'dream big, work hard' attitude is making a difference for students," said NIET CEO Dr. Candice McQueen. "Principal Goslar and her team are a strong model for how to build capacity, strengthen and deepen instructional practices, and become reflective learners. These structures have only been enhanced when taking learning online – further proof that what they are doing is working."

Michael Anderson School has employed these principles in a comprehensive way as part of a districtwide effort to implement NIET's TAP System for Teacher and Student Advancement starting in 2011. Since that time, the growth in teachers' skills each year has led to gains in student achievement: The percentages of students testing proficient in English language arts and math have more than doubled, and the school's state rating has jumped from a C to a high B.

AESD SCOOP

Avondale ESD has created an innovative approach to continue to help families - now all across the country. AESD Scoop is a new podcast that connects beyond the classroom to bring you conversations pertaining to our children - the future generation. Connecting with local and national experts to answer igniting questions the kids of tomorrow face.

Connecting to bring you trustworthy resources, advice and expertise for the modern day families.

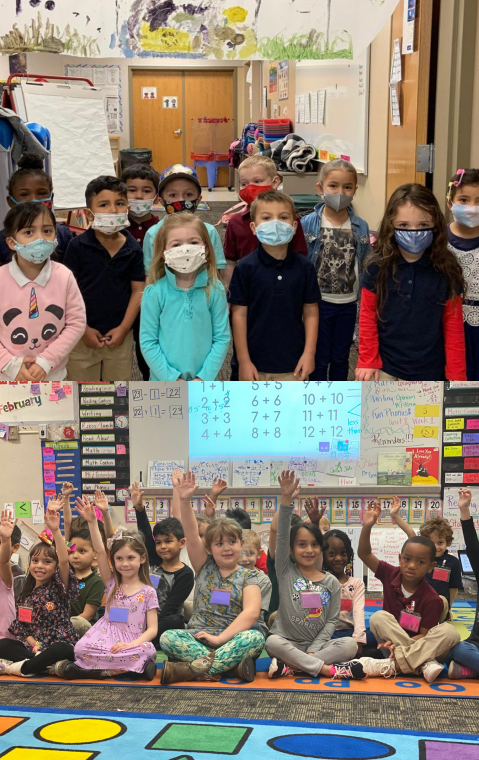
Tune in every Wednesday as we work to provide top-notch information and conversations your family can relate.



EPISODE 1: LIVING IN A COVID WORLD: HOW TODAY'S STRUGGLES WILL IMPACT THE FUTURE
 EPISODE 2: COLLEGE & CAREER READY: GUIDING AN UPCOMING GENERATION
 EPISODE 3: EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING: TEACHER GROWTH FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



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LEADER IN ME

Wildflower Accelerated Academy is excited to introduce a new program - which is believed to have a profound effect on students, staff and the community.

WFAA is in the initial stages of becoming a Leader in Me school, where students are taught and practice the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. The program empowers young people to make positive, effective and responsible choices by introducing and reinforcing a set of leadership and life skills. The 7 Habits are taught in classrooms and focused on:

- Be proactive
- Put first things first
- Synergize
- Seek to understand, then to be understood
- Begin with the end in mind
- Think win-win
- Sharpen the saw

"I love when I go into a teacher's class and instead of just speaking about objectives, we hear them saying now, we will 'begin with the end in mind,'" says Dr. Araceli Montoya, principal at WFAA. The program started this school year and has proven to have an impressive impact, even through remote learning.

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AVONDALE ESD IS IN THE TOP 3 FOR BEST OF THE WEST

Avondale Elementary School District has been named one of the Best of the West by the valley.

AESD was announced as one of the Top 3 School Districts, Preschool and Places to Work in the 2021 West Valley View's Best of the West awards.

Schools and businesses are nominated by the public and the rigorous voting period depicts the winners every year.

Best of the West defines the best restaurants, schools and businesses throughout the west valley cities.



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ENROLL TODAY!

Registration is open for preschool and next school year!

Avondale ESD is excited to offer year-round preschool options that accommodate your family's schedule.

For the 2021-2022 school year, AESD will offer two learning models - in person (preschool through 8th grade) and Digital Academy (3rd-8th)!

AESD welcomes students from all over the valley through open enrollment. Ask about our before & after care options.

Enroll at the district of choice!