

Skyview's Mission

Our mission is to enrich the lives of students and ensure that future generations are well prepared to live their lives with meaning, dignity, and the ability to work together for a better world. Respect and responsibility toward self, others, and the natural environment are our guiding principles. We believe that children possess a blend of Multiple Intelligences (Gardner, 1983) and, drawing on "the best practices in education" (Daniels, 2000), we celebrate each child's uniqueness and tailor education to develop the fullest potential of each learner. Encouraging a sense of competence and self-motivation, classroom life is interwoven with community life through practical experiences.



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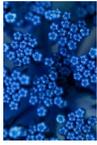
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Skyview School's Habitat Project



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Making a Naturalist Environment for our Students

Prior to 2012, the Skyview School campus was an open space with only five ash trees near the entrance and a few raised flower pots. Instead of native grasses and flowers, the ground was covered by gravel and sparse vegetation. Consequently, the students of Skyview lacked a space where they could go to be surrounded by lush, native plants and diverse species of wildlife.



In order for our students to become naturalists, we felt they needed to have access to an outdoor landscape that provided beauty and a learning environment, while at the same time, a habitat for native plants and animals.

With the help of a generous grant from the Arizona Game & Fish Department, we began transforming our campus, with these goals in mind.

Project Objectives:

- Increase student knowledge about how they can have a positive ecological impact.
- Promote awareness, appreciation & education about wildlife and habitats.
- To re-establish native plants & wildlife to Skyview’s school yard.
- Habitat will be in a central location, allowing students and teachers easy access for incorporation into the outdoor curricula.
- Availability will encourage children to spend more time in nature.
- Students will be engaged in all aspects of the project, including design, planning, gathering of materials, and implementation.

Measures of Success

Skyview School will measure the progress of this project not only by the objectives above, but also by how often the students and teachers use the habitat, and by the site’s ability to attract wildlife and sustain plants. Our commitment goes beyond the duration of the project, but long into the future, ensuring the maintenance of the landscaping and irrigation systems throughout the year, including summer and winter breaks.



We’re on the Web!

Make sure to check out our progress on our website, www.skyviewschool.org, where you can see how we have transformed our campus!

About the Heritage Fund

Arizona voters created the Heritage Fund in 1990, designating up to \$10 million a year from lottery ticket sales for the conservation and protection of the state’s wildlife and natural areas.

The Arizona Game & Fish Department spends its Heritage Fund-dollars to recover threatened and endangered species, to help urban residents appreciate and coexist with our unique wildlife, to educate children about the environment, and to create new opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Because the department receives no money from the state’s General Fund like most other state agencies do to cover their operating budgets, income from the Heritage Fund is critical to recovering and sustaining Arizona’s unique native wildlife and to managing more than 800 native species.

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