



# Littleton Elementary School

*A "Performing Plus" School!*

February 2011

*"Time to Learn, Time to Teach, Time to Work, Time to Achieve, Time to EXCEL!"*



**Dr. Juliet M. Mendez, Principal**

**Mr. Chance Whiteman, Assistant Principal**

## Beat the Odds Award for LES

Littleton Elementary School was 1 of 10 valley schools honored as a "Beat the Odds School," (schools in which student academic achievement exceeds expectations)! On January 26th, a reception was hosted by the \*Beat the Odds Institute, (an initiative of the Center for the Future of Arizona) and sponsored by University of Phoenix, to honor Littleton with the **Bronze School Partners** award.

Littleton earned this award as a result of implementing the six (6) Beat the Odds research-based leadership principles: 1) a strong and steady principal, 2) clear bottom line, 3) ongoing assessment, 4) collaboration, 5) a program built on individual student needs, and 6) a commitment to stay with successful instructional programs school wide, as well as for receiving their "Performing Plus" AZ LEARNS label from the Arizona Department of Education for the 2009-2010 school year.

As principal, I received a scholarship to participate in the Beat the Odds program. I attend regular monthly training seminars, in which I learn from other experienced leaders and have been assigned a mentor who I also meet with regularly. The program is a three (3) year commitment. As we continue to demonstrate academic achievement growth, we will be awarded the *Silver award* and then *Gold*.

We are very proud of the school and thank the teachers, staff, students and families for all their dedication and hard work!

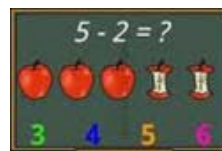
Sincerely,  
Dr. Juliet M. Mendez, Principal.

## Black History Month

February is Black History Month and an ideal time to learn about and recognize the contributions and history of African Americans. From Rosa Parks to president Barack Obama, African Americans have been making an impact around the world for centuries. Black History Month is a time to celebrate the accomplishments, inventions and the culture made by African Americans all over the world.

## Upcoming Events:

- February 7th thru 11th – National Counselor's Week
- February 8th – Title III On-Site ELD Monitoring
- February 8th – Kids at Hope Task Force Meeting @ Avondale Civic Center
- February 8th – LES Presents at Governing Board Meeting – PLEASE SUPPORT!
- February 10th – Roving Chef @ LES
- February 10th – Math Resource Night
- February 11th – Progress Reports Go Home
- February 18th – Family Resource Fair @ Estrella Vista
- February 21st – No School: President's Day Observed
- February 25th – NAEP Assessments for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- March 14th thru 18th – No School: Spring Break



## Important Numbers

Attendance  
623-478-5702

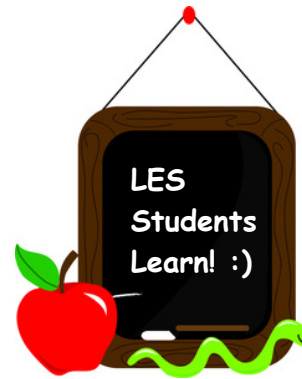
Cafeteria  
623-478-5714

Counselor  
623-478-5716

Nurse  
623-478-5710

Transportation  
623-478-5614

District  
623-478-5600



## Nurse's Corner



Hello Littleton Family!  
My name is Mrs. Bloomquist and I am so thrilled to be serving as your new School Nurse. Please feel free to contact me about any questions or concerns you may have.

Just a friendly reminder to **parents who received a letter about missing immunizations, please turn those into me as soon as possible.**

Have a great year!

Mrs. Bloomquist

