



# Firebird News

Foothills Elementary School / Paradise Valley Unified School District

March  
2008

## School Information

17835 N. 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85032  
Main: (602) 493-6120  
Fax: (602) 493-6125  
Attendance: 493- 6121

## Calendar of Events

- 3-04 Early Dismissal: 12:30 pm
- 3-05 District Field Day for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
- 3-05 Science Fair at 6 pm
- 3-05 Kindergarten Registration
- 3-06 Governing Board Mtg 7pm

## More March Events

- 3-13 Young Authors Awards Assemblies
- 3-13 Mad Scientist Day
- 3-17 Spring Break thru 21st
- 3-25 Spring Picture Day
- 3-28 Report Cards go out
- 3-28 Kindergarten Spring Sing

## A Message From the Front Office Staff

When your child is absent from school, you must call in no later than 9:30am on each day of the absence.

The attendance number is (602) 493-6121

Thank You!

## March is " Science Month "



Science Fair 2008 was a showcase of the Foothills student's science projects. Each classroom participated in the fair with several varieties of projects. March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm we awarded ribbons to our top 3 projects in each classroom then awarded Overall Awards in two categories: Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

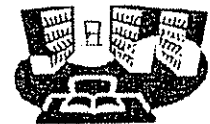
### Our Overall Winners in Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade:

1<sup>st</sup> place went to Cheyanne Pell in Ms. Bingham's class  
2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Daylon Forney in Ms. Brady's class  
3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Marcus Montanez in Ms. Lixandru's

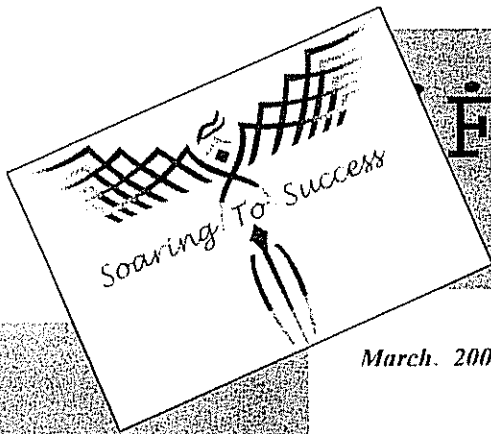
### Our Overall Winner in 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade:

1<sup>st</sup> place went to Johnny McGee in Mr. Bombeck's class  
2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Marisa Forthun in Ms. D's class  
3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Natalie Grandaw in Mr. Hoganson's

## Foothills Library Lauded



Librarian, **Mrs. Mariann Wauchek**, has created what is only the second library in Arizona to become a **Renaissance Place Model Library** and one of only 150 in the nation! Along with that comes the title of **Model Librarian**, for which all of Foothills is quite proud! Congratulations Mrs. Wauchek!



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## More Exciting News from Foothills

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### **Mrs. J. Awarded for Excellence!**

At the March 6<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting, Classroom Paraprofessional, Gloria Jennings was recognized as Classified Employee of the Month for her work with students in Kindergarten and First Grade. Gloria has demonstrated dependability, leadership, patience and dedication through out her time here. We are proud to have her as a team member at Foothills. Congratulations!!

### **Foothills Students Compete, 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Wins Award**

Abraham Lincoln. Harriet Tubman. The American Flag. NASA. The topics ranged. Foothills students shined at George Washington's Oratorical Contest performance on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Paradise Valley Silver Trowel #29. Six Grader Madisann Harper won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy with her Oratory on The History of American Music. She and other Foothills students researched, memorized and delivered three to five minute speeches focused on *Our American Heritage*. Contest coaches, Ms. Coral Bowman and Mr. Scott Johnson remarked how proud they were of all seven and that Foothills intends to enter again next year.

### **15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "YOUNG AUTHORS STATE CONFERENCE"**

On Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Mrs. Zimmerli and Mrs. Griffith had the pleasure of escorting six fine "Young Authors" from Foothills to the annual Young Authors conference held at Mesquite Elementary School in Casa Grande.

The six students who attended were:

Lexi Custer, A.J. Torres, Lauren Montanez, Alycia Phillipi, Jacob Krause, Marisa Forthun.

They shared their stories with other students from various parts of Arizona and met in small groups with authors and illustrators throughout the day. They got autographs, purchased books, asked questions, participated in a large group story starter activity and even had a pizza lunch. It was so much fun! We'll do it again next year!