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Mountain View School receives APS/Phoenix Suns grant

DYSART SCHOOLS — Mountain View School was recently awarded an APS/Phoenix Suns Energy Exploration Mini-Grant for the project, SOLAR FUN, in the amount of \$2,265. Although APS grants typically cover 25% of the total project budget for equipment, an exception is being made for this grant due to the exceptional project.

Project SOLAR FUN is the exploration of solar power properties and usage by sixth grade students. Mountain View sixth grade students are introduced, through mathematics and science, to the beginning concepts of solar energy. Students study solar energy, how energy is stored, how energy is transferred, how energy is converted and possible uses of solar energy in the community. Project SOLAR FUN also takes student learning a step further. It introduces students to the benefits Arizona enjoys because of solar power and how the community can apply solar power to everyday lives.

Project SOLAR FUN invites students to be creative in their learning and apply what they know about solar power to build a project completely powered through solar energy. Project SOLAR FUN works to increase student understanding through hands-on projects that apply learned knowledge and increase student achievement and excitement in the areas of mathematics and science. Project SOLAR FUN will be utilized with the sixth grade level science and math curriculum during the spring semester each year. Project SOLAR FUN will have the ability to be reused year after year for students entering the sixth grade to learn about the importance of solar energy.