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Ashton Ranch is McDonald's Go Active! Academic award winner

DYSART SCHOOLS — McDonald's Owner/Operators of Arizona and the Arizona Parent Teacher Association (PTA) have announced that Ashton Ranch Elementary School is a Go Active! Academics Award winner, receiving a \$1,000 grant for its physical education program.

Ashton Ranch Elementary School is one of 10 Arizona PTA schools receiving \$1,000 grants for creative educational programs that enhance 1st – 8th grade students' physical fitness, nutrition awareness and/or health education.

According to Ashton Ranch PTA President Ann Gabriellini, grant money will be used to purchase fun equipment for a "Family Fit" program the school plans to implement.

"Arizona PTA believes that one of the most important things school and families can teach students is the principles of nutrition and exercise," said Betty Garcia-Pendley, Arizona PTA president. "Projects like McDonald's 'Go Active Academic Award Program' provide the tools to lead balanced active lifestyles, thereby benefiting their self-esteem and other facets of their lives."

"We are proud to support nutrition and physical education programs at our local schools," said Don Mellon, Surprise McDonald's owner/operator. "McDonald's is committed to teaching kids the importance of living fun and balanced active lifestyles."

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