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# Dysart High photo club snaps local families

DYSART SCHOOLS — Taking what they have learned about photography outside the classroom, nine Dysart High School photography club members and their sponsor made free family photos for local families at the Dysart Community Center in El Mirage. For more than four hours, families who had responded to the DHS Shutterbugs ad campaign posed in one of two “studios” set up in the Center’s gym. With the school’s pro-level studio lights and cameras, the young photographers welcomed their clients, arranged them comfortably, and created as many as 150 portraits for each group.

“It’s how I teach them the business end of photography,” said Shutterbugs sponsor Jim Heinrich. “In the digital world, anyone can make snapshots. But, if you want a really good family portrait, you’d better know what you’re doing. This community outreach puts my students’ photo and people skills to work. It’s the most fun and real learning about the business they can have.”

In addition to the support of Tom Campanella, Dysart Community Center’s Executive Director, two area businesses helped the Shutterbugs make the photo event a reality: Sun Camera (Sun City) provided two muslin backdrops and AZCA Printing (Surprise) printed a free package of select portraits for each family. In addition to the prints, the families will receive a CD of their best portraits plus a signed copyright release allowing them to print the pictures.

This activity counted as hours toward students community service requirements that many clubs and scholarships look for. A few of the AP (Advanced Placement) students were able to apply as many as 13 service hours to their course requirements.

“For me,” said Luis (Angel) Hernandez, the DHS Shutterbugs president, “it’s a lot of fun shooting the little kids. They do some crazy stuff!”