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Ashton Ranch receives McDonald's grant

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

Ashton Ranch Elementary School is one of 10 Arizona PTA schools receiving \$1,000 grants for creative educational programs that demonstrate an original approach to enhancing 1st – 8th grade students' physical fitness, nutrition awareness and/or health education. Applications were judged on creativity, educational content, and program and cost effectiveness.

According to Ashton Ranch PTA president Anne Gabriellini, grant funds will be used to purchase pedometers, record books, t-shirts and prizes for the school's "Mustang Mileage Club."

"Arizona PTA believes that one of the most important things school and families can teach students is the principles of nutrition and exercise," said Rochelle Wells, 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 Darian 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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