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**Dysart reading interventionist is  
2012 Teacher of the Year**

DYSART SCHOOLS — Mrs. Kristi Martorelli was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year by the Arizona Educational Foundation. Martorelli is a kindergarten through 3rd grade reading interventionist at Thompson Ranch Elementary School in El Mirage. The annual Teacher of the Year program is the premier event of the Arizona Educational Foundation (AEF), a statewide organization that promotes and awards the exceptional efforts being made in Arizona's public schools.

During the AEF awards luncheon, the 2012 Teacher of the Year is honored before more than 500 attendees including Arizona educators, elected officials, and business leaders.

As Teacher of the Year, Kristi Martorelli will receive a host of awards and recognitions, march in the Fiesta Bowl Parade alongside the Wells Fargo Stagecoach, and serve as spokespersons for her profession, advocating for excellence in the classroom by making presentations statewide to education, civic, government and professional organizations.

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