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Dysart to open Arts Academy for grades 5 – 8

DYSART SCHOOLS — The Dysart Unified School District is excited to unveil the opening of a new Arts Academy for students in grades 5 – 8, beginning in the 2012-2013 school year.

Planned in consultation with the West Valley Arts Council, Phoenix Symphony, West Valley Symphony, Phoenix Opera, ASU and the Communiversiity, the Dysart Arts Academy will be housed at Desert Moon School and is open for enrollment to students both in and out of the district. The mission of this “school within a school” is to provide an arts-enriched learning environment merging creative and academic content to enhance student achievement.

Students enrolled in the Arts Academy will take academic courses, as well as arts courses which may include: band, orchestra, chorus, visual arts, graphic arts, theater, dance, and ITV/video production. Parents can enroll their students in the Arts Academy through Dysart’s online open enrollment process, found at www.dysart.org. Additionally, parents can receive more information about the Arts Academy by attending one of two meetings, January 12 at the Dysart Education Center or January 18 at Desert Moon School. For more information about the Arts Academy, please contact Tracey Ong-Jacobsen at 623.876.7173. Open enrollment for the Arts Academy ends February 10.

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