

# Navajo's Erickson called inspiring

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**SCOTTSDALE** — The Scottsdale Unified School District is highlighting Navajo Elementary School Academic Learning Center teacher Shelley Erickson.



**Shelley  
Erickson**

**Here's what Principal Shaun Holmes had to say about her:**

"Mrs. Erickson was recently named Outstanding Teacher of the Year by Sharing Down Syndrome Arizona. On Oct. 25 she received this honor, having been nominated by a parent

who recognized the caring and dedicated willingness of Mrs. Erickson to provide her daughter with an outstanding education and to help her daughter assimilate into the Navajo community. Mrs. Erick-

son's commitment to her kids is inspiring. She demonstrates, over and over again, the power and impact of a teacher's caring

heart. Mrs. Erickson is truly de-

serving of this award, and we in the Navajo community are very proud to call her one of our own."

**Achievements:** Outstanding Teacher of the Year - Sharing Down Syndrome Arizona.

**Number of years teaching:** 21.

**Number of years at district:** 11.

**Number of years at Navajo:** 9.

**Professional Memberships:** Scottsdale Educators Association (SEA).

## TEACHER OF THE WEEK

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