

Mohave Middle School teacher truly gifted in the classroom

By Becky Kelbaugh

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SCOTTSDALE — The Scottsdale Unified School District is highlighting Mohave Middle School gifted science teacher Pam Whiffen.

Here's what parent Victoria Manoogian had to say about her:



Pam Whiffen

Pamela Whiffen just naturally stirs up students to do their best. She's a powerful motivator. Everything is interesting to her, and her enthusiasm is infectious. Ms. Whiffen nurtures the strengths in her students while encouraging them to overcome any obstacles they may face. She's the one who's willing to "go the extra mile" for her students, often making tremendous personal sacri-

ces in order to get them what they need, have them realize their full potential and push their own pre-set boundaries. She advocates not only for the gifted, but for all students to inquire, work hard and achieve. She is an excellent communicator and speaks nationally as an Educator Ambassador for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. When considering teaching excellence, it's hard to come up with a better candidate than Pamela Whiffen.

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Number of years teaching: 12.

Number of years at district: 2.

Number of years at Mohave: 2.

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