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Heritage to Honor Deceased Student with New Greenhouse

Glendale charter school to unveil remodeled greenhouse to memorialize former student

GLENDALE, AZ (3/9/15) – On March 20 at 6 p.m., Heritage Elementary Glendale will host a special unveiling and ribbon cutting for the new Tyre Butler Memorial Greenhouse. Tyre, a Heritage Glendale student who passed away September 13, 2013 following a car accident, would have been an eighth grader this year.

The greenhouse was built with a \$1,000 donation from Kiwanis and parent donations. Labor was donated by a local Boy Scout troop and student volunteers. A special community work day February 21 added finishing touches inside and out.



"This has truly been a labor of love for the entire Heritage community," said Justin Dye, HES Glendale principal. "What better way to honor Tyre and his time at Heritage than with a greenhouse that will add so much to the campus and our curriculum."

The greenhouse will be used for educational hands-on projects that will enhance science, math and social studies skills. Students will learn teamwork and responsibility as they experience research

and data collection, environmental awareness, nutrition, growing and selling plants and herbs, and other skills and concepts.

Following the dedication, Heritage Glendale will host its annual Enrollathon event. Tours of the school and the opportunity to enroll will be combined with family activities in keeping with the celebration of Tyre's life at Heritage.

Heritage Elementary Glendale is located at 6805 N. 125th Ave., Glendale, AZ.

For more information about Heritage Elementary Glendale, visit <u>HESGlendale.org</u> or reach out to the media contacts at the bottom of this release.

About Heritage Elementary School

Heritage Elementary School, founded in 2002, is one of Arizona's fastest-growing charter school systems. The tuition-free, character-based charter school is home to two campuses, one in Glendale and one in Williams, and serves more than 1,000 students in preschool through eighth grade. Both the Glendale and Williams locations offer bus/van transportation. Raena Janes, an

active, award-winning advocate for Arizona education and charter schools, is the founder and charterholder. Visit the school's website at <u>HESGlendale.org</u>.

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