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## School Tax Credit

Did you know that Arizona law allows taxpayers to receive a tax credit of up to \$200 for individual filers and up to \$400 for married filers for donations made to SUSD schools? You can claim the tax credit when filing your 2011 Arizona State Income Tax return. The donation must be postmarked by December 31, 2011. It's a "win-win" situation for you and for Chaparral! The tax credit form is available on the CHAPTS website [click here](#). Encourage all your friends and family members to take advantage of this tax credit opportunity.

## Firebird Word Coming Soon!

Ever wonder what the daily school announcements are? Very soon, you will be able to see them on the [CHAPTS website](#). Keep checking! We'll send a reminder email when it's up and running, too.

## **Almost, Maine**

Chaparral Theater Company presents "Almost, Maine." This play about relationships and love will be presented in the amphitheater on Tuesday, November 15th, Wednesday, November 16th, and Thursday, November 17th at 7:30 - 9:30 pm.

## **Canned Food and Holiday Gift Drives**

The Freshman Class has begun a canned food drive to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank. The drive continues through Monday, November 21. Collection boxes are set up around campus for donations. Student Government will start the annual holiday gift drive for Yavapai School next week. Each classroom will be given a family and a StuGo representative will make a presentation to each class regarding the project (this will be your child's 2nd period class). Collections begin next week and end December 8. These gifts are the only presents these families will receive, so participation is crucial!

## **State of Education in Arizona Forum**

The Scottsdale Education Association will host the State of Education in Arizona Discussion Forum featuring guest speaker Andrew F. Morrill, President of the Arizona Education Association, from 4-5:30 pm on November 17 in the Auditorium at Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Avenue, Scottsdale 85257.

## **Making College Happen Workshops**

Scottsdale Unified School District (SUSD) is hosting Making College Happen Road to Financial Preparedness workshops to help parents of middle school students prepare a financial plan for their child's college education on the following dates and times:

-November 18 from 5-7 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Supai Middle School, 6720 E. Continental, Scottsdale 85257.

-December 9 from 5-7 p.m. in the Media Center at Cocopah Middle School, 6615 E. Cholla St., Scottsdale 85254.

-December 14 Scottsdale Parent Council Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Lecture Hall at Coronado High School, 7501 E. Virginia Ave., Scottsdale 85257.

## **Arizona Republic Tribute To Teachers**

The Arizona Republic is looking for your stories about how an Arizona teacher made a

difference in your or your child's life. Teachers can inspire students to develop their talents and cultivate a lifelong interest in learning. No one forgets a teacher who cared and had a positive impact! Stories should be 150 words or less. The story must include the teacher's name and the school where he or she teaches or taught. Submissions may be edited for grammar and conciseness. Include your email address, phone number and city where you live. A \$2,500 award will be given in 3 categories: K-5th; 6th - 8th; and 9th - 12th grades. The awards will be given to the Arizona school where the teacher now works or, if he or she no longer is in education, to the Arizona school where he or she taught at the time of your story. Send your submissions to Republic reporter Anne Ryman at [anne.ryman@arizonarepublic.com](mailto:anne.ryman@arizonarepublic.com). DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 30!