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### Millennium FFA holding BBQ, auction Sept. 16

The public is invited to attend the annual Millennium High School FFA Benefit BBQ and Auction at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the auxiliary gym, 14082 W. Blvd. in Goodyear.

Tickets are available at the door for \$6, or two for \$10. The price includes homemade barbecue and the opportunity to bid on a multitude of silent auction items donated by local businesses and associations.

Proceeds will be used to fund the Millennium FFA's activities throughout the year, including state leadership camps, upkeep of the barn and state and national contest fees.

### EMCC restaurant opens for fall semester

Estrella Mountain Community College's student-operated restaurant, Regions, has re-opened for the 2011-12 academic year.

The restaurant is in Komatke Hall, building C, on the EMCC campus at 3000 N. Dysart Road in Avondale. The cost for a three-course meal is \$8.95, plus tax, and features creative cuisines with an array of dessert selections.

Regions is a college-operated restaurant where students enrolled in the Culinary Studies program have the opportunity to present culinary talents.

It provides students with the skills, creativity and confidence for careers in professional kitchens and the food and beverage industry. Students are exposed to varied American and international cuisines, baking and pastry arts.

Regions will be serving lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays for the first eight weeks of the fall semester, through Oct. 17, and on Thursdays and Fridays for the second eight weeks, Oct. 27 through Dec. 9.

Service begins at 11:30 a.m. with the last seating at noon. Reservations are required and should be made at least one week in advance by calling 623-935-8396 or visiting [estrellamountain.edu/regions](http://estrellamountain.edu/regions).

### Estrella Mountain Elem. Holding Move-A-Thon

The Estrella Mountain Elementary Parent Teacher Organization is partnering with Arizona In ACTION to expand

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its second annual Move-A-Thon program.

The fundraiser will be held from 7:50 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Oct. 4 at the school, 10301 S. San Miguel in Goodyear.

Arizona In ACTION has secured seven local professional health businesses to run children through the Move-A-Thon's fitness stations: the Cincinnati Reds; city of Goodyear Parks and Recreation Department; the IMS Arizona Marathon and its Celebration of Fitness Program; CrossFit Fury; Hilgers Orthodontics and Hilgers Pediatric Dentistry; Southwest Valley Family YMCA and Estrella Adult Sports.

All of the money raised at the Move-A-Thon will go directly to the school. The PTO has a goal of raising \$21,000 this year.



Children will be asking for pledges, and the community can be involved by making tax deductible contributions or donating prizes.

For information, visit the website [liberty.k12.az.us/emespto](http://liberty.k12.az.us/emespto).

### **Buckeye Elem. District holding Parent Expo**

The Buckeye Elementary District is hosting an event next month to preserve the arts in the classroom setting.

The district will be working with local businesses and individuals to strengthen the involvement of parents and their child's education through a Parent Expo Oct. 18 at WestPark Elementary, 2700 S. 257th Drive in Buckeye. A free dinner and child care will be provided for the event, which runs from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Julie Richards, president and CEO of the West Valley Arts Council, will be a keynote speaker. She will be stressing the importance of arts in education.

With tighter budgets and less funding for education, the district is trying to find ways to keep the arts an active part of its students' curriculum.

For information, call Tmber Delong at 623-925-3403 or by e-mail at [tdelong@besd.k12.az.us](mailto:tdelong@besd.k12.az.us) or visit the district's website, [www.besd.k12.az.us](http://www.besd.k12.az.us).

### **Country Place Elementary wins Go Active! award**

Country Place Elementary is the winner of McDonald's Go Active! Academics Award.

The school is one of 10 Arizona Parent Teacher Association schools to receive a \$1,000 grant for creative educational programs that demonstrate an original approach to enhancing first- through eighth-grade pupils' physical fitness, nutrition awareness and health education.

Applications were judged on creativity, educational content and program and cost effectiveness.

Country Place will use the grant funds to purchase equipment for the school's "Step Into Fitness" program.

### **Agua Fria's class of 1991 holding 20th reunion**

Agua Fria Union High School's class of 1991 is holding its 20th reunion Oct. 21 at The Wigwam in Litchfield Park. Former teachers can also attend. For information and to reserve a spot, call 623-850-1086.

### **Group for parents of special-needs children meets monthly**

A Buckeye support group for parents of children with special needs meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. For location and information, call Kristine at 623-544-0834.

### **Fresh & Easy kicks off Shop for Schools program**

Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market kicked off registration for its 2011 Shop for Schools fundraising program.

For the first time, schools can register at [freshandeasy.com/shopforschools](http://freshandeasy.com/shopforschools) by Sept. 15.

All schools with pupils in kindergarten through eighth grade within a three-mile radius of a Fresh & Easy store are eligible to participate. Those schools receive a \$1 cash donation for every \$20 receipt collected from any Fresh & Easy store from Sept. 15 through Dec. 31.

The school that raises the most money in the state through receipt collection will also win a \$5,000 bonus.

In addition to collecting receipts, schools can have their own Shopping Night, a fundraising event

where 5 percent of a local Fresh & Easy store's total sales on a designated evening are donated to the school.

Last year, schools raised more than \$1.3 million through Shop for Schools and Shopping Nights, with participating schools in Phoenix raising more than \$140,000. Schools are able to use those funds for whatever they need most.

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