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## School Notes: September 11, 2012

### Avondale District wins finance award

The Avondale Elementary District was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

The award is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting.

An award of Financial Reporting Achievement was given to Jill Barragan, executive director of Business Services.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving 17,500 government finance professionals.

### Barbara B. Robey pupils receive free books

After 65 years of delivering toys to millions of disadvantaged children, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, through the Toys for Tots Literacy Program, plans to focus on its first year-round initiative with a Valleywide book distribution to thousands of elementary school children.

It will offer Phoenix's disadvantaged children the ability to compete academically and to succeed in life by providing them direct access to books and educational resources that will enhance their ability to read and to communicate effectively.

Multiple local elementary schools will receive a new book for each pupil in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Barbara B. Robey Elementary in the Litchfield Elementary District was the first recipient Aug. 28 and received more than 700 books.

### EMCC restaurant open for fall semester

Estrella Mountain Community College's student-lab restaurant Regions is open for the 2012-13 academic year.

The restaurant, located in Komatke Hall, building C, on the EMCC campus at 3000 N. Dysart Road in Avondale, is open for lunch to the public, individual guests and groups.

The cost for a three-course meal is \$9.95, plus tax, and features creative cuisines with an array of dessert selections.

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 at <http://estrellamountain.edu/regions>.



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Regions will be serving Wednesdays and Fridays through Oct. 12 and

Thursdays and Fridays from Oct. 25 to Dec. 7.

**Nominations sought for Teacher of the Week**

For the 13th consecutive year, Fulton Homes' "Teacher of the Week" program returns to honor Valley school teachers. Throughout the school year, the program showcases teachers who inspire their pupils.

Pupils and parents can nominate their favorite educator each week for that teacher's chance to win a prize package.

Teachers can be nominated each week at [www.knixcountry.com](http://www.knixcountry.com) by submitting a brief form describing why the teacher deserves the title.

For information about the program, visit [www.fultonhomes.com](http://www.fultonhomes.com) or [www.knixcountry.com](http://www.knixcountry.com) and type in the keyword "teacher."



**Reader Comments**

*Posted: Wednesday, September 19, 2012*

Article comment by: **Carol Franke**

Tami Gagliardi of Legacy Traditional School in Avondale was awarded the Fulton Homes / KNIX Teacher of the week. Her interview with KNIX will air this Friday, Sept. 21 between 6:20-7:20 am. She is a kindergarten teacher and a girl scout leader at the school. Congrats Tami!!

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