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Conservation Staff Recognizes Outstanding Water Educator

Staff representing the Arizona Department of Water Resources, Yavapai County, City of Prescott, Towns of Prescott Valley and Chino Valley, and Arizona Project WET (Partners) recently recognized Dan Jannone as an Outstanding Water Educator in Yavapai County.

A third and fourth grade teacher at Primavera School in Prescott, Mr. Jannone was also a recent recipient of one of four monetary grants the Partners offered for water conservation-related educational activities.

"Mr. Jannone is commended for the exceptional leadership role he has taken in promoting and implementing water education in his classroom and throughout the community," said Herb Guenther, director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources.

While working as the Watershed Coordinator for Prescott Creeks, Mr. Jannone coordinated the Upper Granite Creek Watershed Monitoring Plan that established a protocol to monitor the conditions of the watershed.

In the classroom, Mr. Jannone developed and teaches a comprehensive water unit each academic year. The unit includes a year-long water-quality monitoring project at Butte Creek in Prescott and culminates in a river rafting trip on the Colorado River.

Recently, through a collaborative effort involving students, teachers, parent volunteers and professionals from the community, Mr. Jannone installed a rainwater harvesting system for the purpose of supplying water to a small school garden. The students maintain the garden, featuring an assortment of native, drought-tolerant plants and edible crops. Students are also helping generate a visual display that can be taken into the community to educate other groups or schools about rainwater harvesting.

To support his efforts, Mr. Jannone received a \$250 credit for the purchase of water-education materials and supplies.

This is the second year the Partners have recognized a local Outstanding Water Educator.

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