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Pendergast Back to School Event Welcomes all “BEE”lievers
All staff to celebrate students with hope and happiness

Phoenix Az. – July 28, 2014 – For the first time ever, all staff members in the [Pendergast Elementary School District](#) will join together to celebrate students, staff and the 2014-15 school year at the PESD opening event. Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux, the new Pendergast Superintendent who began her tenure in May, uses the bee as her theme. Lily’s leadership motto is, “All decisions will “BEE” made in the best interests of students.” On her signature is a bee. She has adopted the bee as her theme because aerodynamically the bee shouldn’t be able to fly but it does. She “BEE”-lieves in the potential of education to change the lives of children with all staff members embracing this vital effort.

The opening event will take place on ***Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 8:00 a.m., at the Palm Valley Church located at 431 North Litchfield Rd. Goodyear, Az 85338.***

Staff will celebrate with a unique array of talent from keynote speaker, Joseph Chavez, an 8th grade student in Pendergast District who was chosen for this coveted role based on his moving speech. Additionally, former Pendergast student and recording star [Cory Moreno](#) will entertain and more importantly, inspire the crowd with his compelling story of being a “Kid at Hope”. He will speak of the caring adults in his life and how they inspired him to “BEE”-lieve in himself. In Cory’s words, “It is an honor and privilege to be part of this special day. I feel that I will bring an insight to this event that will not only motivate but inspire and encourage these teachers and staff members to continue to pour their hearts into their students’ lives and dreams much like what has been done for me.”

Superintendent Lily Matos DeBlieux along with the fully supportive Governing Board are, “Excited to begin the school year with everyone feeling included. The 2014-15 school year promises to “BEE” one filled with great achievement, professional growth and opportunities for all of the students, staff, families and communities that make Pendergast special.”

Board President Martín Quezada echoes the sentiments of inclusiveness for all. “This event is how we set the tone for success for the year. It showcases the commitment of our district and proves the Kids at Hope philosophy of “Every child is capable of success, no exceptions,” has a lifetime impact on students.”

PESD schools begin August 4th and are currently accepting open enrollment for all grades. Program offerings include: before and afterschool programs, the [Kids at Hope](#) philosophy, outstanding achievement and a caring, committed staff. In Pendergast, everyone can “BEE” what they want to “BEE” and Pendergast staff will ensure that it becomes a reality.

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