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## **Pendergast Elementary School Launches Apple ConnectED Grant on April 6**

*PES one of only 2 schools in Phoenix and 114 schools across the country to receive grant*

April 1, 2016 (Phoenix, Arizona) – On April 6, 2016 from 12:30 – 4:00 p.m., [Pendergast Elementary School](#), part of the [Pendergast District](#) will propel into the future as it launches its Apple ConnectED Initiative and hosts its teacher rollout. On April 6, all Pendergast Elementary teachers will receive their devices. The student rollout will take place on a later date. Apple is an official partner of the White House’s ConnectED Initiative which is designed to enrich K-12 education for every student in America. Apple selected Pendergast Elementary as one of 114 Apple ConnectED partner schools. The program empowers teachers with the best technology and the training, and empowers students through individualized learning.

The grant from Apple includes:

- An iPad for every student
- A Mac and iPad for every teacher and administrator
- Apple software to support creativity and productivity
- An Apple TV for each classroom
- A Mac mini for app deployment
- Professional management and services
- Professional development
- Third-party applications and components

Beyond providing devices, Apple has a professional development team that is working closely with the school to ensure teachers are prepared to successfully implement the 1:1 initiative in their classrooms.

Mike Woolsey, Principal of Pendergast Elementary shares, “This amazing technology will enrich the educational experience for students at our school by bringing an awareness of new fields of study, career opportunities and a cultural competence to ensure our students will be successful on a global scale.”

Pendergast Superintendent Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux cannot wait for the initiative to begin on April 6, “Our students need to be competitive and this grant will enable them to be ready for the careers of the future. This is only the beginning for our students and staff. We are grateful to Apple and the ConnectED Initiative for believing in our students and staff.”

To learn more about the Apple and ConnectED, visit [www.apple.com/education/connected](http://www.apple.com/education/connected). To RSVP for the event at PES located at 3800 N. 91<sup>st</sup> Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85037, contact Sylvia Binion at [sbinion@pesd92.org](mailto:sbinion@pesd92.org) or 623-772-2200.

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