**Pendergast District Teacher Chosen as Kahn Academy Ambassador**

*Villa De Paz School’s Michael Neuman one of only six selected in Arizona*

*May 12, 2017 – Phoenix, Arizona –* Kahn Academy revolutionized learning for students, teachers and parents and now Michael Neuman, middle grade teacher will expand his duties for next year to include being a selected Kahn Ambassador. Neuman, a veteran teacher, will teach computer science, math, and video/post production for students attending Villa de Paz Elementary Computer Science Academy in grades 6, 7, and 8. He was only one of six teachers chosen in Arizona (300 nationwide) as an Ambassador with Kahn Academy.

Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. They tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. The math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus using state-of-the-art, adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps. They have also collaborated with institutions like NASA, The Museum of Modern Art, The California Academy of Sciences, and MIT to offer specialized content. What started as one man tutoring his cousin has grown into an 80-person organization. They are diverse team that has come together to provide a free excellent education for anyone, anywhere.

Neuman shares his enthusiasm for the support he will offer through his teaching and coaching through the Online Kahn Academy, used worldwide and translated into 36 languages. “I will be leading training presentations in the Support Advocate Program; Differential Instruction and Flipped Classrooms; Social Media using (Facebook and Twitter). I am truly honored and excited about offering technical support for teachers both local and national and creating an electronic portfolio with interactive lesson plans in math. This truly is 21st Century learning and I love being part of it and bringing national attention to Pendergast District and my students, who will assist in this amazing opportunity.”

To find out more, or to visit his classroom, contact Mike at mneuman@pesd92.org.