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Apple ConnectED Grant and Pendergast School Are Ready to Impact the Future

PES will change how students learn and how teachers teach with technology

August 9, 2016 (Phoenix, Arizona) – On August 18, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. [Pendergast Elementary School](#), will start the 2016-2017 school year in an exciting new way by handing each student an iPad as part of the school’s Apple ConnectED Initiative. The day begins at 8:00 am with a welcome reception in the Media Center for District and community partners. The reception will be followed by a school-wide assembly at 9:00 am to kick-off the initiative. Students and teachers will then spend the remainder of the day participating in a series of engaging introductory learning activities in the classroom.

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 nationwide designed to impact the future of teaching and learning. 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 throughout the grant to ensure teachers are successfully implementing the 1:1 initiative in their classrooms and showing measurable results.

Mike Woolsey, Principal of Pendergast Elementary shares, “Not only will technology impact student achievement, it is a vehicle for the way we can impact student engagement and global education for our students. We will partner with classrooms around the globe to share strategies and learn together with our Apple support team.”

Pendergast Superintendent Dr. Lily Matos DeBlieux believes, “All staff and students deserve technology to support their thinking and learning. We look forward to sharing our success with others and giving students and staff the tools their need to be prepared for their futures.”

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

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