

COMMUNITY NEWS

'Deputy Dog' arrives at Montessori School in Middle Verde

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Members of the YAN police force brought 'Deputy Dog' to meet with the newly enrolled Montessori School students first week in August. All the students were brought out of the building to visit with members of the police force and, of course, Deputy Dog.

Police Chief Jon Huey seemed proud of Deputy Dog as the mascot was already making lots of friends at the school.

Huey strongly supports the department's goals in bringing about the safety connection to the community—especially the schools.

"Deputy Dog spends lot of time in the schools talking to kids about safety issues. He loves the children and likes to meet and greet the children," said Huey about the latest addition to the police force.

With a good sense of humor, Huey said that Deputy Dog "...had his shots all up to date and doing a pretty good job. He just wanted to say hello to the kids the first week of (being) back to school".

Huey also said Deputy Dog now "hangs around with Loki, the K-9 dog assigned to the YAN police department".

School manager Merika Bach said that there are 48 students enrolled at the school for the current school year.



News from Montessori School...Deputy Dog arrives!!!



Deputy Dog gives the thumbs up for the Montessori students as Sgt. Huijbregtse (l) and K-9 handler Officer Collins (r) show their support also. YAN News photos



Deputy Dog makes an appearance at Montessori for an introduction.

Montessori School gets invited to pick fruit



Helping hand while picking a pear. School photos

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Jerry Whagado invited his next door neighbors, the Montessori School to his yard to pick fresh pears off of his trees on September 4, Thursday.

Whagado is a noted silversmith who has shown extensively at area art exhibits including receiving blue ribbons for his silver pieces at the Santa Fe Outdoor Indian Market.

Merika Bach, school manager promises Mr. Whagado a pear crisp pie!



Reaching for the pears.



Joy in picking fruits.

Honoring the Tree

BY MERIKA BACH
Montessori School manager.

Planting a tree a wonderful way to honor what the tree represents, but to also honor the importance of what the tree will provide to the world through its lifetime. Trees take many years of growth to reach their version of adulthood, right now this one is just a child, like you. They are a symbol of longevity, tranquility, and life itself. Trees can save lives through their shade, provide shelter for birds and small animals, give us food and they add beauty to our school. Trees also give us hope and insight, and courage to persevere - even in the harshest conditions. Trees teach us to stay rooted while

soaring to great heights. I found this poem by, Ilan Shamir and I think you'll like it!

Advice from a Tree

Dear Friend,
Stand Tall and Proud
Sink your roots deeply into the Earth
Reflect the light of a greater source
Think long term
Go out on a limb
Remember your place among all living beings
Embrace with joy the changing seasons
For each yields its own abundance
The Energy and Birth of Spring
The Growth and Contentment of Summer
The Wisdom to let go of leaves in the Fall
The Rest and Quiet Renewal of Winter

Feel the wind and the sun
And delight in their presence

Look up at the moon that shines down upon you

And the mystery of the stars at night.

Seek nourishment from the good things in life

Simple pleasures

Earth, fresh air, light

Be content with your natural beauty

Drink plenty of water

Let your limbs sway and dance in the breezes

Be flexible

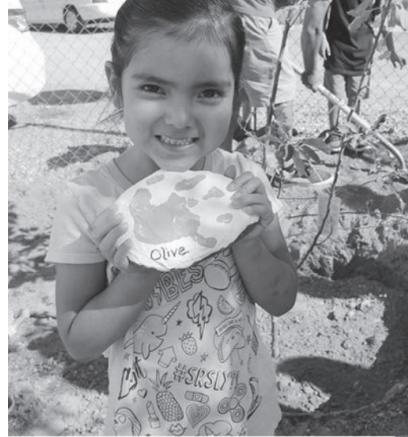
Remember your roots

Enjoy the view!

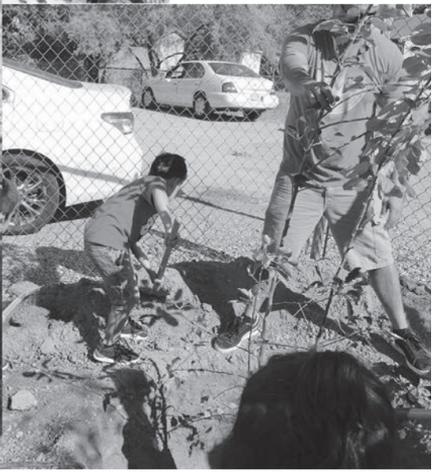
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Montessori School manager Merika Bach with handholding circle around a tree for blessing



Beautifying a rock for the trees



Teacher assistant Clifford Larson (r) helping students