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Mesa Public Schools launches new informative phone app

Parents, staff, students and the community can stay up to date on district news and information using the official mobile app launched Jan. 22 by Mesa Public Schools.

The app delivers important content in a user-friendly format. Users can find school contact information, calendars, lunch menus, sports schedules and other important information. The app can be customized in "settings" to deliver news and events for specific schools, according to a press release.

"In this fast-paced, technological world, it is crucial that families have immediate access to news, events and contact information for their children's schools," said Helen Hollands, director of communications and marketing. "This exciting tool enhances commu-



nication between home and school, which is a must for busy parents on the go."

To download the app from the App Store or Google Play. Visit www.mpsaz.org/app for more information.

MCC Red Mountain campus earns conservation award

Mesa Community College's Red Mountain campus, 7110 E. McKellips Road in Mesa, was recognized with a conservation award Nov. 15 by the North American Native Plant Society, according to a press release.

The college earned the 2014 Founders Conservation Award for its contributions to the conservation, protection and restoration of native flora and natural heritage, according to the release.

The Red Mountain campus earned the award for its efforts in preserving the desert and commitment to environmental preservation. The campus is home to roadrunners, quail, rattlesnakes, coyotes, desert tortoise, bobcats and endangered desert pupfish, according to the release.

"We hope that having the desert as a classroom will help inspire and educate our students so they will understand and appreciate this distinct habitat and realize the need to preserve it," Emily Dimson, MCC science lab coordinator, said in the release. "We intend to invest the award into the purchase of additional native plants for the campus."

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