

## Chandler school awarded environmental grant

Feb. 6, 2009 09:33 AM  
The Chandler Republic

A Chandler elementary school is among eight Arizona schools awarded nearly \$7,500 in funding Thursday to support environmental education efforts.

The grants were made through Valley Forward's EarthFest Education Grant program, made possible by STMicroelectronics and other sponsors.

At Hartford Sylvania Encinas Elementary in Chandler, \$900 was awarded to Julia Palazzi, coordinator of the Recycling Club, for a project titled, "Hartford's Farmer's Market."

Part one of this project is to have students collect leftover food, coffee grounds, ground clippings and soiled paper to create a school compost. It will then be used as a fertilizer to grow organic vegetables, fruits and flowers in a school garden. Part two is to set up a cistern to collect rainwater to be used to water the garden. Once the garden is fully productive the students will hold quarterly Community Farmers Markets.

Throughout the state, more than 2,000 students in grades K-12 will benefit from the grants. The projects focus on such topics as:

water, air, land, plants and animals, recycling, transportation or energy.

"We received over 30 applications for funding from K-12 teachers throughout the state," said Diane Brossart, president of Valley Forward.

"Our evaluation committee was extremely impressed with the overall scope and caliber of all the projects proposed, making the selection process extra challenging."

Advertisement

# GET A FREE GIFT CARD

TO USE FOR GAS OR GROCERIES!



Get the best available rate on your *Arizona Republic* subscription. Change to EasyPay's monthly payment program. Take control of your bills, save money and get a free \$10 Safeway gift card!

## THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

CALL 888-303-8949 OR VISIT [EPG.AZCENTRAL.COM](http://EPG.AZCENTRAL.COM) TO SIGN UP!



PRDMO CODE: EPG

Print Powered By FormatDynamics