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### **Amphi Teachers to get “Summer School” of their own**

**Tucson, AZ** -- July 22-24, teachers from different assignments all across the Amphitheater School District will attend a summer school of their own. This year, 55 teachers (twice as many as last year) from throughout the district are attending the second annual Camp APPLES (Arts Promotes Positive Learning Experiences for Students). Camp APPLES is an effort to further integrate all forms of art into the daily curriculum in the classrooms at all Amphi schools. Due to the support of Amphitheater voters and the passage of the District’s 2005 Budget Override, all Amphi students currently receive or have access to Art and Music instruction on a weekly basis.

Camp APPLES is designed, not to replace the high-quality instruction in art and music that students already receive from teacher specialists in those fields, but to enhance the effectiveness of that instruction and to provide other classroom teachers with the knowledge and skills to more effectively integrate arts into core academic areas. Over the three days, the participants will learn from local artists, as well as from each other.

“The strategies taught here are vital in making learning more interesting for the students; increasing engagement and furthering the students’ desire to integrate the arts in their day-to-day life.” Said Cathy Eiting, Chief Academic Officer, Amphitheater Public Schools.

The Amphitheater Public School District was founded in 1893 and is currently comprised of 22 sites in Northwest Tucson and Oro Valley. The district covers 111 square miles and serves the educational needs of over 15,000 students of various socio-economic groups. Amphi is Tucson’s second largest public school district and one of its largest employers.

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