

# Sacaton Elementary School District

**Phoenix Coyotes presented Sacaton Elementary School with \$5,000 to support STEAM at their game on February 9, 2019.**

FOX Sports was running segments on Saturday featuring the information below:

The Sacaton Elementary School is located in the Gila River Indian Community and agriculture and farming has been big part of the way of life for the people of Gila River. The Coyotes Foundation donation will not just fund a program that will teach SES's students about the fundamentals of gardening, it will give them first-hand experience into how their own ancestors lived hundreds of years ago. Agriculture has always been a cornerstone of the Gila River Indian Community's culture and this program will show these students how their own great grandfathers and great grandmothers lived.

Bringing this curriculum to the school will allow the children to:

- Develop an appreciation for the environment
- Develop a love of gardening and farming
- Develop Personal pride
- Community involvement
- Learn about the history of their ancestors and their means of survival when it came to food source.

The Coyotes Foundation donation will go towards Junior Master Gardner's (JMG) STEAM programming at Sacaton Elementary School for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. The JMG is an international youth gardening program that takes a "hands-on approach" to teach children about plants, flowers, fruits & vegetables, what they need to grow, why they are important to us and our diet.

The curriculum will take the children through 8 chapters that will include

- Plant growth and development
- Soils and water
- Ecology and horticulture
- Insects & diseases
- Landscape

As part of this curriculum there will be collaborative learning groups with real-time hands-on gardening that integrates math, science, language arts, and social studies for the children.

