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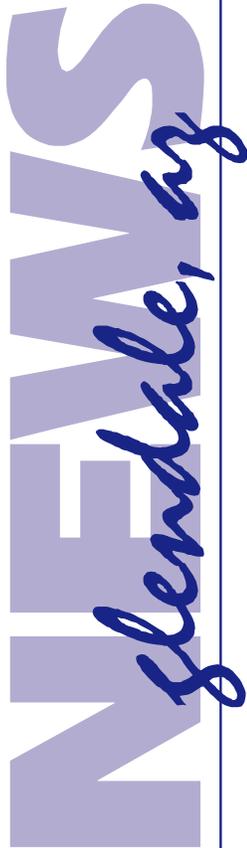
## **STUDENTS HELP THE ENVIRONMENT FOR GLENDALE'S RECYCLEMANIA CONTEST**

**GLENDALE, Ariz.** – Kids love a good old-fashioned competition, and Glendale's Recycling program has used that concept to encourage them to recycle and teach them about protecting the environment along the way, with its Recyclemania contest.

In 2011, the Sanitation Division began a new contest, in addition to their lineup of school-education programs, which targets 5<sup>th</sup>-grade classes and provides education and resources to the students. This was prompted by the city's addition of #3-7 plastics being added to the recycling program last spring. As a way of educating students on all the plastic items that can be recycled, the class that collects the most items – from plastic water bottles to yogurt containers to disposable plastic drink cups – will win a pizza party from Papa John's.

The most recent Recyclemania took place at Marshall Ranch Elementary in the Peoria Unified School District. Fifth-graders collected 8,580 plastic items, over a two-week period, equating to 980 lbs. Ms. Thomas' class won the competition with her students bringing in 2,939 items. Not only did the class receive a pizza lunch, but Ms. Thomas was presented with a model-size recycling truck for her classroom, to remind her students on a daily basis to keep recycling. *(see picture)*

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“Our Recyclemania competitions have been very well-received by students and teachers,” said Glendale Recycling Coordinator Deb Coy. “The kids are having fun while learning, and we find that they take home what they learn and educate their parents as well, which helps raise awareness for Glendale’s Recycling program.”

Schools and teachers are invited to participate in an upcoming Recyclemania event, complete with entertainment from Grandma Glendale and the Blues Brothers characters. For more information, or to request an event, contact Deb Coy at 623-930-2709 or via email at [dcoy@glendaleaz.com](mailto:dcoy@glendaleaz.com).

For additional information on Glendale’s Recycling and Sanitation divisions, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation). This program is sponsored, in part, by Papa John’s Glendale location at 59<sup>th</sup> and Olives avenues.

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