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National School Choice Week at Southwest Leadership

At Southwest Leadership Academy, students choose to attend this school from hundreds of district and public charter schools in the Phoenix metropolitan area. With National School Choice Week at the end of January. Southwest Leadership Academy in South Phoenix has 350 students all of whom chose to be there. These students have a lot of options as Arizona allows students to attend any school in any district or attend one of the 400+ charter school in the state, but they chose SLA.

Throughout the country charter schools were celebrating the choice that parents and students now have, and SLA students did the same. Every student was issued a yellow "School Choice Week" scarf provided by the National Association for School Choice and they proudly let others know that they love attending SLA. Principal, Dr. Greg Fowler, Assistant Principal Jessica Vessel, and guidance counselor, Michelle Harris work hard every day to create the positive, academically oriented culture that has enabled SLA to get a higher rating from the State of Arizona this year. They believe in and work at creating positive relationships with students and parents and community supporters.

Teachers and staff all function like a close-knit family so students often refer to the school as part of their family. Teachers at SLA made hundreds of visits this year to students' homes to meet with parents and students to discuss their progress and to plan their future successes. Parents appreciate the teachers making these visits and have their pictures taken with the teacher. Teachers learn a lot about their students, their family dynamics and their challenges but for sure parents know that the teachers care and for that the students have love for their school and hope for their future.