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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5: Teach for America Principal Appreciation Breakfast (Phoenix)

Dr. Lattie Coor will provide the keynote speech on closing Arizona's student achievement gap.

March 26: Beat the Odds School Partners Meeting

Work session for BTO School Partner principals focusing on parent involvement.

March 27: GEAR UP Conference (Tempe)

Dr. Lattie Coor will provide an overview of the Beat the Odds research and principles to leaders of Arizona high schools.

■ **Washington Elementary School has improved academic outcomes in math for all grade levels by applying the Beat the Odds principles.**

Washington Elementary School (Phoenix) faced a number of academic challenges when Dave McNeil became its principal in fall 2005. They included a large and diverse student population, and widely varying teaching and testing practices.



At Washington Elementary School, teachers meet weekly to assess students' progress.

To learn how Principal McNeil overcame his school's academic challenges, see "Successful Schools Do Things Differently" on the home page of www.beattheoddsinstitute.org.

■ **Parents of students attending Larry C. Kennedy Elementary School (Phoenix) will begin a nine-week training program in April as part of the Beat the Odds Latino Parent Program.** The parent involvement program is being provided by the Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE).

PIQE promotes strong parental involvement in a child's education process at home and a working partnership between parents and schools. A San Diego State University study found that 93 percent of parents who completed the PIQE program reported that their children graduated high school and 79 percent of the high school graduates enrolled in college.

Arizona State University's Center for Community Development and Civil Rights administers the PIQE program in Arizona.