



Kids at Hope is a program that was created to instill the belief that “every child can succeed, no exceptions.” The *Kids at Hope* program began in Arizona in 1993 and has expanded to cities across the nation since its inception.

One of those proud schools is Glendale’s own Sunset Ridge Elementary School. Everyone at Sunset Ridge believes that all students are capable of success. The backbone of their existence rests on the fact that the school is committed to be a school that is based upon the three universal truths.

First, like any *Kids at Hope* school, Sunset Ridge believes that every child can succeed - no exceptions. Their campus is full of “Treasure Hunters” who hunt for and capitalize on talents and treasures in each student. They celebrate the whole child in a variety of ways each day, and their students know beyond a shadow of a doubt that they are capable of success in many ways.

Secondly, *Kids at Hope* schools believe that every child is guaranteed a meaningful, sustainable relationship with a caring adult. They are committed to being a place where all students are surrounded by adults who believe in them. This adult could be an “Anchor Parent” who is responsible for a child’s physical and emotional well being 24 hours a day, and/or by a “Caring Adult” who is another positive person in a child’s life. These caring adults have high academic and behavioral expectations for the students and will provide them with the opportunities to be successful.

Lastly, a *Kids at Hope* school believes that every child will articulate his/her future in four destination points. The *Kids at Hope* belief system states that most successes in our lives fall under four basic categories, referred to as “destination points”: Home and Family, Community and Service, Hobbies and Recreation, and Education and Career. *Kids at Hope* students are encouraged to have a visual representation of where they can see their short-term goals as well as long-term goals and dreams for the future, and what they need to do to make them a reality.

I am so proud to have the City of Glendale be a place where kids know that they can hope and dream. We are a *Kids at Hope* city and we believe that every child can succeed with no exceptions.

Thank you taking the time to read my “Glendale Bulletins”. Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most

timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.