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MRS GERALD R FORD

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC

ATTENTION SUSAN PORTER

ON BEHALF OF GEORGE STEVENS JR DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN FILM
INSTITUTE AND CHARLTON HESTON OUR CHAIRMAN I WOULD LIKE TO
EXTEND A MOST CORDIAL INVITATION FOR YOU TO BE OUR GUEST AT
THE INSTITUTE LIFE ACHIEVEMENT DINNER ON TUESDAY MARCH 9 AT
THE CENTURY PLAZA HOTEL IN LOS ANGELES HONORING THE GREAT
AMERICAN DIRECTOR WILLIAM WYLER WHOSE COLLEAGUES INCLUDING
AUDREY HEPBURN GREGORY PECK LIZA MINNELLI HENRY FONDA BARBRA

*Vacc. by phone
& Mr. Begelman
2/19/76.*

STREISAND WALTER PIDGEON GREER GARSON AND JAMES STEWART WILL
TAKE PART IN THE EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM. RECEPTION
IS AT 7PM AND THE DINNER BEGINS AT 8 PM. DRESS IS FORMAL.

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ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

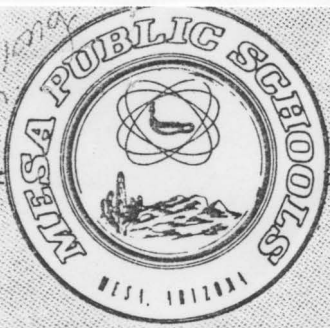
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Mesa Public Schools

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ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

549 NORTH STAPLEY DRIVE MESA, ARIZONA 85203

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President and Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear President and Mrs. Ford:

The 28,000 students of the Mesa Public Schools in Mesa, Arizona, have undertaken a very special project as one of their contributions to our nation's Bicentennial celebration. They are building a full-sized reproduction of the first schoolhouse that was ever constructed in our community.

The Bicentennial Schoolhouse, or the Little Adobe Schoolhouse as it has come to be known, will be dedicated by the students to the City of Mesa for use as a museum upon its completion. This schoolhouse will be a gift by the present, for the future, in memory of the past and will be a lasting tribute to the community. Students from kindergarten through high school are involved in making this schoolhouse a reality. Over four hundred people, most of whom were student council officers from Mesa's thirty-seven elementary, junior high and high schools, were on hand for the groundbreaking.

Construction students in the high schools and junior highs are doing the actual construction. The schoolhouse measures 20 ft. by 30 ft. and is made of sun-dried adobe blocks, each weighing nearly thirty pounds. All of the schools are having fund-raising projects to earn the over \$7,000 it will take to finance the school. Home economics classes are sewing authentic costumes to be worn by mannequins that will represent the teacher and her students.

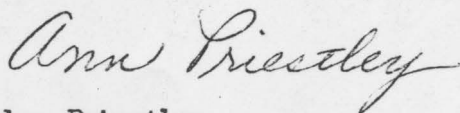
Gifted and talented elementary school children are researching the history of the school. This will be put on audio tapes to be played in the museum. The students are also collecting various antiques to give the museum an air of authenticity. One group of junior high students has purchased a pot bellied stove and is in the process of polishing and restoring it. A large iron bell, similar to the one which hung above the original school, has been donated by two Mesa students who are brothers. High school students will restore it.

We plan to dedicate our little adobe schoolhouse on February 28, 1976, at 10 a.m. The dedication ceremonies will be held at 53 N. Macdonald in Mesa, Arizona. We would be greatly honored if you and Mrs. Ford would join us for this historical occasion in our city. I know there are 28,000 young people who would burst with pride to know that what they did for their nation's birthday was important enough to be recognized by the President.

I realize that your schedule is such that you have very little time to attend events of this nature, but I hope that you will give it your serious consideration. It would mean a lot to all of us who have watched with pride what our students have set out to accomplish.

I shall look forward to receiving your reply.

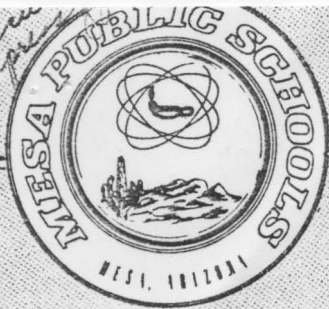
Sincerely,



Ann Priestley
Chairperson

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5929 S. Kenneth Place
Tempe, AZ 85283

January 14, 1976

Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mrs. Ford:

I was so excited when I heard from your office last night that you are considering joining us for our dedication of the Little Adobe Schoolhouse. Your presence at this Bicentennial occasion would be the "icing on the cake" for all our school children who have worked so hard on this project. We're proud of what the students have done, and have made a point to let them know; however, I know it would mean a lot more to them to have the First Lady say their project and their efforts are special.

I've enclosed some slides of the schoolhouse so you can see more clearly what the project is. The walls were completed over the holidays and the students are working on the shingles for the roof this week. Westwood High School agriculture students are working on the landscaping, Fremont Junior High students are constructing an outhouse to lend the project a real air of authenticity. Trainable mentally handicapped youngsters at our Parkway School are making a hitching post to be placed in front of the school, and Mesa High's vocational agriculture students are making a flagpole and swing set for the yard.

As you can see, this is truly a project involving thousands of students in the Mesa Public Schools. Our current enrollment in Mesa is 28,500 students in 37 schools. These young people, through a variety of projects, have already raised over \$6,300 of the money needed to construct and furnish the schoolhouse. We are confident they will raise more than is necessary for construction. The extra money will be turned over to the City of Mesa to help pay for the first year's maintenance.

February 28 was chosen as the date for the dedication because it will end Bicentennial month for the schools in Mesa. The City of Mesa's Bicentennial Committee asked the schools to plan a citywide celebration for February. To this end, we are having Mesa Education Week the first week of the month. At this time we take over one of the local shopping centers and over 2,500 students demonstrate to the community what they are learning in school. The third week of the month is Bicentennial Dress Up Week, during which time the students

will be coming to school in costume. All these activities involve youngsters from kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

The 28th of the month was to have been the most exciting activity. The date has been set with the City, Representative John Rhodes, Governor Castro, and Senator Fannin. Your secretary mentioned that it might be easier on your schedule if we could change the date. If changing the date meant that we could have you with us, we would do everything possible to choose a more suitable time. However, since the arrangements have progressed as far as they have, we would appreciate it if you would give serious consideration to being with us on February 28.

Your secretary also noted that you were interested in our school district and our City. I have enclosed various publications that should familiarize you with our area. We're proud of our students and are happy to share their accomplishments with you.

I should tell you that our invitation to you and Mr. Ford to join us for the dedication is a secret here in Mesa. Only Congressman John Rhodes' son, Jay, who is president of our school board, knows about it. We didn't want to let the students or the administration get their hopes up and then be disappointed. We would rather just announce the good news to them and let them all be surprised. Consequently, if you could possibly let us know your decision before January 26 we would really appreciate it. That is the date of our next school board meeting, and we are scheduled to make a presentation on the Little Adobe Schoolhouse for the Board. We are supposed to tell them our plans for the dedication at that time, so it would be an opportune time for us to make a formal announcement.

I see that I have rambled on in my excitement, but I am so flattered by your interest that I don't want to forget to tell you anything you may need to know. If there are any questions I can answer or further information I can provide for you, please let me know.

I hope you find that your schedule is such that you can be with us February 28. After talking with your secretary last night, it's going to be hard for me to keep this secret from the students who are working on the schoolhouse. I want to share my enthusiasm and excitement with them, but shall wait until I hear from your office before I even hint at the possibility of your coming.

I realize that President Ford's schedule will be very full these next few months as he approaches the election. Please tell him that our invitation is still extended to him if he can join you for a visit to Mesa.

I shall look forward to hearing from you. Until then, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Ann Priestley

Ann Priestley
Chairperson



Mesa, Arizona (approx. 5 miles S.E. of Scottsdale)

Mrs. Ford will participate in the dedication of the Little Adobe School House, a Bicentennial project of 28,000 school children (kindergarten thru senior high) in the state's second largest school district. The school house is a full size replica of the first schoolhouse ever build in Mesa in 1880. It was built by Jr. and Senior High School students. The money for the project totaled \$8,000 and it was raised by the students thru all kinds of fundraisers.

Mrs. Ford will dedicate schoolhouse to the city of Mesa for use as a museum.



MONDAY, MARCH 8

1:00 P.M. Mrs. Ford departs by motorcade from South Grounds
en route to Andrews Air Force Base

1:30 P.M. Aircraft departs Andrews

4:10 P.M. Arrives Skyharbor International Airport in Phoenix
(International Guard Hangar)

Mrs. Ford is being met by:
Bill Bloomer and family (brother)
Mrs. Margaret Hance, Mayor of Phoenix
Representatives of Mesa Bicentennial Commission
Students and teachers involved in Mesa Bicentennial
Dedication

4:25 Leave airport en route Camelback Hotel

4:50 Arrive Camelback

7:00 P.M. Reception at Town Hall at Camelback (6:30 to 7:30)
Hosted by the Arizona PFC for volunteers in area
to honor Mrs. Ford. About 125 people are expected
Met by Bert Kruglich, Chairman of Arizona PFC
and Wayne Legg, Finance Chairman of Arizona PFC

Mrs. Ford will have private dinner with Bloomer family.

NOTE: Credentialling: Joanie Flat - 962-7315 (both events in Mesa)
Closes at 5:00 P.M. Friday, March 5

Those covering PFC Reception pick up credentials
from 4:30 - 6:30 Monday @ Camelback by the Town Hall

Everyone else pick up credentials at Police Annex
in back of the Little Adobe Schoolhouse from
8:30 to 10:30 Tuesday Morning

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

10:15 A.M. Mrs. Ford departs Camelback

10:50 A.M. Mrs. Ford arrives Little Adobe Schoolhouse Site

11:00 A.M. Program Begins

NOTE: Mrs. Ford will dedicate the Little Adobe Schoolhouse,
a full replica of the school built in Mesa in 1880.
It was built entirely by high school and junior high
students of the Mesa school district as a bicentennial
project. The \$8,000 cost of schoolhouse was raised by
the school district's 28,000 students, kindergarden
through 12th grade by projects from bake sales to dances.
Mrs. Ford will dedicate the schoolhouse to the city of
Mesa for use as a Museum.

11:45 A.M. Mrs. Ford's remarks

12:00 Noon Mrs. Ford and students go to schoolhouse for tour.
FULL COVERAGE

12:10 P.M. Mrs. Ford and students come outside schoolhouse for
photos.

12:25 P.M. Mrs. Ford departs Schoolhouse Site.



TUESDAY, MARCH 9 (continued)

1:00 P.M.	Mrs. Ford arrives Skyharbor International Airport
1:10 P.M.	Departs Skyharbor en route Los Angeles International Airport
1:30 P.M.	Arrives Los Angeles International Airport
2:05 P.M.	Arrives Beverly Wilshire Hotel
7:05 P.M.	Motorcade leaves Beverly Wilshire for Century Plaza Hotel
7:15	Arrives Century Plaza Mrs. Ford will be met by Mr. and Mrs. David Begelman, AFI Dinner Chairman
7:20	Arrives Pacific Palisades Room at Century Plaza for VIP Reception. (General reception from 7 to 8; VIP reception which Mrs. Ford will attend with about 150 guests) Coverage will be a pool of about 6 writers.
7:50 P.M.	Departs Pacific Palisades Room to nearby room for photo session with head table guests. (photo session only, open for photographers and crews)
8:00 P.M.	Dinner Begins. Brief photo <u>pool</u> coverage. (At AFI request, dinner is closed for coverage except for writers who are invited guests) (The American Film Institute Dinner is to honor Director William Wyler. Mrs. Ford is a special guest and has no speaking part.)
8:10 P.M. to 9:10 P.M.	Dinner
9:15 P.M. to 10:50 P.M.	Program
11:00 P.M.	Departs Ballroom

NOTE: Possible press session outside ballroom.

11:05 P.M.	Departs Century Plaza
11:15 P.M.	Arrives Beverly Wilshire

CREDENTIALS: Beatrice Wooley - 662-6614 or 340-6560
Closes at 5:00 P.M. Friday
Will be issued at PFC Monday from 9-5 A.M. by Zan Thompson,
1116 Wilshire Blvd.
Coordinating press: Zan Thompson -- Office 482-5180
Home 681-7381

Questions about AFI: 990-7577

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

10:45 A.M. Mrs. Ford departs Beverly Wilshire
11:15 A.M. Motorcade arrives Los Angeles International Airport
11:25 A.M. Mrs. Ford Departs en route San Deigo
11:55 A.M. Arrives San Deigo International Airport

Accompanied by Mrs. Evelle Younger, Attorney General of California, and wife; and Mrs. Dennis Carpenter, wife of Co-Chairman of California PFC

12:05 P.M. Depart Airport
12:15 P.M. Arrive PFC Headquarters, 3605 Fifth Avenue, San Deigo
12:20 P.M. Ribbon Cutting Begins

(Mrs. Ford will open a President Ford Campaign Committee Headquarters in San Diego)

12:29 P.M. Mrs. Ford will have brief comments and cut rubbon
12:30 P.M. Mrs. Ford will shake hands
12:55 P.M. Mrs. Ford departs en route Downtown Senior Center

Mrs. Ford will drop-in on a regularly scheduled dance that senior citizens have in San Deigo.

1:45 P.M. Mrs. Ford departs Downtown Senior Center
2:00 P.M. Departs San Deigo en route Los Angeles

CREDENTIALLING:

Donna Alm, 448-9185
Closes Tuesday at Noon
Credentials issued at PFC, 3605 5th Avenue, 9:30-11:30, Wednesday
CONTACT: Dave Lewis, 714/232-3333 for questions

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Evening

6:00 P.M. Beverly Hilton

Reception to honor Women's Business, the Professions, and Politics

(for our info: Business & Professional Women of L.A., Women's Division of L.A. Chamber of Commerce, and others)

CREDENTIALLING: San Thompson, L.A. PFC, 482-5180: Closes Friday @ 5:00 P.M

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

~~Mid-Afternoon Reception preceding Luncheon~~

11:30 A.M. Private Reception preceding Luncheon
NO PRESS COVERAGE

12:00 Noon Lunch at Beverly Wilshire with 38th Assembly District Republic Women to honor grass roots volunteers

MID-AFTERNOON -- DEPART FOR ILLINOIS

SCHEDULE

MRS. FORD'S TRIP TO ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA & ILLINOIS

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1976

1:30 P.M. Mrs. Ford departs Andrews Air Force Base en route Phoenix, Arizona

4:10 P.M. Arrive Skyharbor International Airport in Phoenix

* 7:00 P.M. Reception at Town Hall at Camelback Inn hosted by the Arizona President Ford Committee for volunteers in area to honor Mrs. Ford.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1976

* 10:50 A.M. Mrs. Ford arrives Little Adobe Schoolhouse Site in Mesa, Arizona

Mrs. Ford will dedicate the Little Adobe Schoolhouse, a full replica of the school built in Mesa in 1880. It was built entirely by high school and junior high students of the Mesa school district as a bicentennial project. The \$8,000 cost of the schoolhouse was raised by the school district's 28,000 students, kindergarden through 12th grade by projects from bake sales to dances.

Mrs. Ford will dedicate the schoolhouse to the city of Mesa for use as a museum.

11:45 A.M. Mrs. Ford will make remarks.

12:00 Noon Mrs. Ford and students go to schoolhouse for tour.

FULL COVERAGE

12:10 P.M. Photos of Mrs. Ford and students outside schoolhouse.

12:25 P.M. Mrs. Ford departs schoolhouse site. en route to Skyharbor International Airport in Phoenix.

CREDENTIALLING for both events in Arizona: Joanie Flat - 962-7315
Closes at 5:00 P.M. Friday, March 5

Those covering Monday reception pick up credentials from 4:30 to 6:30 Monday @ Cambelback Inn by the Town Hall. Everyone else pick up credentials at Police Annex in back of the Little Adobe Schoolhouse from 8:30 to 10:30 Tuesday morning.

1:30 P.M. Mrs. Ford arrives Los Angeles International Airport

Evening

Mrs. Ford will attend an American Film Institute Dinner honoring Director William Wyler at the Century Plaza Hotel. This is the Fourth Annual American Film Institute Life Achievement Award Dinner.

7:15 P.M. Mrs. Ford arrives Century Plaza Hotel for private reception preceding dinner

COVERAGE: Pool of 6 writers

7:45 P.M. Photo session in room to be announced (on California level) -- Mrs. Ford and head table guests.

COVERAGE: Photo coverage only, open for photographers and crews

Tuesday Evening (Continued)

8:00 P.M. Dinner in L. A. Ballroom

COVERAGE: Closed except for writers who are invited guests.

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Brief photo coverage of head table.

CREDENTIALLING: Pat Turpin, PFC, 213/482-5180

Closes Monday Noon

Issued at President Ford Committee, 1116 Wilshire Blvd.,

Tuesday from 9:00 to 12:00 Noon

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1976

11:25 A.M. Mrs. Ford departs Los Angeles International Airport
en route San Diego

11:55 A.M. Mrs. Ford arrives San Diego International Airport

12:15 P.M. Mrs. Ford arrives President Ford Committee Headquarters,
3605 Fifth Avenue, San Deigo, to open PFC Office.

12:20 P.M. Ribbon Cutting Begins
Mrs. Ford will have brief remarks

12:55 P.M. Mrs. Ford departs PFC Office en route Downtown
Senior Center, 945 C Street, where she will drop
in on a regularly scheduled dance for senior
citizens in San Diego.

1:45 P.M. Mrs. Ford departs Downtown Senior Center

2:00 P.M. Mrs. Ford departs San Diego International Airport
en route Los Angeles International Airport

2:30 P.M. Mrs. Ford arrives Los Angeles International Airport

CREDENTIALLING FOR SAN DIEGO: Donna Alm, 448-9185

Closes Tuesday at Noon

Credentials issued at PFC, 3605 5th Ave,
from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS: Dave Lewis, 714/232/3333

THOSE TRAVELING FROM LOS ANGELES WITH THE FIRST LADY WILL BE CREDENTIALLED
BY PAT TURPIN

Evening Mrs. Ford will attend a reception to honor women
in business, the professions, and politics

6:00 P.M. Arrives Beverly Hilton for reception

COVERAGE: Photo coverage only

CREDENTIALING: Pat Turpin, 213/482-5180

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Luncheon at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel with the 38th Assembly District Republican Women to honor grass roots volunteers

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Libertyville, Illinois - Tri-State Tollroad 94
@ Route 176 Exit

Mrs. Ford will dedicate the first residence of The Lambs Inc., a 49-acre farm which provides a working and recreational environment for moderately mentally retarded adults. About 65 people, ages 18-45, are involved in the program which includes eight businesses which employ the mentally retarded adult. These businesses include a pet store, a farmers market, a bakery, and a silk screen shop.

The dedication and ribbon-cutting will be preceded by a tour of the facilities at NOON. (Press Coverage)

CREDENTIALLING: Marjorie Kaiz, 312/362-4636
Closes at Wednesday Noon
Pick up between 9:30 to 11:30 at Lambs Farm on Friday
morning.

Further details will be forthcoming.

FROM PATTY -- 3/3/76

Tuesday, March 9

Arrive Los Angeles Late in the evening (to Beverly Wilshire)
Dinner at Century Plaza. General reception from 7 to 8, also
a VIP receptions Mrs. Ford will attend with about 150 guests.

Coverage will be pool of about 6 writers.
Photo session only in another room to be determined at 7:45
Open for photographers and crews.

Dinner, at AFI request, is closed for coverage except for
writers who are invited guests -- will walk in photographers at
beginning for pictures of Mrs. Ford at head table. She has
no speaking part -- just a special guest.

Wednesday, March 10 - San Diego

Lands at about 11:45 Rubbon cutting at PFC Headquarters at noon--
shake hands and visit with volunteers.

To downtown Senior Center
Drops in on regularly scheduled dance that senior citizens have
2:00 plant~~x~~ to Los Angeles

~~Lands at Beverly~~

Lunch at Beverly Wilshire at noon with 38th Assembly District
Republic Women to honor grass roots volunteers.



MRS. FORD'S SCHEDULE -- Patti Matson

Thursday, March 11 at Noon -- Beverly Wilshire Hotel .

A luncheon hosted by the 38th Assembly District Republican Central Committee and Mrs. Ford to salute the grass roots volunteer -- the heart and strength of the Republican Party.
(wording of invitation)

About 800 people expected. Purpose: to salute precinct workers and volunteers.

Tuesday, March 9, 1976

Fourth Annual American Film Institute Life Achievement Award Dinner. This year it honors Director William Wyler. The first year it honored John Ford, the second year James Cagney, the third year, Orsen Welles.

At the Century Plaza 7:00 P.M. Cocktails
 8:00 P.M. Dinner

Press coverage -- will have to explain

\$150/ticket





Commemorative Post Card — The Little
Adobe School House, 53 N. MacDonald —
Dedicated by First Lady Betty Ford, Wash.
D.C., March 9, 1976, Mesa, Arizona. Mesa's
first schoolhouse, 1882.



Address

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"From the children of the present to the
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A.C.P.

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R. Darwin Humphrey (Don Harris) -- NBC
Marshall Frederick Lockman -- NBC
Stanley Eugene Riley -- NBC

Ralph Mayher -- ABC
Alan Lewis -- ABC

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Dorothy Townsend -- L. A. Times

NOTE FOR PATTI: Richard Schumacher of ABC needs credentials for
Phoenix but will not be flying back to L.A. with First Lady.

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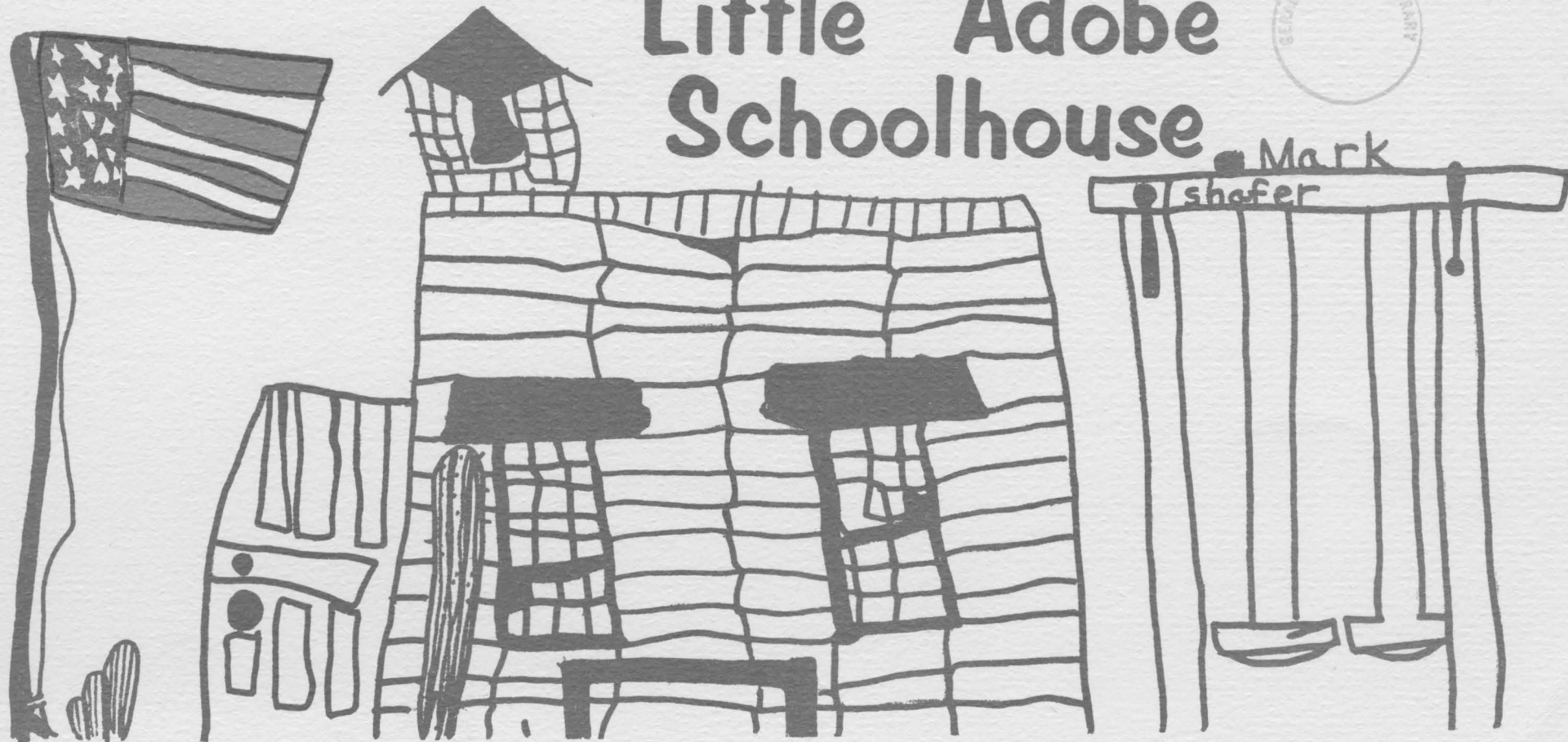
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Little Adobe Schoolhouse



53 NORTH MACDONALD

MESA, ARIZONA

MARCH 9, 1976

AN OFFICIAL BICENTENNIAL PROJECT

From an Idea...

The idea of The Little Adobe Schoolhouse as a bicentennial project of the Mesa Public Schools was originally conceived by Annie Priestley, reading resource teacher. She wanted the project to be something that would involve the 29,000 students in all 37 schools. She envisioned it as being something they could regard with pride for years to come. At the ground breaking ceremony on October 29 Annie said "this is a gift by the present for the future in memory of the past."

The first schools in Mesa were held in a tent, a shed and the back of a store respectively, until a permanent building was constructed in 1880. The Little Adobe Schoolhouse which is being dedicated today is a full-sized reproduction of this first permanent building. It is being given to the City of Mesa and the Mesa Historical and Archaeological Society for use as a museum and visitors will be able to enjoy tours.

The building and the furniture were built by the students of the Mesa schools. Others researched the history of that period so that the furnishings and costumes on the mannequins are typical of that era and represent an 1880 one-room schoolhouse of the Old West.

Thousands of students were involved in purchasing materials and antiques used in the schoolhouse and contributions have also been made by the community.

The students have worked hard and long to make the schoolhouse a reality. The fact that The First Lady, Mrs. Betty Ford, is making a special trip in recognition of this project and to share the dedication with them has made it even more meaningful.

Cover drawn by first grader, Mark Shafer, Whitman Elementary

Program...

Musical Prelude	Mesa High School Honor Band Directed by Ken Zebro
Welcome	Dr. George N. Smith, Superintendent Mesa Public Schools, Master of Ceremonies
Musical Welcome "This Land is Your Land" by Woody Guthrie	Westwood High School Honor Choir Directed by Elizabeth White
Call to Colors	David McCasland, Junior Glenn Finch, Sophomore John O'Rourke, Junior Trumpet Soloists, Mesa High Honor Band
Presentation of Colors	Mike Romo, Cub Scout, Hale School, 6th grade Tamara Hintz, Brownie, Washington School, 3rd grade Jeff Shain, Boy Scout, Lehi School, 6th grade Shelly Olin, Girl Scout, Eisenhower, 5th grade Laura Jean Carter, Bluebird, Lowell School, 2nd grade Brenda Weber, Campfire Girl, Edison School, 6th grade
"Yankee Doodle"	Theresa Becker, 9th grade, Powell Jr. High, Fife Frank Beltran, 9th grade, Powell Jr. High, Drum Grant Kelley, 9th grade, Powell Jr. High, Standard Bearer
National Anthem The audience is asked to rise and join the Mesa High School Honor Band and the Westwood High School Honor Choir in singing our National Anthem. Please remain standing.	
Pledge of Allegiance	Jimmy Wright, 9th grade, Kino Jr. High
Invocation	Wendy Leavitt, senior, Westwood High School

Introduction of platform guests	Dr. George N. Smith
Musical Interlude	
"The Second American Folk Rhapsody" by Clare Grundman	Mesa High School Honor Band
"Strike up the Band" by George Gershwin	Westwood High School Honor Choir
Introduction of Student Speaker	Carolyn Warner State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Dedication of The Little Adobe Schoolhouse	James B. Atkinson, Senior Speaking on behalf of the Mesa Central High School Construction Cluster
Acceptance	Don Strauch, Vice Mayor, City of Mesa
Introduction of Project Chairperson	John J. Rhodes, III, President Mesa Board of Education/Trustees
Remarks	Annie Chase Priestley, Chairperson Little Adobe Schoolhouse Committee
Featured Address	Betty Ford, First Lady United States of America
Presentations	
Benediction	David Jamieson, 9th grade, Poston Junior High President, Poston National Junior Honor Society
"Give Me Your Tired Your Poor" Words by Emma Lazarus Music by Irving Berlin	Westwood High School Honor Choir
Closing Remarks	Dr. George N. Smith

Little Adobe Schoolhouse Committee

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The Builders

Special recognition is due to the construction cluster students of Mesa Central High School, who built The Little Adobe Schoolhouse with their time, talent and enthusiasm.

Construction cluster	Dummitt, Ben	Perez, Eddie
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The Time Capsule...

ADAMS—A picture of their school; Adams school banner; colored pictures of the school's rules and regulations

EDISON—A bicentennial stamp; a bicentennial quarter and half-dollar; pictures of various activities of students; an article about Thomas Edison; A day in the life of a student, at different grade levels

EISENHOWER—Their school T-shirt; a picture of the faculty; the 1976 Class List

EMERSON—The Student Body Class List for 1976

FIELD—Their school T-shirt; the class pictures; the history of Field School

FRANKLIN—The history and various pictures of Franklin School; an article in the Mesa Tribune newspaper, about their school; a newspaper article about the American Freedom Train with a penny that was run over by the train, attached to this article; various pictures of Franklin School, faculty and students; the program from the rededication of Franklin School; an article about their Media Center

HALE—Letters written by various students about today's happenings; the Student Body Class List; the Hale school banner and button; the class pictures; a picture of the school; a report card, their school newspaper, "The Hale Hornet's Nest"; a map lay-out of the school

HAWTHORNE—A paper on the history of Hawthorne School; pictures of the faculty; pictures of Hobby Shows with a coin attached to represent various students

JEFFERSON—A paper on the history of Jefferson School; a picture of the faculty for the year 1959-60

KELLER—The student body class list on a giant poster

LEHI—A picture of Lehi School; their school T-shirt; the Student Body Class List

LINCOLN—The school brochure (Spanish/English) the class pictures

LINDBERGH—A picture of the 1976 faculty; the Student Body Class List; various pictures of students and of the school

LOWELL—Their school T-shirt

TAFT—Pictures of various students; picture of faculty; ticket stub to see the American Freedom Train, which some students attended; a current record, "The Hustle"; few letters written by students

WASHINGTON—Student Body Class List; drawings by students

WEBSTER—Writings by various students, "A Day in the Life of..."

WHITTIER—Student Council Convention Program; history of some students

CARSON JUNIOR HIGH—School pin; history of Carson Jr.; pictures of various students (athletics); school newspaper "The Pathfinder"; Mesa street map; coins; award letter "C"; two records, current songs; Mesa Tribune newspapers with Adobe Schoolhouse article

FREMONT JUNIOR HIGH—Picture of school; musical tape of Dynamics and Techniques—9th Grade Girls and 9th Grade Mixed Chorus; letters written by students; school bulletin; Bayless food ad

The brass time capsule was made at Mesa High School by Leo Gardner and his metals class. It measures 13" long, 13" wide, and 9" deep. Under the name of each school listed, you will find the item/items which they have contributed to the time capsule, which is built into the floor of the Little Adobe Schoolhouse.

KINO JUNIOR HIGH—Pictures of the new construction going on at Kino, plus pictures of various people doing the construction; a bicentennial quarter and half-dollar; a map of the school, when the construction is completed; the Welcome Message portion of the Kino Handbook; part of the Parent Newsletter, "Kino Courier"; their student newsletter, "Hoof Prints"; Kino's athletic letter "K"

MESA JUNIOR HIGH—Various pictures of students; school pin; newspaper, "Small Talk"; Constitution and Handbook; calendar

OPPORTUNITY HALL—List of faculty and aides; Opportunity Hall brochure

POSTON JUNIOR HIGH—Open House Program; history of Poston; Student Handbook; picture of Freedom Train; school newspaper, "The Panther Press"

POWELL JUNIOR HIGH—Contents unknown

MESA CENTRAL HIGH—List of students who worked on the Adobe School House

MESA HIGH—Tape; athletic schedule, 1975-76; pictures of 1976 beauty hints and fashions; School Brochure; school newspaper, "The Jackrabbit"; Mesa Public Schools lunch menu, February 1976

WESTWOOD HIGH—School Brochure; school newspaper, "The War Chant"; list of school activities; pictures of school

ESL (English as a Second Language)—Brochure from Sally Orrantia

MARCH 9, Copy of Mesa Tribune

BOARD OF EDUCATION—A letter from the Board of Education and Superintendent of 1976 to the Board of Education and Superintendent of 2076.

With Thanks...

THE 29,000 STUDENTS OF THE MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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MESA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
MESA HIGH SCHOOL
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MESA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
KINSEY CARRUTH, WESTWOOD HIGH
LORI WAKEFIELD, WESTWOOD HIGH
LARRY JUDD, WESTWOOD
NANCY GEARHART'S ADVANCED HOME ECONOMICS, WESTWOOD HIGH
MAX SCHLARBAUM'S INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLASS, WESTWOOD HIGH

PAT COYLE'S MECHANICAL DRAWING CLASS, WESTWOOD
WESTWOOD COOPERATIVE OFFICE EDUCATION CLUB
WESTWOOD GERMAN CLUB
WESTWOOD STUDENT ACTION FOR EDUCATION CLUB
DR. WILLIAM McCARL'S PAINTING CLASS, MESA HIGH SCHOOL
LEO GARDNER'S METALS CLASS, MESA HIGH
DENNIS FISCUS' AGRICULTURE STUDENTS, MESA HIGH
MESA HIGH VICA CLUB
POSTON JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY
HAROLD MIKESSELL, POSTON JUNIOR
GORDON MIKESSELL, POSTON
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ROGER BENTON'S INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLASS, KINO JUNIOR
GALEN LISONBEE, KINO
RODNEY BRADSHAW, POWELL
JOHN THOMPSON'S INDUSTRIAL ARTS CLASS, POWELL
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RON REIMANN AND STUDENTS, PARKWAY
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KATHY MASSARAND, WHITMAN
RUTH BARNES, WHITMAN
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THE ROBERT BURNS FAMILY
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THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR MAKING THE LITTLE ADOBE SCHOOLHOUSE POSSIBLE:

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DICK SAWYER'S BASIC AND ADVANCED HORTICULTURE AND AGRA-BUSINESS CLASSES, WESTWOOD
JACQUE HATCH'S HOME ECONOMICS CLASS, WESTWOOD
SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO THE CITY OF MESA, WHICH DONATED THE LAND AND COOPERATED FULLY IN EVERY PHASE OF THE PROJECT.
COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM AND STUDENT GUIDES, POSTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
NINTH GRADERS—COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT.
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS PROJECT. WE HAVE TRIED TO TO THANK EACH ONE INDIVIDUALLY AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEM HERE PUBLICLY. TO THOSE WHOM WE MAY HAVE INADVERTENTLY OVERLOOKED, OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES.

New Top--Dedication of the Little Adobe Schoolhouse, Mesa,
Arizona

I'm so ^{excited} ~~excited~~ about ^{how} ~~what~~ you are ^{honoring} ~~doing~~ to celebrate
^{our} ~~the~~ Bicentennial ^{year.} This schoolhouse reflects the talents,
interests and ingenuity of hundreds of students, teachers
and parents---but most especially, the students. Your
enthusiasm truly is contagious, and the atmosphere feels
like a real ~~old-fashioned~~ old-fashioned American
celebration.

In this special year, we are celebrating not only
what happened in ~~Phila Phila~~ Philadelphia on July 4, ~~187~~ 1776,
but ~~our~~ our two hundred years of progress in translating
our ideals into reality. We are celebrating the ~~spirit~~
joy ~~and~~ and love ~~the American spirit~~ and tenacity of the
American spirit---just what I feel here today.

Pick up with paragraph beginning "The inalienable rights...."



MRS. FORD'S REMARKS
DEDICATION OF THE LITTLE ADOBE SCHOOLHOUSE
MESA, ARIZONA
MARCH 9, 1976

I'm so excited about how you are honoring our Bicentennial year. This schoolhouse reflects the talents, interest and ingenuity of hundreds of students, teachers and parents--but most especially, the students. Your enthusiasm truly is contagious, and the atmosphere feels like a real old-fashioned American celebration.

In this special year, we are celebrating not only what happened in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, but our two hundred years of progress in translating our ideals into reality. We are celebrating the joy and love and tenacity of the American spirit--just what I feel here today.

The inalienable rights in the Declaration of Independence--life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness--have been expressed in many different ways by Americans through these years.

To some, the pursuit of happiness meant building, inventing or trading. And because of them, our cities and countryside are linked by highways and telephones and airplanes--all the visible signs of American ingenuity. To others, the pursuit meant writing, singing or dancing. And because of them we have books and songs and plays--the visible expressions of the American spirit.

To many, many others, the pursuit of happiness meant freedom to build the good life for themselves and their families. And because of them, we have churches and schools and stores--the tangible symbols of our society.

But in whatever way our ancestors pursued their happiness--they shared a love of freedom and its preservation.

I think you selected an important symbol of our American experience--the first school in your town. Whether the Pilgrims in Massachusetts or the pioneers of Arizona, the building of a school said: "We believe in ourselves and we are here to stay."

DEDICATION REMARKS
MARCH 9, 1976
MESA, ARIZONA

By building a replica of the first schoolhouse in Mesa, you shared some of the physical and emotional experiences of your ancestors. You learned about adobe bricks, clothing, and books and gained a sense of the past. Today you must feel as those first Mesa settlers did in 1880--pride of accomplishment. But you can see something more in looking at this adobe schoolhouse and comparing it to your own school. You can see the progress we've made in America.

In Philadelphia, the first citizens had great expectations about what freedom would mean. Today we know our successes and our failures. We can take courage from both and celebrate our own expectations about America.

Yet as we look back with pride and forward with hope, we must seize the present and use our time in America's history wisely and well.

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RE: MESA

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

sheila,

These are copies of telegrams to Mrs. Ford from people who are glad she is coming to Mesa.

The phone numbers are circled on each one, and it occurs to me she might want to phone 2 or 3 of them when she is out there, and then you can mention it later casually to the press. You have the only copies.

Ths,

susan



The White House
Washington

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PMS PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

ACCEPT MY GRATITUDE MRS FORDS ATTENDANCE AT MESA'S SCHOOL HOUSE
DEDICATION ALSO MY CAMPAIGN SUPPORT

MRS GERRY ELIOT 6832 EAST GOLDEN HILLS LN MESA ARIZONA 85028

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The White House
Washington

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7 PMS MRS BETTY FORD

8 WASHINGTON DC

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10 DEAR MRS FORD

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13 PLEASE DO NOT LET A SMALL VOCAL MINORITY DISCOURAGE YOU OR FORCE YOU
14 TO CHANGE YOUR PLANS TO COME TO MESA ARIZONA WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD
15 TO HEARING YOU AND WE WELCOME THE CHANCE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
16 SUPPORT OF ERA
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20 JANE DUSSEAU CHAIRPERSON DISTRICT 24 ERA COALITION 2839 EAST
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FMS MRS BETTY FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

DEAR MRS FORD, IT IS MY HOPE THAT YOU WILL VISIT OUR CITY OF MESA ON
TUESDAY. IT WOULD EMBARRASS MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO HAVE YOU
OFFENDED BY A DIFFERENT OF OPINION IN A SMALL TOWN. WE SHARED THE
SAME EXPERIENCE IN OCTOBER OF 1974. I LIKE TO THINK I RELATE TO YOU.
I RESPECT YOUR CURRENT AND UNDERSTANDING. 23 RE RAISING CHILDREN IN
A FASTING CHANGING WORLD- NOT PARROTS. I M SO NLEASED TO HAVE A
GRACIOUS VOICE SPEAKING FOR ME

DONNA HANZLICK 1041 WEST TENTH PL MESA AZ 85201

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15 CERTAIN GROUPS NOT WITHSTANDING THE MAJORITY WISH TO EXPRESS WARM
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17 MESA RESIDENT

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MS BETTY FORD
WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC 20500

THE MAJORITY OF PHOENIX DO WANT YOUR VISIT TO MESA. WE APPROVE OF YOUR
PHILOSOPHY. PLEASE COME.

JEAN D DALEY
ROBERT J DALEY
6630 NORTH 65TH AVE APT C
GLENDALE AZ 85301

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► MRS BETTY FORD
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

PROUD MESANS ARE MOST PLEASED YOU ARE COMING TO OUR CITY TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE DEDICATION OF OUR BI-CENTENNIAL PROJECT,

SUE FARMER SANDRA WEST
CARSON JUNIOR HIGH
2340 EAST THIRD DR
MESA AZ 85204

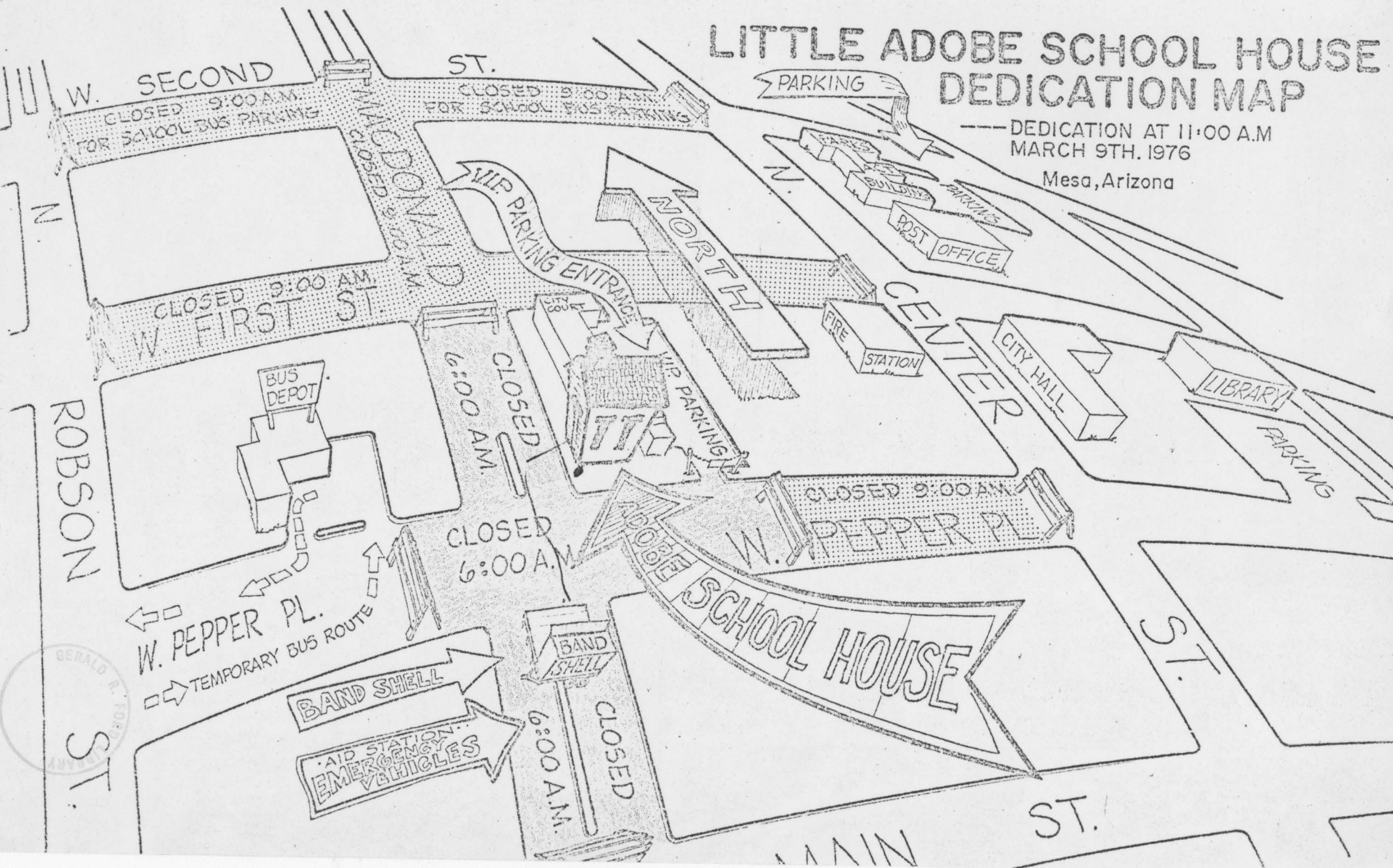
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LITTLE ADOBE SCHOOL HOUSE DEDICATION MAP

DEDICATION AT 11:00 A.M.
MARCH 9TH. 1976
Mesa, Arizona



(built by potent dropouts)

(5-10,000 people) 26-2700 kids bussed in - 1,000 for
healy - reser seats 1,000 - officials -

met by: Jimmy Atkinson, 18 - sr at Mesa Central H.S.
Anne Priestley chprson of CAS project
Joanie Flatt, comm relat dir for mesa P Schols
Jay Rhodes, Pres, Mesa Bd of Education
?check Don Straach, V^{ice} ~~Chairman~~ Mayor, Mesa
Mrs. Rhodes

Jay Rhodes wld escort

Welcome: Dr. George N. Smith Supt Mesa PS

- westwood ^{Highschool} Honor Choir
- flag raising (honor guard) at school -
Bicenten flute deal
- star spangled banner
- school bell rings
- pledge of alleg
- introd platf guests ^{6 mins}
- Mesa Hi School band - Honor Choir 4 mins
- intr of Jimmy Atkinson
- Jimmy ^{adobe S}
- turns key to don str for city
- Jay Rh - intro Anne
- Anne
- (bf)
- plaque to bf etching of CAS - mesa logo -
Mesa PS logo -
- bened - ^{David} Jamieson 9th grader
- choir "tired your poor"



Gov - Raul Castro

Airport - Mayor - Mrs Margaret Hance

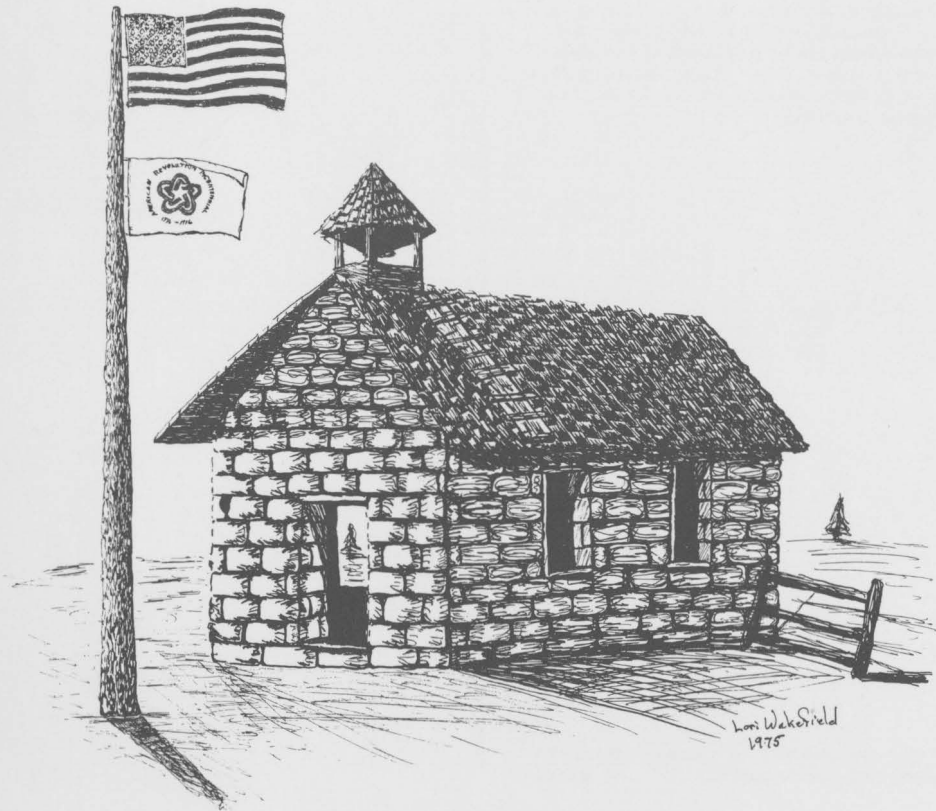
Westwood Band

State bicentenn comm

~~4:40~~
4 ~~pm~~ arrival at airport Sky Harbour

4 hrs
40 min
flight
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Commemorative Post Card — drawing by
Lori Wakefield, student. The Little Adobe
School House, 53 N. MacDonald—Dedicated
by First Lady Betty Ford, Wash. D.C.,
March 9, 1976, Mesa, Arizona. Mesa's first
schoolhouse, 1882.



Stamp

Address

"From the children of the present to the
children of the future!"
A.C.P.



Mesa Public Schools

GEORGE N. SMITH, Ed. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

18th letter
GAVIN C. HUMPHREY, Ed. D.
ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

549 NORTH STAPLEY DRIVE MESA, ARIZONA 85203

5929 S. Kenneth Place
Tempe, AZ 85283

December 18, 1975

President and Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear President and Mrs. Ford:

The 28,000 students of the Mesa Public Schools in Mesa, Arizona, have undertaken a very special project as one of their contributions to our nation's Bicentennial celebration. They are building a full-sized reproduction of the first schoolhouse that was ever constructed in our community.

The Bicentennial Schoolhouse, or the Little Adobe Schoolhouse as it has come to be known, will be dedicated by the students to the City of Mesa for use as a museum upon its completion. This schoolhouse will be a gift by the present, for the future, in memory of the past and will be a lasting tribute to the community. Students from kindergarten through high school are involved in making this schoolhouse a reality. Over four hundred people, most of whom were student council officers from Mesa's thirty-seven elementary, junior high and high schools, were on hand for the groundbreaking.

Construction students in the high schools and junior highs are doing the actual construction. The schoolhouse measures 20 ft. by 30 ft. and is made of sun-dried adobe blocks, each weighing nearly thirty pounds. All of the schools are having fund-raising projects to earn the over \$7,000 it will take to finance the school. Home economics classes are sewing authentic costumes to be worn by mannequins that will represent the teacher and her students.

Gifted and talented elementary school children are researching the history of the school. This will be put on audio tapes to be played in the museum. The students are also collecting various antiques to give the museum an air of authenticity. One group of junior high students has purchased a pot bellied stove and is in the process of polishing and restoring it. A large iron bell, similar to the one which hung above the original school, has been donated by two Mesa students who are brothers. High school students will restore it.

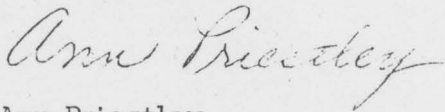


We plan to dedicate our little adobe schoolhouse on February 28, 1976, at 10 a.m. The dedication ceremonies will be held at 53 N. Macdonald in Mesa, Arizona. We would be greatly honored if you and Mrs. Ford would join us for this historical occasion in our city. I know there are 28,000 young people who would burst with pride to know that what they did for their nation's birthday was important enough to be recognized by the President.

I realize that your schedule is such that you have very little time to attend events of this nature, but I hope that you will give it your serious consideration. It would mean a lot to all of us who have watched with pride what our students have set out to accomplish.

I shall look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely,



Ann Priestley
Chairperson

mt





Mesa Public Schools *2nd Letter*

GEORGE N. SMITH, Ed. D.
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ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

549 NORTH STAPLEY DRIVE MESA, ARIZONA 85203

5929 S. Kenneth Place
Tempe, AZ 85283

January 14, 1976

Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mrs. Ford:

I was so excited when I heard from your office last night that you are considering joining us for our dedication of the Little Adobe Schoolhouse. Your presence at this Bicentennial occasion would be the "icing on the cake" for all our school children who have worked so hard on this project. We're proud of what the students have done, and have made a point to let them know; however, I know it would mean a lot more to them to have the First Lady say their project and their efforts are special.

I've enclosed some slides of the schoolhouse so you can see more clearly what the project is. The walls were completed over the holidays and the students are working on the shingles for the roof this week. Westwood High School agriculture students are working on the landscaping, Fremont Junior High students are constructing an outhouse to lend the project a real air of authenticity. Trainable mentally handicapped youngsters at our Parkway School are making a hitching post to be placed in front of the school, and Mesa High's vocational agriculture students are making a flagpole and swing set for the yard.

As you can see, this is truly a project involving thousands of students in the Mesa Public Schools. Our current enrollment in Mesa is 28,500 students in 37 schools. These young people, through a variety of projects, have already raised over \$6,300 of the money needed to construct and furnish the schoolhouse. We are confident they will raise more than is necessary for construction. The extra money will be turned over to the City of Mesa to help pay for the first year's maintenance.

February 28 was chosen as the date for the dedication because it will end Bicentennial month for the schools in Mesa. The City of Mesa's Bicentennial Committee asked the schools to plan a citywide celebration for February. To this end, we are having Mesa Education Week the first week of the month. At this time we take over one of the local shopping centers and over 2,500 students demonstrate to the community what they are learning in school. The third week of the month is Bicentennial Dress Up Week, during which time the students

will be coming to school in costume. All these activities involve youngsters from kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

The 28th of the month was to have been the most exciting activity. The date has been set with the City, Representative John Rhodes, Governor Castro, and Senator Fannin. Your secretary mentioned that it might be easier on your schedule if we could change the date. If changing the date meant that we could have you with us, we would do everything possible to choose a more suitable time. However, since the arrangements have progressed as far as they have, we would appreciate it if you would give serious consideration to being with us on February 28.

Your secretary also noted that you were interested in our school district and our City. I have enclosed various publications that should familiarize you with our area. We're proud of our students and are happy to share their accomplishments with you.

I should tell you that our invitation to you and Mr. Ford to join us for the dedication is a secret here in Mesa. Only Congressman John Rhodes' son, Jay, who is president of our school board, knows about it. We didn't want to let the students or the administration get their hopes up and then be disappointed. We would rather just announce the good news to them and let them all be surprised. Consequently, if you could possibly let us know your decision before January 26 we would really appreciate it. That is the date of our next school board meeting, and we are scheduled to make a presentation on the Little Adobe Schoolhouse for the Board. We are supposed to tell them our plans for the dedication at that time, so it would be an opportune time for us to make a formal announcement.

I see that I have rambled on in my excitement, but I am so flattered by your interest that I don't want to forget to tell you anything you may need to know. If there are any questions I can answer or further information I can provide for you, please let me know.

I hope you find that your schedule is such that you can be with us February 28. After talking with your secretary last night, it's going to be hard for me to keep this secret from the students who are working on the schoolhouse. I want to share my enthusiasm and excitement with them, but shall wait until I hear from your office before I even hint at the possibility of your coming.

I realize that President Ford's schedule will be very full these next few months as he approaches the election. Please tell him that our invitation is still extended to him if he can join you for a visit to Mesa.

I shall look forward to hearing from you. Until then, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Ann Priestley
Chairperson

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- This is the history -



NEWS

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December 12, 1975

BACKGROUNDER: BICENTENNIAL SCHOOLHOUSE, MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

According to Francis Martin Pomeroy, writing in the Genealogical and Historical Magazine many years ago, here is the evolution of the first schools in Mesa. The one that we are building is actually the fourth site on which school was held, but it is the first permanent building to be constructed for the purpose of being a schoolhouse. Here, then, is the evolution as we have researched it:

1. The first school, a private school, was taught by Miss Ursula Pomeroy while pioneer company was camped on the river. It was held in her mother's tent. Boxes were used for seats and larger boxes for desks. This was in the spring and summer of 1878.
2. In the 1878-79 school year, the pioneers had moved their tents and established homesites in the Mesa townsite. The most commodious structure in the community was a large brush shed, the home of Francis Martin and Sarah Matilda Pomeroy. Ursula Pomeroy continued to serve as the teacher at this site.
3. During the school year of 1879-80, Ursula Pomeroy taught the school at Camp Utah, or Jonesville, and Francelle E. Robson (according to Pat Pomeroy, she was Ursula's sister) taught the school in Mesa. The school was held in a lean-to in the adobe Noonan store building on the corner where is now located the Valley Bank building.
4. In the summer of 1880, the first permanent structure was built in order to accommodate the growth of the community and the number of school children. It was ready for the 1880-1881 school year. It was located on lots one and two in block 14 where the Lincoln building now stands (keep in mind this was written quite a while ago). Harve Blair took the contract and laid up the walls. It was a sun-dried adobe and 20x30 feet, with a shingle roof and lumber floor, six-inch boards.

A large iron bell was ordered from Los Angeles, and on the completion of the building was mounted on the east end of the building, which faced the east, and thereafter not only tolled the hour for school, but for every other public function in the settlement. This building became the civic center of the community.

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The carpenters of the community built combination slat school desks, seat in front and desk with shelf underneath in the back. There were three rows of desks the length of the building, except where they were separated by the teacher's desk by three bench seats for class work, running across the room. Two large blackboards, one on the north and one on the south wall with a stove in front of the teacher's desk, constituted the equipment of the building.

Francelle E. Robson was the first teacher in the new school building.

"Who Done What To Whom"

1/19/78

Mesa Central laid all the block, built the roof and floor, under the direction of Glen Bartel and Charles Ratajaski. The school district supplied the back hoe to dig the footings. Bill Libhart, owner of Allied Construction, donated the cement for the footings. Guy Apple donated the three trucks to haul the blocks which were purchased from Bill Brophy. Poston Jr. High bought the blocks (\$750.00) and the Poston Honor Society bought and restored the pot bellied stove which was bought from Treman's Antiques in Mesa.

The Burns family (Bob, Barb, Bobby and David) donated the iron bell, which was restored by Roger Benton's Kino classes.

The wood classes at Westwood, under the direction of Max Schlarbaum are making the desks and benches. Pat Coyle, teacher, and the Westwood mechanical drawing class did the plans.

Leo Gardner's class at Mesa High is making the brass time capsule.

Harry Scott's class from Mesa Central is doing all the wiring for the tapes and air conditioning.

Dick Sawyer's agriculture class from Westwood is doing all the landscaping.

Robert S. Sellers donated the windows which were from old Alma School.

Ronnie Oliver loaned us all the forms to form the footings and stem.

Rodney Bradshaw from Powell donated the wood for the hitching post, which will be built by Parkway School.

Roger Benton's classes at Kino dug the floor, scrubbed the windows, brushed down the entire building and built the catapole for the bell, built the teacher's table, and the permanent sign.

Mr. Chamberlain, from the Antiquarian Book Store in Scottsdale, researched and supplied us with authentic books of the period.

The mannequins were purchased from Model Display in Phoenix (8 total - 4 girls, 3 boys and the teacher).

The wood for the trusses, roof, floor and outhouse were purchased (good deal) from Russell Nielsen of Nielsen's Building Materials.

Galen Lisonbee donated the brass for the plaque which will lie on a stump with the words of dedication implanted on it.

Mesa High Agriculture Dept. under the direction of Dennis Fiscus, is constructing the flagpole *and swings*.

Parkway School is building the hitching post and constructing the plaques to be given to donors. They are under the direction of Frank Bennett. The plaques are being sanded by Powell's John Thompson. Westwood's Larry Judd will make a permanent brass plaque to note the dedication.

Freemont will construct the outhouse under the direction of Chuck Smith.

Pat's Color Wheel donated 10 gallons of silicone to be sprayed on the outside walls.

Mr. Jack Branham from AAA Exterminating Co. donated the exterminating.

Parkway's class under the direction of Ron Reimann will decoupage the plaques.

Lynn Sharp donated 6 bales of straw for the adobe blocks to travel from Sonoita.

Kathy Massarand, kindergarten teacher from Whitman, drew titles for the slide tape presentation.

Lori Wakefield, student from Westwood drew the picture for the certificate.

Dr. McCarl's class from Mesa High designed the permanent sign for the building.

The ~~swings~~ were built by _____



MEMORANDUM

To All Schools
From Bicentennial Museum Schoolhouse Committee
Subject Bicentennial Museum Schoolhouse
Date January 12, 1976

Plans are progressing swiftly for the Little Adobe Schoolhouse. The walls are all completed and the roof is on, with shingles scheduled to be added this week. Final plans are underway for the dedication which has been set for Sat., Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. at 53 N. Macdonald. Arizona Senators Fannin and Goldwater, Representative Rhodes, Governor Castro and State Supt. Warner have all been invited. We hope you will reserve this date on your calendar and that of your student leaders, so they can see how far the schoolhouse has come since they were on hand for the groundbreaking.

Another exciting aspect has been added to the schoolhouse. We are going to bury a time capsule in the floor, to be opened 100 years from now in the year 2076. Each school may place 30 cubic inches of material in the capsule, which is made of brass and is approximately the size of an adobe block. This means that each school may submit a box that measures 1" high x 5" wide x 6" long, or your school's contribution may be 3/8" thickness of 10" x 12" sheets of paper. The choice is up to the individual school.

Material for the time capsule should be submitted to Ann Priestley (reading department), committee chairperson, no later than Jan. 30. This will provide adequate time to get the capsule in order for the dedication and burial.

Thanks to all those students who have contributed funds to the schoolhouse. The money raised to date has reach \$6,357.43, well over half of the total needed. Several schools have indicated that they plan to contribute to the project. The committee would appreciate it if those donations could be forwarded to Ruth Young in student funds as soon as possible. With dedication just a little over a month away, there are still a lot of expenses to be met, and our obligations must all be current when we turn the schoolhouse over to the City. Any monies raised above the construction costs will be contributed toward the first year's maintenance of the museum.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Priestley, 7432. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

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Museum

MEMORANDUM

To General Bicentennial Committee
From Adobe Schoolhouse Museum Committee
Subject Time Capsule
Date January 22, 1976

WHAT CAN YOU PUT IN A TIME CAPSULE??

The following is a list of ideas you might want to share with your students when they consider what they want your school's contribution to the time capsule to be.

Contributions need not be limited to these ideas, as these are only suggestions to help your students come up with their own ideas.

The limitations placed on inclusion in the time capsule relate to space. Each school may place 30 cubic inches of material in the capsule. This may be in a box measuring 1" high x 5" wide x 6" long, or it may be a 3/8" thickness of 10" x 12" sheets of paper.

Deadline for submitting material for the time capsule is Jan. 30. Send your school's contribution to Ann Priestley, reading dept., CIC.

1. A copy of your school newspaper
2. A copy of your school or student handbook
3. Copy of your school constitution with an explanation
4. Picture of your school
5. Classroom pictures
6. Pictures of student activities, labelled with names and explanations
7. Your school insignia with explanation
8. Picture of your school mascot with an explanation
9. Written history of your school
10. List of your students and staff (first and last names)
11. Write-up on styles of clothing popular at your school
12. Resume of a typical student day
13. Examples of student art
14. Examples of student writing--essays, poems, assignments
15. Examples of student exams
16. Examples of student term papers
17. Tape cassette of student music, students talking
18. A copy of the school district food service menu
19. Bicentennial coins
20. Micro-film of Mesa Tribune issue with story about your school in it
21. Description of discipline procedures at your school
22. List of textbooks used at your school and their authors
23. Description of your school's extracurricular activities
24. A combination of the above on micro-film

The Schoolhouse Committee will be responsible for insuring that a copy of that day's (Feb. 28, the day the capsule is buried) newspaper headline is included in the capsule.



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ROUGH DRAFT

Mrs. Betty Ford, America's first lady, will visit the students of the Mesa Public Schools, Mesa, Arizona, on Tues., Mar. 9, the White House announced today.

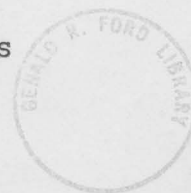
Mrs. Ford is traveling to Arizona to participate in dedication ceremonies for the Little Adobe Schoolhouse, a bicentennial project of the students in the state's second largest school district. The schoolhouse is a full-sized reproduction of the first school ever built in Mesa in 1880.

- quote from Mrs. Ford -

"The adobe structure, measuring 20 ft. by 30 ft. and constructed of adobe blocks weighing approximately 28 pounds each, was built by high school and junior high students. The money for the project, totaling over \$8,000, was raised by the youngsters through a variety of fund-raising projects involving the district's 28,000 kindergarten through twelfth grade students.

The schoolhouse has been furnished to represent an 1880 one-room school typical of the Old West. Students have constructed desks, chairs and benches. They've made costumes for the mannequins which will represent the teacher and several of her students.

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The young people have purchased antiques of the era, including a pot bellied stove and wall clock, to go in the school. Contributions have also been made by the community.

On March 9, the Little Adobe Schoolhouse will be dedicated to the City of Mesa for use as a museum. Visitors will be able to enjoy self-directed tours, as an audio history will be available in the schoolhouse. The history was researched and partially written by a group of Mesa sixth graders.

"When we first conceived the idea of the schoolhouse, we were thinking of a bicentennial project that could involve 28,000 in all 37 of our schools," said Mrs. Ann Priestley, reading teacher and chairperson of the project. "We wanted something really significant that the children could regard with pride for years to come.

"We've been tremendously proud of the students' efforts. They've worked hard and long to make the schoolhouse a reality. To have Mrs. Ford think enough of what they've done to take the time to come and share the dedication with them is the greatest thing that could ever happen to these youngsters.

"March 9 will be one of the greatest days of their lives because they'll know that they've really contributed something special to the bicentennial. More than waving flags or singing patriotic songs, our students will have given the community a lasting contribution to be enjoyed by generations to come. And they can always remember that the First Lady was there to share their gift with them."

PROGRAM

Musical Prelude	Mesa High School Honor Band Directed by Ken Zebro
Welcome	Dr. George N. Smith, Superintendent Mesa Public Schools, Master of Ceremonies
Musical Welcome "This Land is Your Land" by Woody Guthrie	Westwood High School Honor Choir Directed by Elizabeth White
Call to Colors	David McCasland, - Junior Glenn Finch - Sophomore John O'Rourke - Junior Trumpet Soloists, Mesa High Honor Band
Presentation of Colors	Mike Romo, Cub Scout, Hale School, 6th grade Tamara Hintz, Brownie, Washington School, 3rd grade Jeff Shain, Boy Scout, Lehi School, 6th grade Shelly Olin, Girl Scout, Eisenhower School, 5th grade Laura Jean Carter, Bluebird, Lowell School, 2nd grade Erenda Weber, Campfire Girl, Edison School, 6th grade
"Yankee Doodle"	Theresa Becker, 9th grade, Powell Jr. High, Fife Frank Beltran, 9th grade, Powell Jr. High, Drum Grant Kelley, 9th grade, Powell Jr. High, Standard Bearer
National Anthem	<p style="text-align: center;">RISE AND</p> The audience is asked to join the Mesa High School Honor Band and the Westwood High School Honor Choir in singing our National Anthem. Please remain standing
Pledge of Allegiance	Jimmy Wright, 9th grade student , Kino Jr. High
Invocation	Wendy Leavitt, senior, Westwood High School
Introduction of platform guests	Dr. George N. Smith

Musical Interlude

"The Second American Folk Rhapsody"
by Clare Grundman

Mesa High School Honor Band

"Strike up the Band"
by George Gershwin

Westwood High School Honor Choir

Introduction of Student Speaker

Carolyn Warner
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dedication of The Little Adobe Schoolhouse

James B. Atkinson - Senior
Speaking on behalf of the Mesa Central
High School Construction Cluster

Acceptance

Don Strauch, Vice Mayor
City of Mesa

Introduction of Project Chairperson

John J. Rhodes, III
President, Mesa Board of Education/Trustees

Remarks

Ann Chase Priestley, Chairperson
Little Adobe Schoolhouse Committee

Featured Address

Betty Ford
First Lady, United States of America

Presentations

Benediction

David Jamieson, 9th grade, Poston Jr. High
President, Poston National Junior Honor Soc.

"Give Me Your Tired Your Poor"
words by Emma Lazarus
music by Irving Berlin

Westwood High School Honor Choir

Closing Remarks

Dr. George N. Smith

* -NOTE: Two people starred (*) were not on original list given to Secret Service.

PLATFORM PERSONS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Buckley, Guy
Crandall, John
Louthan, Rani
Rhodes, John Jay
Sharp, Lynn

CITY COUNCIL

Strauch, Don

SUPERINTENDENCY

Smith, George

DIGNITARIES

Castro, Raul
Conlan, John
Goldwater, Barry
Rhodes, John, Mrs. (Betty)
Steiger, Sam
Warner, Carolyn

CITY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Brinton, Dilworth

STATE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Carney, John

SCHOOLHOUSE COMMITTEE

Bartle, Glen
Benton, Roger
Emsley, Robin
Emsley, Scott
Flatt, Joanie
Gearhart, Nancy
Peshall, Robert

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Gibb, Russell *

HONORED GUEST

C. Innes Robson *

Priestley, Ann

Ratajski, Charles

Rogers, Jeanette

TeSelle, Eleanor

White, Bill

Young, Dan

Platform Persons (contd).

MESA CENTRAL CONSTRUCTION CLUSTER STUDENTS

Abbott, Mike	Hopkins, Bill	Thompson, Charles
Alcantar, David	Janoe, Joe	Valenzuela, Robert
Anaya, Raymond	Long, Jerry	Wakolee, Frank
Atkinson, James	Lynn, Lloyd Clinton	Wilkes, David
Allen, Backus	Martinez, Ricky	Whitaker, Neil
Barnes, James	Matthews, Carl	Wright, Ricky
Barringer, Kevin	Martinez, Ray	
Bendrix, Geno	Madsen, Chris	
Bishop, John	McCans, Ken	
Blackburn, Dan	Moochy, John	
Blair, Steve	Musselman, Randy	
Bond, Jeff	Pacheco, Jay	
Breen, Dan	Pauly, Brad	
Davenport, Scottie	Perez, Eddie	
Drappo, Richi	Pihlman, Carl	
Dummitt, Benjamin	Poole, Fred	
Campbell, Merle	Prather, Allen	
Carson, Russell	Queen, Byron	
Chapman, Douglas	Renteria, Nino	
Christie, Pat	Rios, John	
Eaton, Mark	Scott, Robbie	
Gibbs, Stephen Michael	Salo, Jon	
Gonzaleus, Frank	Shaffer, Tim	
Gomez, Rodrigo	Steffy, Don	
Hanner, Richard Alan	Steinhoff, Bennie	
Harry, David	Stevens, Billy	
Hoover, Allen	Sykes, Dean	

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Thompson, Charles	Hopkins, Bill	Abbott, Mike
Valenzuela, Robert	Janez, Joe	Alvarado, David
Wakole, Frank	Long, Jerry	Anaya, Raymond
Wilkes, David	Lynn, Lloyd Clinton	Arkinson, James
Whitaker, Neil	Mathews, Ricky	Allen, Backus
Wright, Ricky	Matthews, Carl	Barnes, James
	Mathews, Ray	Baringer, Kevin
	Madsen, Chris	Bentley, Gene
	McCann, Ken	Blanco, John
	Moody, John	Blackburn, Dan
	Musachian, Randy	Blair, Steve
	Pacheco, Jay	Bond, Jeff
	Patterson, Gary	Brown, Dan
	Peters, Eddie	Davenport, Scottie
	Phinney, Carl	Frasco, Rich
	Poole, Fred	Dummitt, Benjamin
	Prather, Allen	Campbell, Marie
	Queen, Byron	Cason, Russell
	Renfelt, Mike	Chapman, Douglas
	Rice, John	Christie, Pat
	Scott, Robbie	Katon, Mark
	Sato, Jon	Gibbs, Stephen Michael
	Shaffer, Tim	Gonzalez, Frank
	Shelly, Don	Gomez, Rodrigo
	Stannoff, Dennis	Hanner, Richard Alan
	Stevens, Billy	Harry, David
	Sykes, Dean	Hoover, Alan



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February 13, 1976

Ms. Patty Matson
208 East Wing
The White House
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Patty:

I think I have enough information pulled together to at least get us started. I have tried to include representative clippings chronicling the progress of the project, as well as copies of memos, letters, etc. which may be pertinent. I hope I haven't overburdened you with information -- I figured you'd rather have too much than too little.

A good deal of the information I'm sending you has been sent to Mrs. Ford. I've enclosed copies of our correspondence to her so you know what's happened up to now. You'll also find a listing of slide titles -- the corresponding slides were sent to Mrs. Ford, so you may want to take a look at them.

Also enclosed are copies of publications from our school district so you have an idea of who we are. The large color poster is our teacher recruiting piece that goes all over the country. There you'll find information on the city and the Phoenix area.

The list of contributions and the notes on "who's done what to whom" are included to give you an idea of how widespread the involvement in this project is. It's not often that we have something which brings all 28,000 of our students working together, but the schoolhouse has really been a districtwide effort.



The Media Review has been marked in priority of #1, #2, and #3. I've only listed our own local (Mesa) papers as #1, mainly to point them out to you. I work equally with the Phoenix newspapers and the television stations. It is important that I release the story on the Mesa Tribune's time (p.m. paper), since they are the local, but this will also accommodate the Phoenix Gazette's deadline, insuring Valley-wide newspaper coverage.

The Sunday supplement to the Arizona Republic, "Arizona Magazine," is a biggie in these parts, but I don't know if we can take advantage of it since we can't announce until two weeks before the event. They do most of their work on advance deadlines, but it's worth exploring.

If at all possible, I would like to release the news here at a 9:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. news conference, our time. That gives our reporters time to make the p.m. deadlines and me time to notify my own people (staff and students) that morning so they don't learn about it on the radio. I will give the story in advance to the Mesa Tribune, as they are already aware that something special is in the works.

The sample news release enclosed with this letter is certainly no journalistic winner, but merely a rough draft to give us some starting point. I'm used to writing stories for the local media, not for the audience you deal with, so I'm sure it needs a lot of work from your standpoint.

I do want to mention a couple of things about it. I really feel strongly about the lead emphasizing that Mrs. Ford is coming to see the students -- not Mesa, not Arizona, not the school district, etc. The whole purpose of inviting her was for the kids, and I don't want to lose sight of that. Students have a way of seeing through adults when they're not sincere, and I don't want to fink out on them now.

I noted a place for a quote from the First Lady. I was thinking in terms of a statement from her on why she's coming; what is it about this project that appealed to her? The quote from Ann Priestley at the end is just to give you an idea of how our people feel, and to again emphasize students.

In the second paragraph, the statement "reproduction of the first school built in Mesa" is important. We haven't reproduced the first school, but the first building constructed as a school. There were three temporary facilities that existed before our schoolhouse (see enclosed history).



I'm sure I'm forgetting something that you might need, but I trust that you'll let me know about it. One thing I could use is a letter from Mrs. Ford formally accepting our invitation. I could use it in our news conference, but more importantly, it would be great to be able to read it over the P.A. systems to the students in all our schools.

Let me know if there's anything else I can do. I'll call on Wednesday and touch base. Until then,

Best wishes,

Joanie L. Flatt
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Joanie L. Flatt, APR
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January 23, 1976

Mrs. Gerald F. Ford
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Ford:

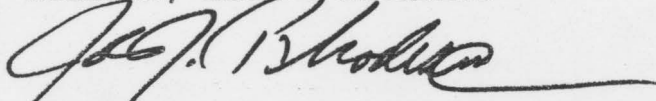
As President of the Board of Education of the Mesa Public Schools, I would like to join in Mrs. Ann Priestly's invitation to you to attend the dedication of our reconstruction of Mesa's first school, to be held on February 28, 1976. I understand that you have expressed some interest in attending this function, and quite obviously we would be very pleased to have you on this occasion. My Mother and Father, John and Betty Rhodes, intend to be with us that date, and we would certainly be pleased to welcome you.

The dedication is in the morning, which would leave luncheon or early afternoon available for you to attend some sort of function which the Arizona President Ford Committee could arrange, thereby combining the ceremonial occasion with a political function which would be of benefit to President Ford. As you may know, my law partner, Wayne Legg, is Arizona Finance Chairman for the President Ford Committee, and I am likewise active in that organization.

I certainly hope that your schedule and travel arrangements will allow you to make this trip to Arizona, and we look forward to seeing you at the end of February. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

KILLIAN, LEGG & NICHOLAS

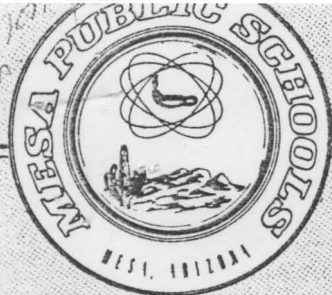


John J. Rhodes, III
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cc: The Honorable John J. Rhodes





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December 18, 1975

President and Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear President and Mrs. Ford:

The 28,000 students of the Mesa Public Schools in Mesa, Arizona, have undertaken a very special project as one of their contributions to our nation's Bicentennial celebration. They are building a full-sized reproduction of the first schoolhouse that was ever constructed in our community.

The Bicentennial Schoolhouse, or the Little Adobe Schoolhouse as it has come to be known, will be dedicated by the students to the City of Mesa for use as a museum upon its completion. This schoolhouse will be a gift by the present, for the future, in memory of the past and will be a lasting tribute to the community. Students from kindergarten through high school are involved in making this schoolhouse a reality. Over four hundred people, most of whom were student council officers from Mesa's thirty-seven elementary, junior high and high schools, were on hand for the groundbreaking.

Construction students in the high schools and junior highs are doing the actual construction. The schoolhouse measures 20 ft. by 30 ft. and is made of sun-dried adobe blocks, each weighing nearly thirty pounds. All of the schools are having fund-raising projects to earn the over \$7,000 it will take to finance the school. Home economics classes are sewing authentic costumes to be worn by mannequins that will represent the teacher and her students.

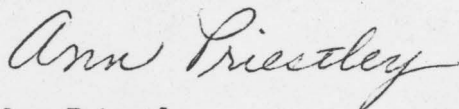
Gifted and talented elementary school children are researching the history of the school. This will be put on audio tapes to be played in the museum. The students are also collecting various antiques to give the museum an air of authenticity. One group of junior high students has purchased a pot bellied stove and is in the process of polishing and restoring it. A large iron bell, similar to the one which hung above the original school, has been donated by two Mesa students who are brothers. High school students will restore it.

We plan to dedicate our little adobe schoolhouse on February 28, 1976, at 10 a.m. The dedication ceremonies will be held at 53 N. Macdonald in Mesa, Arizona. We would be greatly honored if you and Mrs. Ford would join us for this historical occasion in our city. I know there are 28,000 young people who would burst with pride to know that what they did for their nation's birthday was important enough to be recognized by the President.

I realize that your schedule is such that you have very little time to attend events of this nature, but I hope that you will give it your serious consideration. It would mean a lot to all of us who have watched with pride what our students have set out to accomplish.

I shall look forward to receiving your reply.

Sincerely,



Ann Priestley
Chairperson

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO:

SUSAN PORTER

FROM:

RUSS ROURKE *Rourke*

Susan, following our conversation concerning the invitation to Mrs. Ford to attend the school restoration program in Mesa, Arizona, I called Clara Posey in Rep. John Rhodes' Minority Leader's Office. I advised Clara of the keen interest that has been expressed in this project, but that no final decision concerning Mrs. Ford's acceptance had been made.

Once a decision is made, I advised Clara that your office would contact her directly. For obvious planning purposes, John Rhodes requested as much advance notice as possible.

Thanks again for your help.

cc: JMarsh





Mesa Public Schools

GEORGE N. SMITH, Ed. D.
SUPERINTENDENT

GAVIN C. HUMPHREY, Ed. D.
ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

549 NORTH STAPLEY DRIVE MESA, ARIZONA 85203

5929 S. Kenneth Place
Tempe, AZ 85283

January 14, 1976

Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mrs. Ford:

I was so excited when I heard from your office last night that you are considering joining us for our dedication of the Little Adobe Schoolhouse. Your presence at this Bicentennial occasion would be the "icing on the cake" for all our school children who have worked so hard on this project. We're proud of what the students have done, and have made a point to let them know; however, I know it would mean a lot more to them to have the First Lady say their project and their efforts are special.

I've enclosed some slides of the schoolhouse so you can see more clearly what the project is. The walls were completed over the holidays and the students are working on the shingles for the roof this week. Westwood High School agriculture students are working on the landscaping, Fremont Junior High students are constructing an outhouse to lend the project a real air of authenticity. Trainable mentally handicapped youngsters at our Parkway School are making a hitching post to be placed in front of the school, and Mesa High's vocational agriculture students are making a flagpole and swing set for the yard.

As you can see, this is truly a project involving thousands of students in the Mesa Public Schools. Our current enrollment in Mesa is 28,500 students in 37 schools. These young people, through a variety of projects, have already raised over \$6,300 of the money needed to construct and furnish the schoolhouse. We are confident they will raise more than is necessary for construction. The extra money will be turned over to the City of Mesa to help pay for the first year's maintenance.

February 28 was chosen as the date for the dedication because it will end Bicentennial month for the schools in Mesa. The City of Mesa's Bicentennial Committee asked the schools to plan a citywide celebration for February. To this end, we are having Mesa Education Week the first week of the month. At this time we take over one of the local shopping centers and over 2,500 students demonstrate to the community what they are learning in school. The third week of the month is Bicentennial Dress Up Week, during which time the students

will be coming to school in costume. All these activities involve youngsters from kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

The 28th of the month was to have been the most exciting activity. The date has been set with the City, Representative John Rhodes, Governor Castro, and Senator Fannin. Your secretary mentioned that it might be easier on your schedule if we could change the date. If changing the date meant that we could have you with us, we would do everything possible to choose a more suitable time. However, since the arrangements have progressed as far as they have, we would appreciate it if you would give serious consideration to being with us on February 28.

Your secretary also noted that you were interested in our school district and our City. I have enclosed various publications that should familiarize you with our area. We're proud of our students and are happy to share their accomplishments with you.

I should tell you that our invitation to you and Mr. Ford to join us for the dedication is a secret here in Mesa. Only Congressman John Rhodes' son, Jay, who is president of our school board, knows about it. We didn't want to let the students or the administration get their hopes up and then be disappointed. We would rather just announce the good news to them and let them all be surprised. Consequently, if you could possibly let us know your decision before January 26 we would really appreciate it. That is the date of our next school board meeting, and we are scheduled to make a presentation on the Little Adobe Schoolhouse for the Board. We are supposed to tell them our plans for the dedication at that time, so it would be an opportune time for us to make a formal announcement.

I see that I have rambled on in my excitement, but I am so flattered by your interest that I don't want to forget to tell you anything you may need to know. If there are any questions I can answer or further information I can provide for you, please let me know.

I hope you find that your schedule is such that you can be with us February 28. After talking with your secretary last night, it's going to be hard for me to keep this secret from the students who are working on the schoolhouse. I want to share my enthusiasm and excitement with them, but shall wait until I hear from your office before I even hint at the possibility of your coming.

I realize that President Ford's schedule will be very full these next few months as he approaches the election. Please tell him that our invitation is still extended to him if he can join you for a visit to Mesa.

I shall look forward to hearing from you. Until then, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Ann Priestley

Ann Priestley
Chairperson



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MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To: All Principals
From: Little Adobe Schoolhouse Committee
Subject: March 9 Dedication
Date: March 2, 1976

We realize that the switch in dedication dates from a Saturday to a Tuesday will cause you some scheduling problems, many of which we've tried to anticipate and offer possible solutions for these. It is our feeling that if everyone keeps things in perspective, we can enjoy this historical occasion and make it a positive, exciting memory for our students.

Consideration was given to the idea of suspending school on March 9, but the idea was rejected as it was felt that would cause more problems than it would solve. Our goal, therefore, is to give every student the opportunity to participate in the dedication.

For the dedication itself, the following guidelines have been established:

- a. Franklin, Eisenhower and Mesa Central students will walk.
- b. High school students, with the exception of those students who worked on the project or are participating in the ceremony, must make arrangements for their own transportation.
- c. All other schools will be provided with one bus. The schools will make the decision regarding who may ride the bus, with priority being given to staff and students who have received formal invitations.
- d. All other students may be excused from school for the dedication if their parents want to arrange private transportation for them.
- e. Schools are asked to work out coverage in the classrooms to allow staff members who worked on the project to attend. This priority includes those employees who have been invited to sit on the platform or in the reserved seating section. Attendance of other staff members is welcome; it is up to the schools to work out coverage.
- f. Arrangements have been made with Food Services to provide box lunches in the cafeterias on that day.
- g. A deadline of March 5 has been set for the return of parental permission slips allowing students to attend.



With this memo, several items are included for your information and use:

- a. A supply of field trip permission slips for those students going on the buses.
- b. A supply of excuse slips for students whose parents want to take them to the dedication. These forms are also to be used by high school students arranging their own transportation.
- c. A listing of the bus assignments and the number of students each can accommodate.
- d. A map of the dedication location, showing the physical arrangement and the traffic patterns.
- e. A list of those receiving formal invitations.

The Community Relations Department is currently engaged in discussions with a local television station to provide live coverage of the event. This would solve most of the problems as far as crowd control, since people wouldn't feel as compelled to attend. Technical aspects of this proposal are being examined, although no confirmation has been reached yet.

In any event, the dedication will be video taped and the tape will be available to all the schools.

Questions regarding any of this information may be referred to the Community Relations Department.

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FORMAL INVITATIONS
LITTLE ADOBE SCHOOLHOUSE DEDICATION

P = Platform

R - Reserved Seat

. Former Board Members , Superintendents	R
. Maricopa County Superintendent	R
. Mesa Board of Education	P
. Mesa City Council	R 1 on Platform
. Legislators	R - 19
. State Board of Education	R - 8
. Whittier Students	R - 15
. Fremont Students	R - 9
. Kino Students	R - 52
. Mesa Central Construction Students	P - 57
. Mesa Central Students	R - 25
. Parkway Students	R - 12
. Westwood -Schlarbaum's Students	R - 19
. Westwood agriculture students	R - 44
. Student council officers at each school	R
. Student council advisors	R - 35
. Westwood - Gearhart's students	R - 21
. Principals	R
. Superintendency	R P-1
. Arizona Congressional delegation	P - 8
. City Bicentennial Committee	R - 27 P - 1
. State Bicentennial Commission	R - 22 P - 1
. Mesa Schools Bicentennial Representatives	R - 39
. Inside district helpers and contributors	R - 41 P - 11
. Officers of MASA	R - 1
. Officers of MSCPA and its divisions	R - 4
. AEA; NEA; ACT; ASA; ASBA; AIA	R - 10
. MEA	R - 2
. Mesa Chamber of Commerce	R - 2
. Outside district helpers and contributors	R - 27

* These are approximate numbers as the figures change daily.

LITTLE ADOBE SCHOOLHOUSE DEDICATION
BUS ASSIGNMENTS

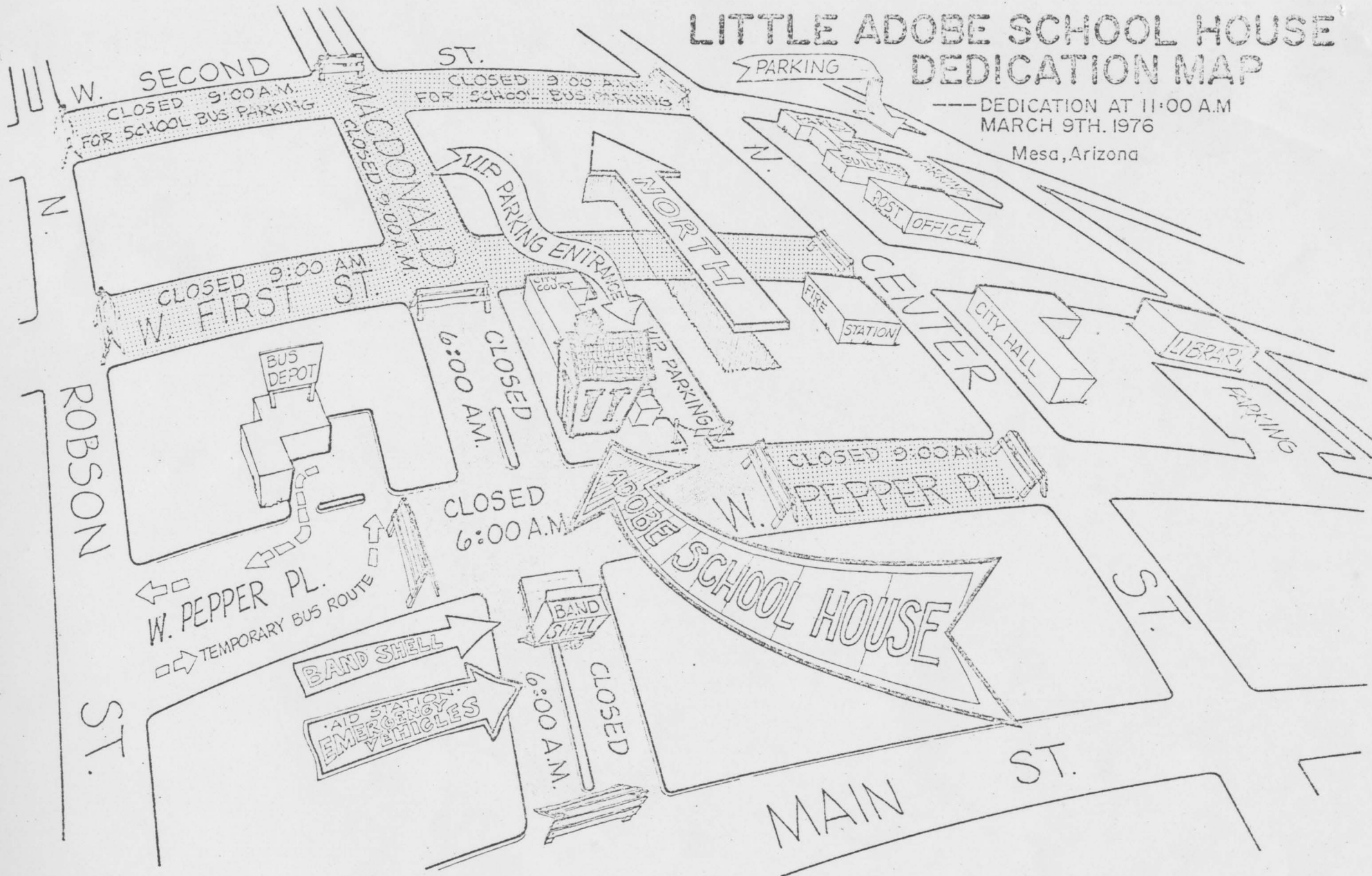
<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>BUS NUMBERS</u>	<u>NO. OF STUDENTS PER BUS</u>
POSTON JR. HIGH	B-61, B-62, B-63	66, 66, 66
MESA HIGH BAND	B-28, B-17	73, 73
WESTWOOD HIGH	B-44, Ag. bus	67, 24
Westwood Honor Choir	B-37	67
MESA CENTRAL	Have own busses	
ADAMS	B-56	67
EDISON	B-1	73
EMERSON	B-2	73
FIELD	B-6	73
HALE	B-13	79
HAWTHORNE	B-8	73
HOLMES	B-31	84
JEFFERSON	B-25	79
KELLER	B-11	73
LEHI	B-4	79
LINCOLN	B-32	84
LINDBERGH	B-14	79
LONGFELLOW	B-45	66
LOWELL	B-18	73
REDBIRD	B-20	73
ROOSEVELT	B-10	79
SALK	B-21	73
STEVENSON	B-22	73
TAFT	B-15	79
WASHINGTON	B-23	79
WEBSTER	B-12	79
WHITMAN	B-27	73
WHITTIER	B-5	79
CARSON JR.	B-39	84
FREMONT JR.	B-35	84
KINO JR.	B-59, B-60	84, 84
MESA JR.	B-58	84
POWELL JR.	B-40	84
PARKWAY	Use own vans	
OPPORTUNITY HALL	District van(s)	

IN ORDER TO MAKE THESE BUSES AVAILABLE, ALL FIELD TRIPS
HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED ON MARCH 9.

LITTLE ADOBE SCHOOL HOUSE DEDICATION MAP

--- DEDICATION AT 11:00 A.M.
MARCH 9TH. 1976

Mesa, Arizona



EXCUSE FOR DEDICATION

I plan to take _____ to the Little
student's name

Adobe Schoolhouse Dedication at 11 a.m., on March 9, 1976. I
shall pick my son/daughter up at school at approximately 10 a.m.,
and return him/her to school by 1 p.m.

parent or guardian signature

date

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Box lunches will be served in the school
cafeterias following the dedication. Cost for lunch is 40¢ for
elementary, 45¢ for junior high, and 50¢ for senior high or weekly
ticket may be punched. Please return your child to school as soon
after the dedication ceremonies as possible, if you would like them
to have lunch at school that day.

My child will purchase a box lunch
from the cafeteria on March 9.

yes

no

student's name

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL BY
FRIDAY, MARCH 5. YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED.

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MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

I hereby give permission for my child, or ward, _____

_____, to go to the Little Adobe Schoolhouse dedication

via walking, bus, automobile, train, plane, or any combination of these or other private or public modes of transportation. I understand that my child, or ward, will leave on March 9, 1976, at 10 a.m.

and is expected to return on March 9, 1976, at 1 p.m..

In granting this permission, I assume full responsibility for any damage to person or property caused by my child or ward. I further expressly agree that in the event disciplinary action, or the health of my child or ward may make it necessary, at the discretion of the sponsors, my child, or ward, may be forthwith returned home at my expense. I further consent and will be responsible for any medical or dental treatment which may be advisable at the discretion of any physician or dentist. It is further warranted that if this Consent Form is signed by one of two parents or guardians, it is with the authority of the other.

This form must be returned to the school no later than Friday, March 5, 1976.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date of signature

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MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

February 1976

Community Relations Dept.
962-7315

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON "THE LITTLE ADOBE SCHOOLHOUSE" BICENTENNIAL PROJECT -

MESA CENTRAL HIGH

- . Sixty students in the morning and afternoon construction clusters at Central are responsible for the majority of the building of the schoolhouse. Under the direction of teachers Glen Bartle and Charles Ratajski, the young men worked every school day for 12 weeks laying the blocks, building the roof and floor.
- . Harry Scott's air conditioning, basic electricity classes did all the wiring for the audio tapes and the air conditioning/heating system.

WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

- . Student Kinsey Carruth built the scale model of the Little Adobe Schoolhouse.
- . Student Lori Wakefield did the sketch of the schoolhouse that was used for flyers, certificates of appreciation, and the dedication invitations.
- . Dick Sawyer's basic and advanced horticulture classes designed and completed all the landscaping.
- . Teacher Larry Judd made the commemorative brass plaque noting the dedication.
- . Advanced home economics students under the direction of teacher Nancy Gearhart made the costumes for the mannequins.
- . Industrial arts students in Max Schlarbaum's class constructed the desks and benches.
- . Pat Coyle, teacher, and the mechanical drawing class did the plans.
- . The Westwood Student Council's financial donation was more than twice the amount of any other school in the district.
- . Westwood Cooperative Office Education, German and Student Action for Education Clubs all made separate financial donations.



MESA HIGH SCHOOL

- . Students in Dr. William McCarl's painting class designed the permanent sign for the building.
- . Leo Gardner's metals class made the brass time capsule.
- . The agriculture students, under the direction of Dennis Fiscus, made the original flagpole, which was stolen. Later students from Kino Jr. High made another one to replace it.
- . M.H.S. student council made a financial contribution, as did the M.H.S. VICA Club.

POSTON JR. HIGH

- . The student council's financial contribution paid for all of the adobe blocks.
- . The Poston Junior Honor Society purchased and restored the pot bellied stove.
- . Ninth grade students volunteered their time to assist at the dedication.
- . Poston students helped unload adobe blocks when they arrived in Mesa.
- . Students Harold and Gordon Mikesell made the three benches for the classroom.

FREMONT JR. HIGH

- . Under the direction of teacher Chuck Smith, industrial arts students constructed the outhouse.
- . Student council made a financial contribution.

KINO JR. HIGH

- . Industrial arts students in the classes of Roger Benton dug the floor, scrubbed the windows, brushed down the entire building to remove excess mortar, restored the iron bell, built the tower for the bell, the permanent sign, hitching post, swing set, fence, the base for the dedication plaques and replaced the original flagpole which was stolen.
- . Industrial arts teacher Galen Lisonbee donated the brass for the dedication plaque.
- . Kino students helped unload adobe blocks when they arrived in Mesa.

POWELL JR. HIGH

- . Industrial arts teacher Rodney Bradshaw donated the wood for the hitching post, while industrial arts teacher John Thompson and his students sanded the 100 appreciation plaques.
- . Student council made a financial contribution.

CARSON JR. HIGH

- . Students helped unload adobe blocks when they arrived in Mesa.
- . Student council made financial contribution.

MESA JR. HIGH

- . Student council made financial contribution.

PARKWAY SCHOOL - for trainable mentally handicapped students.

- . Under the direction of teacher Frank Bennett, students constructed the appreciation plaques.
- . With the help of teacher Ron Reiman, the students decoupaged 100 certificates onto the plaques.
- . The Parkway Vocation Club made a financial contribution.

WHITTIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- . Sixth grade students working with teacher Jeanette Rogers researched the history of Mesa in the late 1800's and the original Little Adobe Schoolhouse. They wrote their information in a script, recorded for audio tape in the museum by Charles Robson, grandson of Francelle Robson, first teacher in the original schoolhouse.
- . Student council made financial contribution.

WHITMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- . Kathy Massarand, kindergarten teacher, did the graphics for the slide presentation on the Little Adobe Schoolhouse.
- . Ruth Barnes, teacher, donated antique books.
- . Student council made financial contribution.



Financial contributions also came from the following elementary schools:

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| . Adams | . Hawthorne | . Lowell |
| . Edison | . Holmes | . Redbird |
| . Eisenhower | . Jefferson | . Roosevelt |
| . Emerson | . Keller | . Salk |
| . Field | . Lehi | . Taft |
| . Franklin | . Lincoln | . Washington |
| . Hale | . Lindbergh | . Webster |

Financial contributions were also appreciated from:

- . Mesa Association of School Administrators
- . Mesa Education Association
- . Phi Delta Kappa
- . West Mesa Rotary Club
- . Mesa Optimist Club
- . Charles I. Robson
- . George Wilks
- . Harold Mikesell & Gordon Mikesell

The following members of the community helped make the Little Adobe Schoolhouse a reality.

- . Ronnie Oliver, of Oliver Concrete in Mesa, loaned us all the forms for the footings and stem.
- . Robert Sellers, of Arizona Property Exchange donated the windows which had once hung in Alma Elementary School in Mesa.
- . The Robert Burns family of 1329 E. Fountain in Mesa donated the iron bell.
- . Rev. James R. Hartley of First Christian Church in Mesa donated an 1830 edition of the King James version of the Bible.
- . Bill Libhart, owner of Allied Construction donated cement for the footings.
- . Guy Apple, of Apple Trucking Co. in Phoenix, donated the use of three trucks to haul the adobe blocks to Mesa from Sonoita, Arizona.
- . Pat's Color Wheel donated 10 gallons of silicone to be sprayed on the exterior adobe walls.
- . Jack Branham of AAA Exterminating Co. donated the exterminating.
- . Lynn Sharp, rancher and Mesa Schools Board of Education member, donated straw upon which to haul the adobe blocks to Mesa.

Community (cont)

- . Mrs. Price Elson donated basals and other readers.
- . Clyde Upchurch, Hi-Fi Sales in Mesa, donated nearly \$200 of recording equipment for the schoolhouse.
- . Carolyn Olsgard, reading resource teacher, printed all the appreciation plaques.
- . Vic and Vicki Linoff of the "Reverie" and "Those Were The Days" antique stores helped furnish The Little Adobe Schoolhouse with authentic antiques.
- . Russell Nielson of Nielson Building Materials, Mesa, gave us substantial discounts on all the lumber used in the building.
- . SPECIAL APPRECIATION TO THE CITY OF MESA, which donated the land and cooperated fully in every phase of the project.



Mesa, Arizona (approx. 5 miles S.E. of Scottsdale)

Mrs. Ford will participate in the dedication of the Little Adobe School House, a Bicentennial project of 28,000 school children (kindergarten thru senior high) in the state's second largest school district. The school house is a full size replica of the first schoolhouse ever build in Mesa in 1880. It was built by Jr. and Senior High School students. The money for the project totaled \$8,000 and it was raised by the students thru all kinds of fundraisers.

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FOR
THE ARTS

WASHINGTON
D.C. 20506



A Federal agency advised by the
National Council on the Arts

MRS. FORD'S VISIT TO MESA, ARIZONA

Drop-in visit to either Taft or Hale Schools, where the splendid Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company is in residence under the Artists-in-Schools Program of the National Endowment for the Arts.

This is a program in all 50 states, administered by the state arts agencies, which places professional artists of all disciplines...painters, potters, sculptors, dancers, actors, filmmakers, craftsmen, architects...in schools to work with children in an effort to generate their creative talents. Results have been spectacular, especially in dance, which involves the entire class in a group activity.

The Arizona Commission on Arts and Humanities recently survived an effort on the part of state Representative Donna Carlson, of Mesa, to eliminate the State Arts Agency from the state budget.

It would be an enormous boost to the arts in the state if the First Lady could visit a school where the Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company is in residence.

Contact: Louise Tester
Executive Director
Arizona Commission on the Arts and Humanities
6330 North 7th Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85014

602-271-8554



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PMS MRS GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A SPECIAL CITYWIDE OCEANSIDE
BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE BEING HELD THE EVENING OF MARCH 10 IN THE
CAMP PENDLETON STAFF NCO CLUB. THE DINNER DANCE IS SPONSORED BY THE
OCEANSIDE CALIFORNIA BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE AND OTHER CIVIC
ORGANIZATIONS AS A SPECIAL OBSERVANCE HIGHLIGHTING THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY. WE KNOW YOUR VISIT TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY WILL BE A BUSY
ONE, BUT IF YOU COULD SPEND SOME TIME WITH US THAT EVENING IT WOULD
MAKE OUR CELEBRATION ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.
SOCIAL HOUR BEGINS AT 6:30 WITH DINNER PLANNED FOR 8:00 PM.
MRS JACK THILL, CHAIRMAN, OCEANSIDE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE
716 MISSION AVE OCEANSIDE CA 92054

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The White House
Washington



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MRS BETTY FORD
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE
WASHINGTON DC 20003

DEAR MRS FORD

IN REFERENCE TO A NOTE MAILED MARCH 4 1976 NOW THAT WE KNOW YOU'LL BE
IN ARIZONA NEXT WEEK WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO DELIVER THE
REQUESTED RECIPE IN PERSON. OUR 6TH GRADE CLASS IS PUTTING TOGETHER A
PRESIDENT'S WIVES COOKBOOK AS A BICENTENNIAL PROJECT AND ARE ANXIOUS TO
GET ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES TO ADD. WE KNOW YOUR SCHEDULE IS ALL
SET BUT IN CASE YOU'LL BE IN TUCSON WE WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE
WELCOME HOPE TO SEE YOU SINCERELY

HELEN WOOK
JANE WALDRON
VAN HORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7550 EAST PIMA
TUCSON AZ 85715

15:59 EST

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The White House
Washington

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PMS MRS GERALD FORD

WHITE HOUSE DC

ON BEHALF OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WE WOULD LIKE TO
EXTEND A MOST CORDIAL INVITATION FOR YOU TO SHARE SOME TIME WITH US
DURING YOUR VISIT WITH THE STUDENTS IN MESA ARIZONA MARCH 9 1976

MRS RONALD H WARNER, STATE SUPERINTENDENT ARIZONA DEPT OF
EDUCATION, 1535 WEST JEFFERSON PHOENIX AZ 85007

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1976

Dear Mr. Timothy:

On a recent trip arranging for Mrs. Ford to visit Arizona, I had the very good fortune to work with Larry Wolff in the Phoenix office of Mountain Bell.

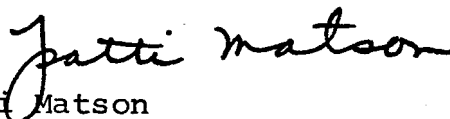
I was particularly strapped for time during this visit, and was able to give Mr. Wolff next to no time in working out our telephone requests. Not only did he bend over backwards on his own time to help, but he was so particularly pleasant and cooperative that I thought you might want to be aware of it.

A telephone company alumna myself, I know what kind of havoc placing last-minute orders causes in several departments, and I appreciated Mr. Wolff's beyond-the-call-of-duty very much.

You do an outstanding public service that is very appreciated, and the attitude that goes along with the service is truly the icing on the cake.

Mrs. Ford would want me to express her appreciation as well.

Sincerely,



Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to
Mrs. Ford

Mr. Robert K. Timothy
President
Mountain Bell Telephone Company
931 14th Street
Denver, Colorado .

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1976

Dear Bruce:

A note to thank you for everything you did to help during the advance for Mrs. Ford's trip to Arizona.

Everything -- from the typewriter to knowing you were willing to help with anything -- was much appreciated and made the stay very smooth and pleasant.

Again, thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Patti
Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to
Mrs. Ford

Mr. Bruce Endsley
The Camelback Inn
Scottsdale, Arizona

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1976

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Marriott:

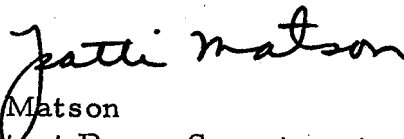
A note to thank you for your hospitality during preparations for Mrs. Ford's recent visit to Arizona.

I enjoyed visiting with you in your home at the Camelback very much and appreciated the opportunity to get to know you a little better. Mrs. Ford enjoyed her visit to Arizona very much and especially mentioned how nice it was to see the two of you again.

Bruce Endsley was particularly helpful and made our stay smooth and enjoyable. His help, and yours, was very much appreciated.

Hope to see you again soon.

With warm regards,



Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to
Mrs. Ford

Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Marriott
The Camelback Inn
Scottsdale, Arizona

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1976

Dear Karen:

A note of special thanks for your help during Mrs. Ford's trip to Arizona.

The question we were all asking was this: how can anyone so beautiful (you) be so efficient and pleasant besides??? We were very grateful for all you did, and Mrs. Ford enjoyed her visit very much.

Again, Karen, thanks. I enjoyed working with you very much.

Sincerely,

Patti
Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to
Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Karen Vance
8039 North Sixth Place
Phoenix, Arizona

*My special regards
to Don as well...*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1976

Dear Jay:

A note of thanks for your time and help
in getting ready for Mrs. Ford's trip
to Arizona.

It was especially helpful to be able to work
with someone who would have a feel for
all aspects of the trip. Your judgment and
overall guidance was very much appreciated.

Again, Jay, thanks.

With warm regards and respect,

Patti
Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to
Mrs. Ford

Mr. Jay Rhoades
Mesa Public Schools
Mesa, Arizona

a hug for your mom...

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1976

Dear Annie:

Just a note to let you know how much I enjoyed working with you in Mesa and how thankful all of us were for your help.

Mrs. Ford was so impressed with the schoolhouse and with the entire story of how everybody worked together to get it done. She has mentioned the visit several times and I know will remember it for a long time to come.

Annie, you have something to be proud of that not many of us can say -- to be responsible for putting together something that lasts, something worthwhile, something that will be around long after you're gone.

I loved working with you and wish you the best always.

Sincerely,



Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to
Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ann Priestley
Mesa Public Schools
Mesa, Arizona

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1976


Dear Joanie:

A note as profuse as possible to let you know how grateful I was to be working with you on Mrs. Ford's visit to Mesa.

You are fantastic. Efficient, smart, organized, incredibly hard working -- and one of the best things that's happened to me on an advance.

And besides all that, a dear, dear person. You and Michael helped make the trip an extra special one, and I can't thank you enough.

With all kinds of appreciation,


Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to
Mrs. Ford

Ms. Joanie Flatt
Mesa Public Schools
549 North Stapley
Mesa, Arizona 85203

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1976

Dear Jon:

Just a quick note to tell you how much
I like working with you and to thank
you for everything you've done for Mrs. Ford
and her press operation.

Things are always so hectic when the trip
starts that I just wanted to let you know
how great it is for us to know you are
there and will make things work... wherever
it happens to be that week!

Anyway, Jon, thanks. It's really great
to be working with you.

Sincerely,



Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to
Mrs. Ford

Jon Breen
% Peter Kaye
The President Ford Committee
1828 L Street NW
Washington, D. C.

Call with schedule

Glen Law - Ariz Republic a Jim
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Larry Houghton - ABC - San Fran
415/863-6077 X295

Don Harrison, San Diego Union
714/299-3131 X256

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Mrs. Ford - Mesa

Interviews

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Ginger Hutton - Ariz. Rep. Newsletter - 602-271-8241

Ill. (Debbie Silverman - Chic. Amer. ABC - 312-263-0800
On 9 to 10:30 - Glad to pay any
expenses.

* Ron Fanning - Mesa College - 602-833-1261 ^{Ed 324}
(Paullette Bolyard - Phoenix's Lit.
representative on Campus wants
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Diane Calas, "TODAY IN ARIZONA" - KTAR
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