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West-MEC's Trunk or Treat - A huge success

Glendale, Ariz. (November, 2021)-- West-MEC, a Career and Technical Education (CTE) school district in the West Valley, held their annual Trunk or Treat during the Halloween weekend to celebrate and give to a good cause.

West-MEC's Central Campus event started as a way to engage with the public but grew to give back during the upcoming holiday season. Collection of food started in the beginning of October and on October 29th, the campus invited the local community for a time of games, interaction and food. While entry was free, attendees had the option to bring in food items as well.

The annual event had a strong turnout with over 500 attendees, including families, students and local residents. Jessica McDowell, one of the key organizers of the event, said, "Central Campus' Trunk or Treat is a great way to inform the public about the amazing programs West-MEC has to offer while also giving back to the community."

Through the signature event, students collected 2,518 pounds of food which equaled to 299 meals, according to a St. Mary's Food Bank representative. Director of Public Relations at St. Mary's, Jerry Brown, said, "It's amazing to see how students take the initiative to help those in need." Talking about the current need during the holiday season, Brown said, "We need thousands of turkeys to help give 12,000 families a complete Thanksgiving meal. People can donate at our Surprise and Phoenix location as well as online."

Photo Captions:

- 1: Decorations at Central Campus' Aviation Maintenance Technology program
- 2: Children lining up for one of the events at the Trunk or Treat
3. Students with the amount of food they collected

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district that focuses solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools, across 3,876 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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