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TEACHER WINS CLASSROOM MAKEOVER

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When the students of teacher Stacy Goebel return to school Aug. 13, their classrooms should be brighter with new furniture.

Goebel, a Phoenix schoolteacher, won a \$10,000 grant for her classroom that will be made over by a New York designer. Goebel, a fourth-grade teacher at Bellair Elementary School in the Deer Valley Unified School District, taught in a classroom of dark and dingy gold-colored cabinets.

"It makes going back to school a whole lot better," Goebel said. "When I heard I won, I was screaming, jumping up and down, but nobody saw it but me."

The funds come from the Got 2B Safe! Program, supported by Honeywell Hometown Solutions and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

This is the second year the program recognized teachers who are committed to keeping children safer from abduction and sexual exploitation.

Bellair is one of Deer Valley's older schools.

Amanda Bodkin, a spokeswoman for Got 2B Safe! Program, said five teachers, including Goebel, won the grand prize.