

# ***Chandler Arts Commission partners with Basha High School Art Department for Green Education and Art Project***

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The Chandler Arts Commission has partnered with Basha High School Fine Arts Department and Chandler artist Jose Benavides to create an educational art project that will create community awareness to human generated trash and its effect on sustainable living.

Chandler artist Jose Benavides will work with students from Basha High School to collect all of the waste from the school site on March 30, 2009, and construct a sculpture using the trash. The sculpture will be constructed between the “C” and “D” building on the Basha High School campus, March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. All disciplines of students will be involved in the project, helping to analyze our garbage and evaluate options for greener communities. The project will culminate in a public celebration on Earth Day, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The City of Chandler Solid Waste department has provided an educational field trip for students to view the Salt River landfill and supported the project with statistics about garbage and recycling and by loaning trash and recycling receptacles for the project.

To see more recycled artworks: 8 student made recycling sculptures are currently on exhibit at the Vision Gallery, located at 80 South San Marcos Place, Chandler.

## **Project Timeline:**

Garbage Collection at Basha High School – March 30<sup>th</sup>

Sculpture Building with Artist in residence Jose Benavides – March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 18<sup>th</sup>

Sculpture Celebration – April 18<sup>th</sup>, Earth Day 2009

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