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Threat forces evacuation at elementary

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FOUNTAIN HILLS — An elementary school was evacuated before school Friday after teachers noticed a threatening message on the door.

Teachers arriving at Four Peaks Elementary School, near Calaveras and Del Cambre avenues, saw a threat written across the rear doors of the third- through sixth-grade elementary school, said Bill Myhr, superintendent of the Fountain Hills Unified School District.

As a precaution, the school enacted its evacuation policy and students were taken to a nearby Boys & Girls Club.

The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office arrived at the school and began searching the buildings with a K-9 unit just after 8 a.m., sheriff's office spokeswoman Lindsey Smith said, but after 3½ hours did not find any threatening evidence.

The school's lone building can hold nearly 500 children, but the number of students relocated could not be determined because many parents arriving at the school to drop their kids off saw sheriff's deputies and decided to go back home, Myhr said.

About 180 students returned to classes by 11:45 a.m., the district said.

The sheriff's office is investigating the threat and would not release details regarding the message.



The home page of Mayor Mary Manross' new Web site.

Mayor uses Web site to kick off campaign

By Lesley Wright
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SCOTTSDALE — Scottsdale Mayor Mary Manross unveiled an interactive Web site Friday to launch the reelection campaign she themed, "It's a Bright New Day in Scottsdale."

Found at www.marymanross.com, the site includes a history of Manross' two four-year terms, endorsements, awards, news releases and video clips.

Her masthead introduces, "Our Mayor Mary Manross,

the proven leader," and describes her as "the only candidate we know can do the job."

In her introductory note, Manross focuses on the renaissance of downtown Scottsdale, which has seen \$3.1 billion of public and private investment over the past few years.

"The clouds of uncertainty that hung over our city just eight short years ago have been lifted and Scottsdale's future has never been brighter," her letter says.

The municipal primary is Sept. 2.