## Star Party at Big Park Community School, September 12, 2016

Dennis Young, President of Sirius Lookers Astronomy Club, hosted a fun and educational evening at Big Park Community School for  $5^{th}$  and  $6^{th}$  grade students on Monday, September 12, 2016. The Keep Sedona Beautiful Dark-Sky Committee partnered with Sirius Lookers for this event.

Diane Schmacher, teacher at Big Park Community School, really enjoys Dennis and his astronomers to come to the school for a night of Astronomy. The students are thrilled to view the heavens through a telescope and excited to learn about the stars, constellations, and planets.

The evening star party began at 6:45 p.m. with Dennis giving an introduction presentation to the students, followed with some question and answer time. Dennis and other Sirius Lookers astronomers were present with telescopes and binoculars to show the students the Crescent Moon, Mars, and star clusters.

Dennis also presented a solar viewing session for the students to show the activity of our Sun, which included sunspots and solar explosions and flares.

The Keep Sedona Beautiful Dark-Sky Brochures were distributed to the students.