Our school was named for Miss Anna Henry. Anna Henry was a graduate of Arizona State Teachers College and Arizona State College in Flagstaff. Miss Henry began teaching at Safford Elementary in 1922. She was a co-principal for both Roosevelt and Pascua Schools until 1953.

In 1954, Miss Henry became the first principal of the school which replaced Pascua School. It was named Richey Elementary School after Miss Richey who had been a long-time supporter, teacher, and friend of the Pascua students and community. Miss Henry was more than a teacher and principal. She continued the work of Miss Richey to improve the effects of poverty in the area. She raised funds to provide food, shoes, toothbrushes, summer camp and eyeglasses for the Pascua Yaqui children.

Miss Henry received the first Good Neighbor Award from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in 1967. Miss Henry was honored in 1971 by the opening of Anna Henry Elementary School at 650 North Igo Way Tucson, Arizona. When Henry Elementary opened there were efforts toward innovative practices such as team teaching, open classrooms, and departmentalized subjects in the intermediate grades.

Fast Facts

Named After: Anna Henry
Mascot: Gila Monsters
School Colors: Purple and Teal