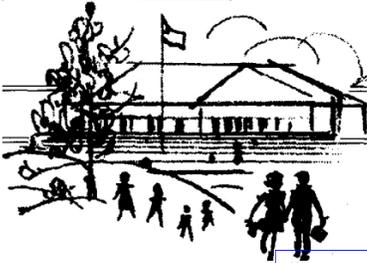


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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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"Providing Quality Service and Support to Graham County Schools"

Please visit our website
www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) came to Graham County last month and provided an "on-site" certification service for our educators. Please see inside this issue for more information on their Tucson hours, Early Childhood endorsements, CTE and more.

We also hosted the Auditor General's Office and ADE on a joint training for school personnel who handle cash. Over 40 people were able to attend this local training. We will continue to offer more of these trainings.

I am excited to announce that our first Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition meeting was a success! All interested birth to third grade educators are invited to the next coalition meeting which will take place on June 2nd at our Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA). Please see the additional information inside this newsletter.

The United Way of Graham County has released their 2014 "Grant Application for Education Programs." Please see page 3 of this newsletter for information on how to apply.

Have a great April!

Save the Date:

April 7-10—AIMS Testing

April 12—Graham County Make a Difference Day

April 21-24—Visions Payroll Training for Graham Co. School Districts

April 22—Graham/Greenlee Substance Abuse Conference at EAC

May 1—School Governing Board nomination packets available

June 2-5—SEATA at EAC To "Save Your Seat at SEATA" please visit www.graham.az.gov, School Superintendent, Workshops. See inside this newsletter for a sneak peak of what is being offered!

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Click on:
School Superintendent,
workshops





EASTERN ARIZONA SCIENCE INITIATIVE

Free High School Grades

EASI SATURDAY SCIENCE CAMP

Anyone interested in

Crime Scene Investigation and Engineering?

Join us Saturday April 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the

Discovery Park Campus Ranch House

Come and learn the hands-on and visual techniques used to analyze a crime scene.

Learn how the professionals make quick observations of a crime science, properly collect and preserve evidence and then analyze it back in the lab. Using practical exercises, you will learn how the identities of victims, suspects, and materials can all be determined using Crime Scene Investigative (CSI) techniques. Come have a great time putting science into action. This is “must-do” opportunity for anyone interested in Criminal Justice or investigations!

Presented by Mrs. Tammy Gillespie, EAC Anatomy and Physiology Instructor



Calling all Engineers! Come learn “how to” then compete against others to design and construct a tower made from pieces of ordinary paper; rolled, folded, glued or whatever you can think of! You will learn how to make a structure that can literally support a thousand times its own weight!

Are you up for the challenge? Bring your best ideas...

Winners get a chance to take a friend and tour the three amazing telescopes at the Mt. Graham International Observatory—including the Large Binocular Telescope (LBT) which is the world’s most powerful telescope!

Presented by Ms. Dana Olson, Ft. Thomas H.S. Biology, Chemistry & Physics



8:00—8:30	Registration and snacks
8:30—10:00	“Crime Scene Investigation” / “Paper Tower Challenge!”
10:00—10:15	Break
10:15—11:45	“Paper Tower Challenge!” / “Crime Scene Investigation”
11:45—noon	Feedback and Evaluation Completion

Register to attend: Contact Jackie Madsen at: jackie.madsen@eac.edu or call 928-428-6260. Please include your Name, Grade, School, Parents’ email or phone number.

We are limited to 30 students for the camp—please register **soon!**

Grant Opportunities for Teachers from the United Way of Graham County

Awards up to \$10,000

A new grant opportunity for Graham County teachers is now available! Please follow these steps:

1. Visit www.uwgraham.com
2. Click on “How to Apply”
3. Click on the 2014 Grant Funding Guidelines to read about the United Way’s programs and funding priorities.
4. Click on the UWGC-EducationApplication-2014

Please note that applications will be accepted and reviewed every month except December. Complete and eligible application received by the 1st of the month will be reviewed and a decision will be made and communicated that same month. Please submit your complete application packet to uwgraham@gmail.com.

About the United Way

The United Way of Graham County is an all-volunteer organization that provided grant support to nonprofit organization in southeastern Arizona. We serve Graham and Greenlee counties, providing funding support for causes in Education, Income and Health.

Our mission: to advance the common good by focusing on quality of life, health and education—the building blocks of a good life.

In 2013, during the February 19th Graham County Board of Supervisors meeting, the United Way of Graham County presented a check in the amount of \$158,000 to Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent. This amount was divided up and deposited in the accounts of all school districts in Graham County. On behalf of all Graham County Schools, we extend a big thank you to UWGC!

Updates from the ADE Certification Unit

- **STEM Certificate** Specialized Secondary Certificate Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics for grades 7-12.
- **Changes to CTE Certificates** Effective October 1, 2013, individuals may use professional development to meet up to 18 semester hours of education coursework required for a Standard CTE certificate. 15 clock hours of professional development is equivalent to 1 semester hour of coursework. PD training must be approved by the CTE Dept. at ADE, in order to be used in lieu of traditional education coursework. CTE Evaluation form —created to document satisfactory teaching experience in the CTE area the teacher is certified to teach.
- **Speech Language Technician and Speech Language Pathologist Renewals** District Human Resource Departments may verify PD hours and coursework needed for renewal of either an SLT or SLP certificate.
- **Comparable out of state exams** Score reports and verification of teaching experience forms **must** be submitted at time of application to accurately reflect test deficiencies an applicant may have. (Please see ADE's Certification website for further information on this topic.)
- **Social Studies Approved Area Reminder** Effective January 1, 2014, Social Studies will no longer be issued as approved area. Middle Grade Social Studies grades 7 & 8 may be added to a Secondary certificate that has a 7-12 Approved area. It may NOT be added as the only approved area on a Secondary certificate. (Please see ADE's Certification website for further information on out of state certificates.
- **Early Childhood Endorsement** Please see the memo on page 5 of this newsletter.
- **Rules Changes** Align Special Education Certificates to level of severity instead of disability category. Arizona would then issue the following Special Education certificates. 2016 changes: *Mild to Moderate *Early Childhood *Severe and Profound *Visually Impaired *Hearing Impaired. Repeal School Psychologist Interim Certificate effective January 1, 2014 (those that have it, keep it, unless it has lapsed.) Place a moratorium on Speech Language Technician certificate effective June 30, 2014. Early Childhood Special Education Certificate—increase age range from 0-5 to Birth to age 8 or Grade 3.

All questions regarding certification should be directed to the ADE Certification Unit at 602-542-4367 or email to certification@azed.gov

The Tucson Certification Office NEW Temporary Office Hours

April: Wednesdays only—9th, 16th, 23rd 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

May: Wed. & Thursdays only - 7-8th, 14-15th, 21-22nd 9:00—4:00 p.m.

June, July and August hours—To be announced



State of Arizona
Department of Education
Office of John Huppenthal
Superintendent of Public Instruction

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING EARLY CHILDHOOD ENDORSEMENT

Dear Education Colleagues:

In light of feedback from the field regarding a shortage of Kindergarten teachers, the Arizona Department of Education is temporarily reinstating the Early Childhood Rule (Option C) that allows teachers to qualify for the Early Childhood endorsement with three years full-time teaching experience in grades Birth-Grade 3 and a passing score on the Early Childhood Subject Knowledge exam. **Individuals who do not have three years of full time teaching experience prior to July 1, 2012 will only be able to apply under this option until October 1, 2014.**

Please keep in mind the Early Childhood Endorsement or Certificate is only required for Preschool and Kindergarten teachers. However, it is highly recommended that your 1st - 3rd Grade teachers take advantage of this one-time opportunity in the event they should find themselves in a Kindergarten classroom.

Individuals will need to take and pass either the NES (Test #101) or AEPA Early Childhood (Test #36) Subject Knowledge exam then submit the completed application for Certification, Verification of Teaching Experience form and a check or money order for \$60 to the Certification office **no later than September 30, 2014.**

The Certification Unit will no longer be able to work with individuals who do not have three years of full time teaching experience in Early Childhood prior to July 1, 2012 and want to qualify under Option C after September 30, 2014. If individuals do not submit their applications by September 30, 2014 they will be required to obtain the Early Childhood endorsement through either Option A or B.

Please contact

Jan Pentek or Kasey Ohrns at 602-542-4000 if you have further questions.

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***First Things First Celebrates National Week of the Young Child
The Early Years are Learning Years***

The First Things First Graham Greenlee Regional Partnership Council asks the communities of both counties to come together for children during the Week of the Young Child; April 6-12. As part of the Week of the Young Child celebrated across the country, First Things First is honoring young children and all those who make a difference in children's lives.

All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life. Our counties have a wonderful opportunity to do our part to help young children. Week of the Young Child is a time to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy and to celebrate the families, teachers and policies that bring early childhood education to young children.

What can you do to celebrate Young Children? Talk, read and play – interact with a young child daily. Stay informed about early childhood programs in our community. Ask elected officials about the priority they put on early childhood. Be involved! Better yet, volunteer. Celebrate the importance of early care and education. Be an advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves.

Laurie Smith

Chair

Graham/Greenlee

First Things First Regional Partnership Council





Join Jeni Fletcher from Southwest Human Development's Birth to Five Helpline to discuss and learn more about how to support families in accessing this valuable Arizona resource. **Select one session.** Contact Paulette LeBlanc at pleblanc@aznex.net to register.

Monday April 14th

4:00—5:00 p.m.

Safford City/Graham County Library

Tuesday April 15th

10:00—11:00 a.m.

Graham County General Services Bldg.
Safford

Tuesday April 15th

12:30—1:30 p.m.

Clifton Public School
Greenlee County

Birth to Five Helpline links callers to experts who provide telephone consultation and support in three main areas: child care health, early childhood mental health and inclusion of children with special needs. This free service is available to parents with children under the age of five and early childhood personnel.

This workshop will teach you how to market this wonderful service, specifically to parents and caregivers. **Audience:** home visitors, child care and preschool providers, healthcare personnel, social workers, or anyone who serves families of young children.



www.azftf.gov



From the Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick, United States Representative to Congress

Each year, the Congressional Institute sponsors a visual arts competition for high school students nationwide. Winning entries from each congressional district are hung in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol for one year, and the winning student artists will be flown to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at an award ceremony.

Please distribute this information to your art teachers and students.

Students from Arizona's Congressional District One who would like to participate can obtain the guidelines and release from our website at Kirkpatrick.house.gov/services/art-competition.

Entries must follow all the guidelines, contain all required materials and be received in any of my district offices no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2014. To enter, please submit the original entry with the one-page description of the medium and the background of the piece. A panel of judges will select one overall winner and three runners-up. I will host a local event to honor the winner after he or she is selected.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of Arizona students and to highlight artwork from our communities. Please share this information with your students and feel free to contact my district staff with any questions. Blanca Varela is our office's contact for the competition: 520-316-0839

Attached is the location of our closest office. I look forward to meeting your students and celebrating their talents and artistry.

Sincerely,
Representative Ann Kirkpatrick
Member of Congress

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1400 East Ash
Globe, AZ 85510
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00—4:00 p.m.
928-425-3231



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Check out our website and apply at www.gift-tech.org
Or call 928-348-3393

Who is Eligible?

- High School students in Graham and Greenlee Counties
- Anyone under the age of 22 who does not have a high school diploma and meets the program entrance requirements.

**2014 EASTERN ARIZONA REGIONAL
SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION WINNERS:**

Best Overall 5th and 6th Grade Project- Awarded a 7” Kindle Fire HD Tablet

Crimson O’Mera DSS “Hydroponics vs. Soil” Kvale

Best Overall 7th and 8th Grade Project - Awarded a 7” Kindle Fire HD Tablet:

Kristi Webster Bonita “Recyclable vs. Sand”

Best Overall High School Project- Each Participant Awarded an 8” Google Nextbook Tablet:

Anthony Holguin DHS “Trouble With The Curve” Bell Jose Luis Blancarte

5th & 6th Grade Earth Science

1 st	Crimson O’Mera	DSS	“Hydroponics vs. Soil”	Kvale
2 nd	Angel Ontiveros	Fairbanks	“Mummy Madness”	Lucero
3 rd	Bradly Battista	DPA	“Coin Grime”	Purcell
H.M.	Deziree Juarez	DSS	“Corroding Pennies”	Waters

5th & 6th Grade Life Science

1 st	Madison Taylor	DPA	“Fresh is Best”	Purcell
2 nd	Jack Owen	Bonita	“Loaded Ears”	Bull
3 rd	Calvin Dunning	Fairbanks	“Eye Witness”	Abril
H.M.	Lani Quintero	DPA	“Mind over Matter”	Purcell

5th & 6th Grade Physical Science

1 st	Kensington Allen	DPA	“Up, Up, and Away”	Purcell
2 nd	Sarah Beals	DPA	“Sweet Evaporation”	Purcell
3 rd	Kyle Halverson	DSS	“Hot Cup of Joe”	Waters
H.M.	Grant Smith			
	Issac Madueno	DSS	“Breaking lock using CO2”	Waters

7th & 8th Grade Earth Science

1 st	Kristi Webster	Bonita	“Recyclable vs. Sand	Bull
2 nd	Brendan Nuttall	TMS	“Crystal Clear”	Rickert
3 rd	Christopher Johnson	TMS	“Fabulous Filtration”	Rickert
H.M.	Logan Adams	Bonita	“Make it Clear”	Bull

7th & 8th Grade Life Science

1 st	Nathan Sanders	TMS	“Brushing With Bacteria”	Rickert
2 nd	Madison Michaels	Bonita	“Eggs-actly Eggs”	Bull
3 rd	Natalie Wood	Fairbanks	“Putting the Pieces Together”	Finger
	Nicki George			
	Jacquelyn DeSpain			
H.M.	Paige Morales	Fairbanks	“Rethink Your Drink”	Finger
	Illeana DeJesus			

7th & 8th Grade Physical Science

1 st	Haven Beuden	Solomon	“Chemical Powered Roller-Coaster”	Link
2 nd	Adam Wright	SMS	“Some Like It Hot”	Pearson
3 rd	Maddison Delgado	Fairbanks	“Strength of Glues”	Cook
H.M.	Ezra Boughner	SMS	“Hitting the Bullseye”	Pearson

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Eastern Arizona Science Initiative Science Fair Results, continued

High School – 9th -12th Life Science

1 st	Raven Linden Raelyn Smith Danica Cooke	THS	“Radioactive Roots”	McBride
2 nd	Morgan Brown Cole Kelly Jamie Price	DHS	“Is Clean Really Clean?”	Bell
3 rd	Emily Clouse Katelynn Claridge Xavier Sturdevent	DHS	“Dirty Mouth”	Bell
H.M.	Trey Merrell Russell Rapiere Logan Jones	DHS	“Mind Over Matter”	Bell
H.M.	Cassie Ahrens Zack Basteen Tyler DeLao	DHS	“Mind Over Matter”	Bell

High School—9th—12th Physical Science

1 st	Anthony Holquin Jose Luis Blancarte	DHS	“Trouble With The Curve”	Bell
2 nd	Ashley McBride Natalya Barney Nathan McMaster	THS	“Orange Is The New Black”	McBride
3 rd	Chica Contreras Ciara Bejarano McKenzie Sexton	DHS	“Up, Up, and Away”	Bell
H.M.	Grayson Bryce Megan Milton Garrett Burress	THS	“The Salt Effect”	McBride

Congratulations to all participants!

EAC Discovery Park Campus Lecture Series

Lectures begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Gov Aker Observatory’s “Jupiter Room”

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
April 5th	Astronaut Sally Ride	Tracie Beuden
April 12th	ARGOS Laser Guidance System	Observatory Engineers
April 19th	Eastern weekend	
April 26	Star Party!	Desert Skygazers

The public is invited to attend these free presentations. Afterwards, all attendees are invited to tour the Graham County Historical Society’s artifacts display and the “History of Astronomy” gallery. Weather permitting, attendees may also observe the night sky through the 20” Tinsley Telescope, located in the Gov Aker Observatory.



SAFFORD CITY
GRAHAM COUNTY
LIBRARY



808 S. Seventh Ave.
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 432-4165

The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. **It's free to Graham County students.** Visit the library's homepage at www.cityofsafford.us and click on the *Homework Help* icon. This will lead you to the icon for **Tutor.com**. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!



The Safford City—Graham County Library has partnered with the Arizona State Library to bring a fabulous FREE database of eBooks to our students!

Visit www.saffordlibrary.org

On the left side of the screen, click on "TumbleBooks / eBooks for Kids

"Check out" the titles, which now include non-fiction!

The books are indexed by reading levels, grade, and lexile.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity—it's free!

Visit the Gift Shop!

Safford City / Graham County Library

808 S. Seventh Ave.

Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-4165

Hours: Mon.—Thursday 10:00 a.m. —7:00 p.m. Closed Friday—Sunday

Staying In Tune With Substance

**9th Annual
Graham and Greenlee
Substance Abuse Awareness
Conference 2014
Eastern Arizona College
Activities Center
April 22, 2014**

With Guest Speakers:

Barbara Bruce & Scott Backovich

Sponsored By:

- *Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition***
- *Greenlee County Substance Abuse Coalition***
- *South Eastern Arizona Behavioral Health Services***
- *Freeport-McMoRan***
- *Arizona's G&T Cooperatives***
- *Greenlee County Attorney***
- * Greenlee County Superintendent***
- *Eastern Arizona Health Education***
- * Eastern Arizona College Gear Up***
- *Cenpatico of Arizona***

Scheduled presenters:

Derek Rapier—Greenlee County Attorney

Shana Malone—Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Officer Ellison and Officer Shurtz—Arizona DPS

Shelly Mowrey—Prevention Works AZ LLC

Craig Miller—AZ Dept. of Liquor Licenses and Control

\$25.00 registration fee (lunch will be provided)

To register, contact Kathy Grimes at 928-348-1751 or 928-348-1756

Registration deadline is April 11, 2014

Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

Strengthening Secondary Education

Deadline: Open

Amount: \$100,000—\$200,000

Sponsor: Arthur Vining Davis Foundation

Type: Education

Grants are made for innovative professional development programs that strengthen teachers and their teaching in grades 9-12.

<http://www.avdf.org/FoundationsPrograms/SecondaryEducation.aspx>

D-Backs Program Grants

D-Backs program grants are given statewide to non-profit organizations. Funds for these grants are raised throughout the season through team fundraising events, including the annual Evening on the Diamond benefit dinner, Shirts Off Our D-Backs and additional events. All 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in Arizona are welcome to apply for funding, however, funding must be serving the people of Arizona. The deadline is open and the amount of grant funding available for projects is \$1,000—\$5,000. For more info:

<http://arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com/ari/community/grants.jsp>

KaBOOM! Let's Play Grants

Deadlines: Rolling

Dr. Pepper Snapple Group & KaBOOM! Are excited to offer \$500 Let's Play Completion Grants to qualifying Do-It-Yourself communities to be used toward the improvement of an existing playground built using the KaBoom! Community build model and \$750 Let's Play Maintenance Grants to communities who wish to make their playgrounds cleaner, safer and more inviting.

http://kaboom.org/about_kaboom/programs/grants

KaBOOM! Spruce Project Grants

Deadline: Rolling

Are you itching to serve? Organize your friends, clean up a playground, and you can be eligible for \$750, courtesy of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. The grant is part of the Let's Play initiative to get kids and families active.

<http://grants.kaboom.org>

VEX Robotics

Schools interested in learning more about VEX Robotics and available grants should visit

<http://www.vexrobotics.com>
www.roboticseducation.org
www.robotevents.com

Daily Point of Light Award

Deadline: Rolling

The power of the individual to spark change and improve the world—that's what the Daily Point of Light Award celebrates. Nominate a local hero for this award. Recognition includes a certificate signed by President George H.W. Bush.

<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition>

Youth Program Grants

Deadline: Open

Sponsor: The Entertainment Software Association Foundation

Amount: Varies

Type: Social & Economic, Arts & Culture

The ESA Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth.

<http://www.esafoundation.org/application.asp>



Grant Funding Alerts

It's never too early to start working on a grant!

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. Grants

Mini-Grants for Education Application Window: May 1st –Oct. 30th

(Start planning for next year!)

Please visit www.freeportinmycommunity.com Click on: Our Programs

Grants in the range of \$100—\$500 a school is eligible to receive up to four mini-grants per year. Additional grant opportunities are available including the STEM Education grant. Graham County received nearly \$500,000 in the recent round of Community Investment Fund grant awards held in August. Thank you Freeport-McMoran!

Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. Community Investment Grant

Application Deadline: May 1st

The Community Investment Fund supports programs and projects that encourage a strong focus on local capacity-building, community development and sustainability. Community priority areas include: Community/Economic Development, Education, Environment, and Community Health & Safety

The application link and additional information is available at:

<http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/pages/community-investment-funds>

MineZone www.theminezone.com (for grades 1-8)

Thursday afternoons, April 10-May15

This program provides 6 weeks of live broadcasts hosted by mining experts and engineers. The program is delivered over the internet and is designed to be delivered in an after school format. Each weekly broadcast provides detailed STEM-based curriculum with hands-on experiments each week.

Summer Agriculture Institute 2014—Now Accepting Applications!

As a teacher in the state of Arizona, you have a unique opportunity to learn about the amazing world of agriculture. The Summer Agricultural Institute (SAI) is a five-day tour designed to teach K-12 teachers about food and fiber production and help them incorporate that knowledge in the classroom curriculum. SAI combines hands-on learning about agriculture with practical curriculum development. For more information and to submit your application, please visit the

Summer Agricultural Institute at

www.cals.arizona.edu/agliteracy/programs/summer-ag-institute

(I went on this tour and it was one of the best learning opportunities I have ever experienced! - DM)

The Big Taste Before The Big Test



FREE Breakfast for Grades 3-8
taking the AIMS test.

April 7 & 8, 2014
from 6 to 9 a.m.

Egg McMuffin® and Apple Slices with
choice of Milk or Small Minute Maid®
Orange Juice.



Offer good at participating McDonald's® Arizona restaurants.
Valid 6 am-9am. April 7 and 8, 2014. Offer good while supplies last.
No substitutions. No group redemption. Students under 15 years of
age must be accompanied by a parent. Child must be present for offer.
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News from the Arizona Geographic Alliance

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School of Geographical Sciences & Urban Planning
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I would like to invite you to a free two-day AZCCR Literacy Standards workshop for History/Social Studies. I am looking for 5 social studies educators to provide feedback for this pilot workshop. Four of the five spots are reserved for K-12 educators who teach U.S. History, Geography, Economics, and World History. The final spot is open to an instructional coach, curriculum coordinator or higher education faculty. The description is as follows:

Integrating the College and Career Ready 6-12 Literacy standards within Art, History/Social Studies, Mathematics, Physical Education, Science and technical subjects.

BY INVITATION ONLY:

Two Day Event: April 24th and May 6th 8:30 am-4:00 pm (participants must attend both days)

Workshop Goals:

Analyze the text complexity for discipline specific text and discuss strategies and considerations for their use to build conceptual understanding of discipline specific content. Examine text for academic and domain specific vocabulary words that require explicit routines for instruction. Participate in a close reading and text dependent question analysis activity of a discipline specific standards aligned text. Identify a text based argument and explore strategies to have your students participate in an academic argumentation session.

If you are interested in attending *both* sessions, please e-mail me **directly** and indicate which area you teach/oversee (government, economics, geography, world history, u.s. history, higher ed, or curriculum specialist/coach). Jennifer.farrlley@azed.gov

Thank you,
Jennifer Farrlley N.B.C.T.
K-12 Social Studies Education Specialist
K-12 Academic Standards
(602) 364-2353



Google Science Fair 2014

The Google Science Fair 2014 has now launched in partnership with LEGO Education, National Geographic, Scientific American and Virgin Galactic. **Students aged 13-18 from around the world** are invited to ask questions and answer them through science experiments with a chance to win once-in-a-lifetime experiences, scholarships and real-life work opportunities. Check the Official Rules for more information.

For more specific info for teachers: <https://www.google-sciencefair.com/en/teachers-parents/teachers>

Have You Saved Your Seat at SEATA?

The Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy is right around the corner. Join the 130 educators who have already reserved their seats! We will have over 100 sessions spread out over four days, June 2-5, 2014 at EAC. Here is a *sampling* of the presenters/strands you can look forward to attending:

Math with Vickey Massey, Melissa Hosten, Cherie Stafford, Kathy Alexander, Becky Howell, Elsa Castillo, Madhuri Bapat **Early Childhood** with Tracy Phelps, Millie Archer, Paulette LeBlanc, Veronica Cordova, JoAnn Morales **Economics** with Becky Barry, Kerry Montano, Mandi Hering, Leanne McElroy, Giane Powell **Science** with Dr. Phil McBride, Duane DeSpain, Tammy Gillespie, Elsa Garcia, Kelsey Williams, Danica Chavez, Dr. Pam Wilkinson, Christie Rivera, Debbie Pearson, Paul Anger, Joan Bull, Karen Ramirez-Ragland, Shannon Perkins **Art Integration** with Denise Crockett, Madhuri Bapat **Technology and Technology Integration** with Carol Elders, Steve Napier, Darcy Barney, Kara Calloway, Cheri Stafford, Mark Becker, Duane Richins **Special Education/Special Needs** with Ann Gortarez, Mary Keeney, Yvonne Gill, Darcy Barney **English Language Arts** with Amanda Davis, Wendi Peterson, Brian Taylor, Sarah Gardner and ADE Team **Classroom Management techniques** with Dr. Phil McBride, Denise Crockett, Wendi Peterson and **De-stressing** with Gerri Branch!

Our keynote speaker this year will be Dr. Nicholas Clement from NAU!

This is just a sampling—we have more presenters and sessions being added daily. Please reserve your seat by visiting the Graham County School Office website at www.graham.az.gov, then click on workshops or look for SEATA registration.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2014 SEATA!



2013 participants at the Mt. Graham International Observatory

From Laura Rogers, Health Program Coordinator, Graham County Health Department:

Safford School District has formed its SHAC (School Health Advisory Council) and has completed all eight modules of the School Health Index (SHI). A SHAC sometimes called a “School Health Team” or a “Wellness Council”, is a group of individuals who represent both the school and the community. This group acts collectively to provide advice on aspects of the school health policies and programs.

The members of the Safford School District council are now prioritizing the strengths and weaknesses that were identified when completing each module of the SHI. They are now more aware how this tool will help them ascertain the improvements for the district.

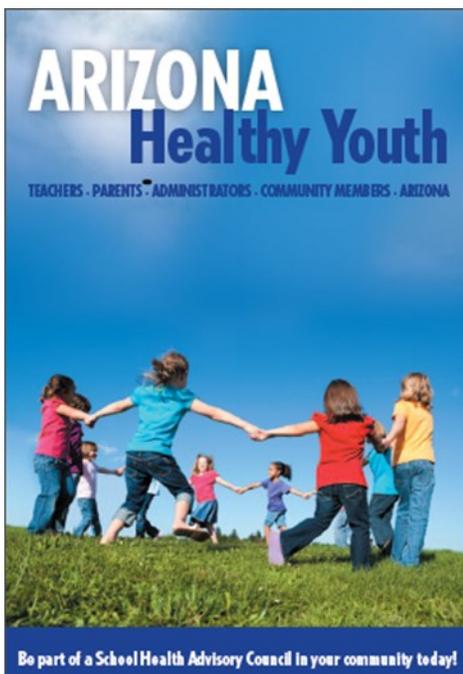
Ft. Thomas School District has formed their SHAC and is working toward developing an improved Wellness Policy for their school.

Arizona Department of Education (ADE) in collaboration with grant funded programs through the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), such as HAPI (Health in Arizona Policy Initiative), has been trying to help all AZ schools be in compliance for having an overall school wellness policy, a policy that is practiced and followed all of the time.

A healthy school environment is instrumental to student achievement. Among the other improvements that can happen are:

- * Improving meals offered in the cafeteria.
- * Increase in students capacity to learn by engaging in physical activity.
- * Increase availability (eligibility) of students.
- * Educate students in nutrition and physical activity.
- * Good health, safety, and management are necessary for effective learning.

The remaining schools in Graham County will hopefully be starting their SHAC/SHI process in the near future.



April 12, 2014 Graham County
Make a Difference Day

Volunteers needed, please!

Join friends, neighbors, city and county leaders and employees for a clean-up day throughout the Gila Valley. Bring your rakes, gloves, water and your enthusiasm and “make a difference” at one of several designated sites.

Saturday April 12, 2014

8:00—12:00 noon

Meet at the Ruth Powell School parking lot at 7:45 a.m.

For more information, call 928-965-3354



PBS KIDS Writers Contest

Extended Deadline - We must have all entries in hand by April 14th

Arizona Kindergarten through 3rd grade students have a chance to enter the *Arizona PBS KIDS Writers Contest*. The contest is open to any Arizona resident who is a Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade student.

Participants must submit an original, single authored story accompanied by at least 5 original, clear and colorful illustrations. Stories may be fact or fiction, prose or poetry.

First, Second and Third place winners will be selected in each category.

The contest deadline for Arizona students is April 14th, 2014.

The award ceremony will be held on April 25, 2014

To Enter:

Each participant and his or her parent/guardian must completely fill out, print and submit the [online entry form](#). Hardcopies of the story/poem and entry form must then be mailed to the address listed on the entry form. Limit **one** entry per participant. In the event of multiple entries, the first entry will be entered in the contest and all other entries will be ignored.

Learn more about the full contest rules [here](#).

Spread the word and encourage your colleagues to have their students participate as well! Need Assistance?

Call 602-496-1104 or email asset@asu.edu

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Show students how important math skills are in the real-world by inviting them to follow Harry on a date! See how he manages his budget when an uninvited guest shows up.

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Learn the Address

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, documentarian Ken Burns, along with numerous partners, has launched a national effort to encourage everyone in America to video record themselves reading or reciting the speech. The collection of recordings housed on this site will continue to grow as more and more people are inspired by the power of history and take the challenge to LEARN THE ADDRESS.

Submit YOUR video at azpbs.org/theaddress



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The SE Arizona Workforce Connection team promotes and supports a workforce system that offers employers, workers and communities across Cochise, Graham and Greenlee Counties workforce solutions that achieve and sustain economic prosperity.

The Graham County School Office is a member of the East Central Regional Service Center (ECRSC) which includes Gila, Greenlee and Pinal counties.

Our Goal: Provide regionally –based service, support and technical assistance, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education and the Governor’s Office of Education Innovation to Race to the Top Participating Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to Implement their LEA Scopes of Work.

Reminder: The Graham County General Services Building is now open Monday-Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We are closed on Fridays.