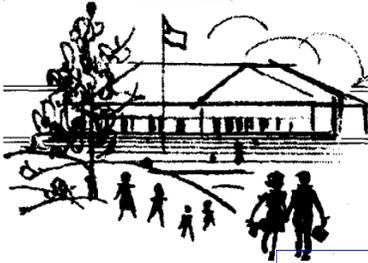




Graham County School News



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



I would like to welcome back all of our returning personnel and send a special welcome to the educators who are new to our districts. Information as of July 31, 2014:

Safford:

- RPS Anita Garcia, nurse
- Sarah Mack, 1st grade
- Michelle Romero, 2nd grade
- LNS Ashley Walker, 1st grade
- Susan Sherwood, Kindergarten
- Kristall Pracht, 1st grade
- Tracy Breedlove, 2nd grade
- SMS Laura Griffith, choir
- Rebecca Throop, history
- SHS Laura Griffith, choir
- MGHS Rachel Gemmill, Spec. Ed

Pima:

- Lauren Carpenter, Kindergarten
- Teresa Smith, Spec. Ed.
- Carolyn Skiba, 5th/6th
- Jenene Maybury, 3rd
- Chris Carrell, Jr. High Science
- Scott Mason, Jr. High Math
- Rhonda Massingil, HS Spec. Ed.

GIFT: no new teachers

Bonita: no new teachers

Thatcher:

- JDPS Layla Fox
- Rebecca Luzania
- Karen Johnson, Title I
- Melissa Lawson, 4th grade
- TMS Teleysha Smith, choir
- THS Cade Kelliher, biology
- Ryan Conrad, social studies

DPA: Carol Arp, media

TLC: Alyce Clonts, Grd.1/2
Joan Olsen, Gr. 7/8

Ft. Thomas

- Loren Goodman, HS woodshop
- Hannah Langebartels, counselor
- Kristal Moenning, HS Math
- Kandace Bryce, Elementary
- Marthalean Talkalai, principal, Mt. Turnbull Elementary

Dan Hinton: no new teachers

Solomon: no new teachers



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Online Registration:
www.graham.az.gov

Click on:
School Superintendent,
workshops

Dates to remember:
Aug. 2—Back to School Resource Fair at EAC
Aug. 6—Last day to file school district governing board nomination packets
Aug. 27 —Auditor General/ADE training on USFR hosted by the Graham Co. School Office



“What I did over summer vacation...”

A typical Graham County School Office summer agenda usually includes lots of professional development opportunities for our rural educators. This summer was no different! As usual, we started off the summer with the Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy known as SEATA.

⇒ **June 2-5, 2014 SEATA 160 educators, 110 breakout sessions**

This year participants were able to choose from a wide variety of sessions from early childhood to high school chemistry. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we are lining up some “encore” classes based on your requests. This truly was our best year ever, and we have already started planning for next year. ***Please save the date—June 1-4, 2015 at EAC.***

We are also busy preparing for the new school year. Many of our educators are participants in one way or another, in professional learning communities. We know that professional development is only as good as the follow-up and support received by the participants. To that end, we are working on a variety of ways to support educators with new standards implementation. The Graham and Greenlee School Office Education Service Agencies, along with our other East Central Regional Service Center colleagues in Gila and Pinal counties, will continue supporting our local educators through face-to-face, online, and other blended learning opportunities.

Currently we have ten certified Trainer-of-Trainers in both Math and English Language Arts. Our “TOTs” are responsible for providing training in the implementation of the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. Last year we enlisted the help of over 60 teachers, known as “Coaches” throughout Graham and Greenlee counties. We will be communicating our strategy for the next steps through our TOTs and coaches, so you can look forward to that support.

In addition to working on the standards, we have booked the first of two University of Arizona/Thomas R. Brown Foundation Economics workshops. The first one will take place on **Saturday September 13th** in the Graham County General Services Assembly Room. All details, including the intended audience (K-6 or 7-12) will be announced soon. A second workshop will be conducted in the spring of 2015 for a different audience. These are top-notch premium professional development opportunities that cross the curriculum and enhance financial and economic education.

This fall we will also be facilitating a science workshop for our 7th grade science teachers. The date will be announced soon, and you don't want to miss it! Science teachers in grade 7 will walk away with a teaching kit courtesy of Freeport-McMoRan. Kindergarten, 1st, 4th and high school teachers who attended SEATA received their kits earlier this summer. We are extremely appreciative of FMI's efforts to provide our teachers with hands-on science curriculum.

As soon as we have all of our dates, times and locations locked in, you will receive the details on everything available to you through our Graham Co. School Office and through the East Central Regional Service Center as well! Have a fabulous school year.

Grant Opportunities for Teachers from the United Way of Graham County

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 applications 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.

He did it!

Congratulations to Ron Hileman, 4th grade teacher in Duncan! Ron submitted a United Way Education application (Greenlee Co.) at the end of June and recently received word that he was funded! He received \$2,200 to support his after school plant club.

The Graham County School Office will be hosting more grant-writing workshops, similar to what was offered at SEATA.

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.
- **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

August—Wednesdays and Thursdays only

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. 44 W. Congress St. Room 223



State of Arizona
Division of the Secretary of State
Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records

The Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records and Arizona's county libraries are pleased to announce their selection of a new package of informational databases for all Arizonans. The package of electronic library resources will replace the existing group of databases and will be available through the State Library's website (<http://www.azlibrary.gov/dazl>) and the state's public libraries beginning July 1, 2014.

In selecting databases for inclusion in the package, factors included relevancy of the information and ease of use. Databases were included that would meet the needs of K-12 students and their teachers.

Due to a higher cost for this service update, our new subscription options do not provide schools with the ability to set up direct access to the package through a link on each school's individual website, as currently provided.

Educators are encouraged to have students use digital content on the State Library's website or access the databases through their local public library.

For a listing of the resources and additional details, please see this document (<http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/>).

Questions about the package may be addressed to Mary Villegas at mvillegas@azlibrary.gov or 602-926-3604.



The Maker Collection

WNET is a proud partner of the **Maker Party**, an initiative hosted by Mozilla, the MacArthur Foundation, and the National Writing Project in which people around the world meet up, learn to make things, and share what they've made online. This collection is designed to support the Maker Party by providing a one-stop shop of STEM and digital making resources that focus on the problem, technology, or process behind the object creation. Teachers can use the collection, which is categorized into design, how (DIY), arts and crafts, robotics, and engineering subtopics, in conjunction with hands-on activities to further this initiative. az.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/makers



Why Being a Grandma May Be Good for the Brain

Grandmothering, but not too much grandmothering, may be good for your brain, new research suggests. Older adults with large social networks and those who report high levels of participation in social activities, such as volunteer work and visiting friends, have sharper brains and keep them way longer than their peers who are less engaged and less active...

<http://www.nextavenue.org/article/2014-06/why-being-grandma-may-be-good->



26 Items You Need to Survive a Road Trip

Road Trip Nation has compiled a list of packing essentials, from A—Z. Pack these 26 items for your next road trip and you won't be sorry! **Appetite**—get read to eat a lot. You'll be snacking on sunflower seeds as you drive; purchasing chemically loaded snacks you would never, under any circumstances, put in your delicate body; and/or stopping at every fun diner you see. Bring an appetite. And some jogging shoes (life's about balance, right?).



Benefits of Audiobooks for All Readers

Audiobooks can introduce kids to books above their reading level; model good interpretive reading, teach critical listening, highlight the humor in books, introduce new genres and so much more.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/64>



KIP (Kindergarteners in Progress)

ASSET-Eight, Arizona PBS created the "Kindergarteners in Progress" website for preschoolers, their parents, and caregivers. Children and adults will find Kiptown a fun and engaging place to play and learn together. Kiptown contains five locations. Each location in Kiptown provides an opportunity for children to practice a variety of skills to get ready for kindergarten. All the activities in Kiptown are based on Arizona's Early Learning Standards, 3rd Edition.

<http://www.asset.asu.edu/kip/english.html>



FRONTLINE—Nominated for 11 Emmy Awards

FRONTLINE is honored to have received 11 Emmy Award nomination this year. You can watch every single one of our nominated films for free, any time at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/inside-frontline/frontline-nominated-for-11-emmy-awards/?elq=23e05d411d894dea93a1e4b93f8efdac&elqCampaignId=988>



Wild Kratts

Join the adventure of Chris and Martin Kratt as they encounter incredible wild animals, combining science education with fun and adventure, while traveling to animal habitats around the globe. Each adventure explores an age-appropriate science concept central to an animal's life and showcases a never-before-seen-wildlife moment.

<http://pbskids.org/wildkratts/>



PBS LearningMedia™



[Wilson & Ditch](#)

Grades 1-4 | Collection

Join Wilson and Ditch, two gopher brothers with a passion for travel, as they crisscross the country on a quest to learn about each new location they visit.



[National Anthem Mashup](#)

Grades 6-12 | Video

Find out how the DJs of PBS's "Beat Making Lab" use American history to inform and inspire their musical mashups.



[Monumental Science in D.C.](#)

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See what D.C. looks like through the lens of a scientist when you follow Joe Hanson, Ph.D. biologist and tv host, on a tour through the city.

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Tips for Easing Kindergarteners' First-Day Jitters

Over the past 4 weeks, I have published articles in the *Courier* and *Copper Era* offering ideas for parents to help children prepare for kindergarten. Following is a summary of some tips and activities which should reduce fears by preparing our kids in the days leading up to the first day of school.

1. Be aware of your own feelings. Children can sense anxiety and mirror it.
2. Talk with your child about what to expect during the school day. The more details kids know, the less anxious they will feel.
3. Read books together about starting kindergarten. Librarians may offer suggestions.
4. Rehearse for the big day with test-runs of the new routine:
 - a. Wake up with plenty of time to get ready.
 - b. Fix a healthy breakfast together.
 - c. Lay out clothes the night before.
 - d. If your child takes a school bus, walk to the bus stop and talk about boarding and where to sit. If you will drive to school, talk about landmarks along the way.
 - e. Pack a nutritious, tasty lunch and practice opening things together. Remind them that teachers or lunch staff can help if needed.
5. Reassure your child about what will happen after the day is over, including the types of after-school activities they may be involved in.
6. Give your child a family picture to keep in their pocket or backpack, and reassure them about what time you will see them again.
7. Spend extra time on the first day of school, but do not "drag out" saying goodbye. Send them off with a reassuring hug and kiss!
8. Kindergartners sometimes have accidents. Pack an extra pair of clothes and bring it on the first day.
9. Send a message that education is important by getting involved in your child's school activities. Speak regularly with your child's teacher, and if possible, participate in your school's PTO/PTA.
10. Most importantly, celebrate and enjoy this milestone with your child.

By preparing our kids for the first day of school, we can set them on the path to success in kindergarten and beyond!

Submitted by Paulette LeBlanc, Community Outreach Liaison for First Things First.

Teacher Appreciation Night

August 23, 2014

5:00pm - 10:00 pm

Sponsored by TEP

In a night dedicated to educators, Desert Museum staff will showcase 2014-15 school programs. Registered teachers will receive free admission and a \$5.00 dinner voucher for the Ironwood Terraces Grill and 10% off in the Gift Shops.

Guests are welcome at all events.

Guest admission: \$15.50 adults (Arizona or Sonora residents with ID), \$6.00 kids (ages 4-12). Kids 3 and under are free. Museum members: free

More information and registration at: <http://www.desertmuseum.org/visit/teacherapp.php>
All teachers are welcome, however free admission and special offers are limited to preK-12 teachers who have registered.

Program:

- 5:00-6:00 Registration and Check-in on Front Patio
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. ASDM Education Programs Showcase in the Baldwin Education Building
- 5:00-10:00 p.m. Enjoy Summer Saturday Evening at the Museum.

See <http://www.desertmuseum.org/visit/teacherapp.php> for full details

Debbie Colodner
Director of Conservation Education and Science
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
2021 N Kinney Road Tucson, AZ 85743
520-883-3021

Bachelor Degree Opportunities at EAC

High school students, pre-service and in-service educators have many opportunities to plan for and further their education right here at home!

Arizona State University at EAC will be offering a Bachelor of Arts in Education (BAE) in secondary education, starting fall 2015. Secondary education certification will be available for English, mathematics, general science, biology, physics and chemistry.

Learn more at www.transfer.asu.edu

Northern Arizona University has both undergraduate and graduate degrees available through the Thatcher/EAC campus.

Learn more at <https://ec.nau.edu/AZCampuses/Thatcher/>



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In Reply Refer To:
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Dear Interested Parties:

The Bureau of Land Management-Safford Field Office, in partnership with Arizona State Parks, will be hosting a National Public Lands Day (NPLD) event at the Dankworth Indian Village/ Dankworth Pond State Park in Safford, Arizona. The National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single day volunteer effort for public lands and is celebrated annually on a Saturday in late September. The NPLD educates about environment and natural resources and the need for shared stewardship of these irreplaceable lands.

We would like to extend an invitation to any/all groups, organizations or individuals to participate in this event at the Dankworth Indian Village/Dankworth Pond State Park on Saturday, September 27, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. followed by a provided lunch. The Dankworth Indian Village is a re-created archaeological site that features structures of previous cultures from the area. This area was used by Native Americans over 11, 500 years ago, when southeastern Arizona was cooler and wetter than it is today. Volunteers will provide assistance to reconstruct historic sites, install signage and provide trail maintenance.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Christina M. Ramirez at 928-348-4444 or cramirez@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Scott Cooke
Safford Field Manager



CREEK FREAKS

www.creekfreaks.net

Have you always wanted to start an outdoor education program but don't know where to start? Are you looking for exciting hands-on activities for an existing youth program? Have you been looking for a way to share your love of the outdoors with **KIDS** in your community? We have the answer—**CREEK FREAKS!**

Creek Freaks are children ages 10-14 making a **SPLASH** to help the environment. Each session takes students outside to explore local streams and learn how healthy trees, shrubs and grasses protect **CLEAN WATER** and wildlife. Students are then empowered as local stream experts and are encouraged to continue advocating for and working to improve water quality.

Become a Creek Freaks Program Leader—Attend a Workshop

- Set up a Creek Freaks program for youth or students!
- Bring colleagues or volunteers to a local Creek Freaks workshop to learn everything necessary to start your own program.
- No need to be an expert! Workshops provide comprehensive training on curriculum, activities and fun, safe stream exploration.

Register for our Creek Freaks Training Workshop today!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/creek-freaks-training-workshop-safford-az-tickets-12018378293>

September 20th and 21st

9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

BLM Safford Field Office, Safford AZ

For more information, please contact Erin Johnson, Clean Water Fellow, Izaak Walton League, ejohnson@iwla.org 301-548-0150, x 229

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



Information provided by Lori Rubino-Hare,
Professional Development Coordinator Northern
Arizona University Center for Science Teaching and
Learning 928-523-6008
<http://nau.edu/cefns/cst/>

Elementary Engineering Scholarships Sponsored by Raytheon

Put the “E” in STEM Education: Professional Development for Elementary Educators

The Next Generation Science Standards establish engineering as a key part of school STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs. Raytheon Company is pleased to announce a scholarship program to help elementary teachers integrate engineering in their classroom instruction.

The Raytheon-EiE Teacher Scholarship program supports teachers in implementing Engineering is Elementary® (EiE), the nation’s leading elementary engineering curriculum. Each award includes a complete set of EiE curriculum materials plus funds to attend a two-day EiE professional development workshop. The total value of the award is more than \$2,500.

Raytheon-EiE Teacher Scholarships include:

Professional Development

- Registration, travel, and housing to attend a two-day EiE teacher workshop at the Museum of Science, Boston

Curriculum Materials

- EiE Teacher Guide • Materials kit for class of 30 students • Class set of EiE storybooks • Engineering Design Process poster

Application Process

Application opens August 27. Application deadline is October 10.

http://www.formstack.com/forms/eie-raytheoneie_teacher_scholarship_program_fall2014

Applicants must:

- Be a full-time classroom teacher (or science specialist) in grades 1 - 5
- Have a minimum of 3 years teaching experience
- Be teaching full-time as of the application deadline and during the year of the award

A Research-based Curriculum

Engineering is Elementary® is a research-based, classroom-tested curriculum for grades 1 through 5.

- Developed at the Museum of Science, Boston, with support from the National Science Foundation, EiE has already reached more than 52,000 teachers and 4 million children in all 50 states.
- EiE engages elementary students in hands-on, real-world engineering challenges and coordinates with state and national STEM standards.
- EiE was one of the first programs chosen by Change the Equation as part of President Obama’s “Educate to Innovate” campaign.

Learn more at eie.org We put the “E” in STEM education SM EiE is a project of the National Center for Technological Literacy (NCTL) at the Museum of Science, Boston—leading the nationwide effort to enhance engineering and technology knowledge for citizens of all ages and inspire the next generation of engineers, inventors, and innovators. mos.org/nctl



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!

The Home Depot Foundation Community Impact Grants

Deadline: August 15

Grants, up to \$5,000, are available to nonprofit organizations and tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. Priority will be given to volunteer projects that serve veterans and their families.

<http://homedepotfoundation.org/page/applying-for-a-grant>

Afterschool Alliance & Dollar General Afterschool Literacy Award

Deadline: August 15

The Afterschool Alliance and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation are seeking nominations for afterschool programs that have excelled in providing literacy support to middle school students to win the first ever Dollar General Afterschool Literacy Award worth up to \$10,000.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DGALA>

Varkey GEMS Foundation Global Teacher Prize

Deadline: August 31, 2014

Help us find one exceptional educator who deserves to be recognized around the world. The Global Teacher Prize is an annual one million dollar award from the Varkey GEMS Foundation to be given to a super-special teacher.

<http://www.globalteacherprize.org/#about>



Grant Funding Alerts

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

Project Learning Tree GreenSchools Grants

In partnership with the USDA Forest Service

Deadline: September 30, 2014

Amount: Up to \$1,000

Do you have an idea for a school/community native plant garden, a forest improvement project, a streamside restoration plan, a recycling program, or energy conservation project for your students? Need funds to implement it?

<https://www.plt.org/apply-for-greenworks-environmental-education-grant>

Captain Planet Foundation

Deadline: September 30th

Amount: \$500—\$2,500

Grants from the Captain Planet Foundation are intended to: provide hands-on environmental stewardship opportunities for youth; serve as a catalyst to getting environment-based education in schools, etc.

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

Kinder Morgan Foundation K-12 Education, Environmental Education, Arts, and Youth Development Grants

Deadline: 10th of every month Amount: \$1,000—\$5,000

"The Kinder Morgan Foundation believes that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and our mission is to provide them with opportunities to learn and grow. Our goal is to help today's science, math and music students become the engineers, educators and musicians who will support our diverse communities for many years to come. To accomplish this goal, we fund programs that promote the academic and artistic interests of young people in the many cities and towns across North America where Kinder Morgan operates. We provide program support only. The program must benefit youth in grades K-12 only."

<http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/>

Target Field Trip Grants

Deadline: September 30, 2014

Target stores award Field Trip Grants to K-12 schools nationwide. Each grant is valued up to \$700.

<https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants>



Grant Funding Alerts

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

American Library Association Awards for Librarians

Deadline: October 1, 2014* Several grants are included on this site with varying deadlines. Every year, more than \$100,000 is given away through ALSC's professional awards, grants, and scholarships. For the complete list, visit the website:

<http://www.ala.org//alsc/awardsgrants/profawards>

Association of American Educators Foundation Classroom Grants

Deadline: October 1, 2014

The number of classroom grants awarded will depend on the total number of applications. Grants are available for up to \$500. Classroom grants can be used for a variety of project and materials, including but not limited to books, software, calculators, math manipulatives, art supplies, audio-visual equipment, and lab materials.

<http://www.aateachers.org/index.php/classroom-grant-application>

NEA Foundation grants for educators and students

Deadline: October 15, 2014

We support new ideas and practices to strengthen teaching and learning. Our goal is to fund and share successful strategies to educate and prepare students for bright and rewarding futures.

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/grants-to-educators>

Toshiba America Grants for Grades K-5

Deadline: October 15, 2014

Amount: \$1,000

K-5 grade teachers are invited to apply on-line for a \$1,000 Toshiba America Foundation grant to help bring an innovative hands-on project into their own classroom.

<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/k5.jsp>

Thank a Million Teachers Grant Program and Dream Big Teacher Challenge

Deadline: October 30, 2014

The Thank a Million Teachers initiative understands that being underappreciated often means being underfunded too. With this in mind, we have designed two separate grant opportunities. One addresses the everyday classroom needs of teachers and the other is designed to affect schools and community at large.

<https://www.thankamillionteachers.com/submit-a-proposal/>



Grant Funding Alerts

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

American Honda Foundation

Deadline: November 1, 2014

Help meet the needs of American society in the areas of youth and scientific education by awarding grants to nonprofits, while strategically assisting communities in deriving long-term benefits.

<http://corporate.honda.com/america/philanthropy.aspx?id=ahf>

National Science Foundation Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers (ITEST)

Deadline: November 6, 2014

The ITEST program through research and model-building activities seeks to build understanding of best practice factors, contexts and processes contributing to K-12 students' motivation and participation in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) core domains along with other STEM cognate domains.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=5467&org=NSF

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Education Trust Awards

Deadline: November 7, 2014

The Mathematics Education Trust (MET) channels the generosity of contributors through the creation and funding of grants, awards, honors, and other projects that support the improvement of mathematics teaching and learning.

<http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=198>

Westinghouse N-Vision a Brighter Future Educational Grant

Deadline: November 14, 2014

Three schools will be awarded \$1,000 to complete their project by the end of the school year. Another \$2,000 will be granted to each of these school's science department for its needs. Therefore, total grant amount a school will receive is \$3,000.

http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/docs/n_vision_grant.pdf

International Reading Association Awards

Deadline: November 15, 2014 * Several grants are available on this site with varying deadlines. The IRA Award for Technology and Reading honors educators in grades K-12 who are making an outstanding and innovative contribution to the use of technology in reading education.

http://www.reading.org/resources/AwardsandGrants/teachers_presidential.aspx

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>

Whew—you are finally at the end of this newsletter!

Summer Savings for Teachers

(From the *Arizona Republic*)

Lodging Discount: Get a room at Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa; rates start at \$99 a night and include a \$25 gift card to Lakeshore Learning and half-day access for your kids to Sheraton Adventure Club. Valid, based on availability, through Saturday Sept. 6th. Must show teaching credentials. Use rate plan TEACH14. 602-225-0100

Sumdog Contests are back!

Sumdog math contests will resume starting September 5th. The contests run Friday through the next Thursday. Graham and Greenlee teachers and students can pencil in the following dates for this school year:

Sept. 5, 2014 January 30, 2015 April 24, 2015

For information on Sumdog please visit <http://www.sumdog.com>

Win a Lamp-Free Projector

Educators can enter Casio's LampFree Projector Education Grant for a chance to win a Casio Ultra Short Throw projector, worth \$2,000, for their school.

Deadline: December 31, 2014

[Www.casiolampfree.com/educationgrant](http://www.casiolampfree.com/educationgrant)

Chance to Win College Scholarships of Up to \$100,000

Registration has opened for the 2014 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology, administered by Discovery Education. Each year, the program invites high school students nationwide to submit original research projects in math, science and technology for the opportunity to win college scholarships ranging from \$1,000 up to \$100,000. Students can compete as individuals or as members of a team.

Deadline: September 30, 2014

www.discoveryeducation.com/siemenscompetition

Toshiba America Foundation for Grades 6-12

Wanted: Classroom Innovators! Toshiba America Foundation accepts applications from teachers who are passionate about making science and mathematics more engaging for their students.

6-12 Grant requests for \$5,000 or less are accepted on a rolling basis, through the calendar year

6-12 Grant requests for \$5,000 or more are accepted and reviewed twice a year—August 1st and February 1st of each year.

<http://www.toshiba.com/taf/612.jsp>