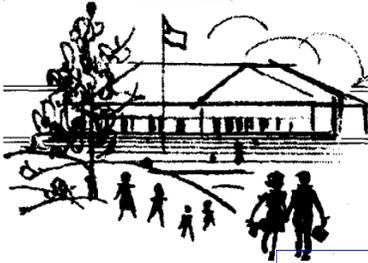


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# Graham County School News



*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](http://www.graham.az.gov)

## Superintendent's Message

Last month I witnessed dozens of students receive scholarships worth more than one million dollars. What a wonderful testament to our students' aptitude for applying themselves, both in the classroom and by taking the time to research these scholarships. Parents, teachers, counselors and administrators should be very proud of their role in getting these young people off to a good start in the pursuit of higher education. Congratulations to all of you!

We just completed the 2014 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy. According to our participants, it was one of the best ever! We implemented a few changes that were very well received such as flexible schedules, more early childhood education and more overall diversity in the session selections.

We kicked off the week with Dr. Nicholas Clement, former superintendent of the Flowing Wells Unified School District and currently serving as the Ernest W. McFarland Citizen's Chair in Education with Northern Arizona University. Dr. Clement brought humor and common sense ideas to his presentation and had the 150 + educators in the audience laughing and already making plans for next year.

Thank you to all who attended, presented sessions and made the effort to become better at what you do!

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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 Dept. of Ed. and the Governor's Office of Education Innovation.*



## Dates to remember:

 **June 12**—Graham County Administrators/County Probation – Courts meet

 **June 14**—Flag Day



*Thank you All for your support in getting THIS FBLA ready for our State Conference.  
A special thanks To Mrs. Wood and Mr. Larson for helping us with our Chapter Poster.*

*THIS did extremely well! We took 21 students and brought home 12 awards!*

*The following are the overall State of Arizona Standings for THIS:*

- 1. CHAPTER POSTER 2<sup>nd</sup> Place*
- 2. Emma Bigler 1<sup>st</sup> Place Marketing*
- 3. Kevin Reed 1<sup>st</sup> Place Marketing*
- 4. Robert Tillman 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Business Procedures*
- 5. Miranda Chavez 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Business Application*
- 6. Anthony Bejarano 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Business Communications*
- 7. Anthony Bejarano 4<sup>th</sup> Place Business Procedures*
- 8. Chase DeSpain 4<sup>th</sup> Place Cyber Security*
- 9. Megan Milton 4<sup>th</sup> Place Management Information System*
- 10. Kelsey Meehl 4<sup>th</sup> Place Management Information System*
- 11. Aleksandra Palmer 4<sup>th</sup> Place Management Information Systems*
- 12. Ashley Smith 5<sup>th</sup> Place Database Design*

*Once Again Thank You for All of you help and support .*

**MARIE JOHNSON THATCHER HIGH SCHOOL BOSAS/FBLA**



## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:certification@azed.gov)**

The Tucson Certification Office NEW Temporary Office Hours

June—Wednesdays and Thursdays ONLY:

July—Wednesdays and Thursdays ONLY

August—TBA



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](mailto:mvillegas@azlibrary.gov) or 602-926-3604.

## Summer Ideal Time to Prepare for Kindergarten Success

By Sam Leyvas, CEO

While most students think of summer as a break from learning, for young kids entering kindergarten, summer is the ideal time to instill the skills that will make the transition to school smoother.

Kindergarten has changed a lot since most of us started school. Today's 5-year-olds are expected to arrive with basic academic and social skills so they are prepared on day one to start learning to read, write and do basic math.

Here's a sample from a list – taken from a recent national survey of kindergarten teachers – of skills that can help ease the transition to kindergarten:

- Child pretends to read. Understands that words are read from left to right. Looks at pictures and tells a story.
- Recognizes own name and tries to write it.
- Counts to 10 and can count objects.
- Pays attention and follows simple directions.
- Can repeat sequences of numbers, sounds and parts of stories.
- Controls a pencil and crayon well. Cuts shapes and pastes them on paper.
- Is potty trained. Dresses self. Brushes own teeth.
- Recognizes authority. Shares with others. Works independently.

As parents, we can use fun, everyday activities to help our kids develop basic skills to build on and prepare them for kindergarten success. First Things First has a [tip sheet](#) to help parents prepare their kids over the summer for their first day of school. Tips range from reading and playing every day and ensuring kids get all their check-ups to practicing new routines and reducing first day anxiety. These resources can be found at [azfff.gov](http://azfff.gov) in the Parent Section under Early Education.

The #1 tip? Read, talk, sing and play with your kids!

Even if you don't have kindergarteners this year, it's never too early to start helping kids prepare. Children who have positive early childhood experiences tend to score higher on school readiness assessments and are more likely to do well in school and graduate.

By turning everyday moments into learning moments, we can send our children to school with the skills– and the love of learning – that will help them succeed in kindergarten and beyond!

They did it!

The Freeport-McMoRan Foundation announced the following information at their quarterly Community Partnership Panel meeting:

98 Mini-Grants, totaling \$49,700 in funding were awarded to schools in communities near Freeport-McMoRan operations in North America.

Graham County recipients were:

- ⇒ Dan Hinton School—*Puppet Theater*
- ⇒ Fort Thomas—*Microscopes*
- ⇒ Safford Lafe Nelson—*Weather Across the Country and Clicker Project*
- ⇒ Pima Schools—*College and Career Readiness Website*
- ⇒ Safford Middle School—*Books for students*

Several grant opportunities are out there waiting for you to apply!

Go for it!

The 2014 Graham County Community Investment Grants will be awarded in August. The next application deadline is May 1, 2015.

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## **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



Hello,

The end-of-year whirlwind is rapidly approaching. Before the school year slips away, we want to ask you to mark your calendar to join us in July for Educator Appreciation month, when all K-12 Arizona teachers and administrators can visit the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) for free\*.

Current Arizona K-12 grade teachers, school and district administrators, registered student teachers, teacher's aides and homeschool educators are invited to familiarize themselves with MIM's school-group tours and other educational resources.

Educators are also invited to attend one of our special Teachers' Preview Days on July 19 and 27. Over light refreshments and live musical performances, teachers will be able to:

- See a performance by artist in residence Step's Junk Funk
- Take a sneak peek at MIM's newest school tour option and see demonstrations of our Science Curriculum
- Learn about Common Core and Arizona State Standards curricula available to use with their students pre- and post-visit
- Receive information about grant opportunities
- Win great prizes including: concert tickets, MIM gift cards, dinner at local restaurants, supplies for your classroom, and more

New This Year! For every colleague you bring to Teacher Preview Days, you will each receive an additional entry for a chance to win great prizes. [Register now!](#)

We are pleased to share with you that MIM reached its 100,000-student milestone on March 26. Our current projections are that 33,500 students will visit MIM as part of a 2014 field trip. We hope you will be among those participants.

Please visit [our event webpage](#) in the coming months for the latest information.

With regards,

Carly Ofsthun

Education Manager

*\*During the entire month of July, Arizona K–12 educators, administrators, principals, registered student teachers, and homeschool educators will receive free museum admission with a school ID, fingerprint clearance, or affidavit of intent.*

**Eight Educational Outreach Professional Development Team**

[asset@asu.edu](mailto:asset@asu.edu)

602-496-1104

## SELECT Summer 2014 at a Glance

**SELECT** (*Special Education Learning Experiences for Competency in Teaching*) is a federally funded program sponsored by the Arizona Department of Education and offered by Northern Arizona University. **SELECT** courses are recommended for special and general education teachers, administrators, related service personnel, paraeducators, and other interested individuals. Certified school personnel can take **SELECT** classes for renewal hours. **SELECT** classes can be taken for university credit for those teachers or administrators who are required by their school districts to have official transcripts and for those who may need to transfer hours out of state. The classes can also be taken for professional growth contact hours for free.

All **SELECT** classes are taught online and are three (3) credit hours or forty-five (45) contact hours. **SELECT** classes are graduate level – students should contact **SELECT** for a syllabus to plan ahead to meet the work load.

### **ESE 501 Exceptional Children in Regular Programs**

ESE 501 Autism	Sharon Makhoul	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2050
ESE 501 Autism	Sharon Makhoul	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2055

### **ESE 502 Behavior Management in Special Education**

ESE 502 Autism/Bipolar/ADHD Carolyn Miller		6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2056
ESE 502 Differentiating Emotional Disabilities and Behavioral Disorders	Edward O’Neill	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2057
ESE 502 Autism/Bipolar/ADHD Carolyn Miller		7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2058
ESE 502 Differentiating Emotional Disabilities And Behavioral Disorders	Edward O’Neill	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2059

### **ESE 504 Methods and Materials in Special Education**

ESE 504 Assistive Technologies	Matthew Press	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2060
ESE 504 Common Core Standards	Leila Williams	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2061
ESE 504 Early Childhood Social Emotional Development	Jenning Prevatte	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2063
ESE 504 Early Childhood Instructional Strategies			
Aligned with Common Core Standards	Lauren Zbyszinski	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2066
ESE 504 Family Centered Practices	Lisa Lacy	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2070
ESE 504 Implementing Effective Co-Teaching Practices in the Classroom	Kira Shank	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2076
ESE 504 Reading Skills Children’s Literature			
Aligned with Common Core Standards	Autumn Cardott	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2077
ESE 504 Research Based Math			
Aligned with Common Core Standards	Sharon Makhoul	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2078
ESE 504 Early Childhood Instructional Strategies			
Aligned with Common Core Standards	Lauren Zbyszinski	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2079
ESE 504 Family Centered Practices	Lisa Lacy	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2080
ESE 504 Reading Skills Children’s Literature			
Aligned with Common Core Standards	Autumn Cardott	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2081
ESE 504 Research Based Math			
Aligned with Common Core Standards	Sharon Makhoul	7-7-14 to 8-5-14	Class #: 2082

### **ESE 505 Consultation Techniques in Special Education**

ESE 505 Individual Education Plan Process			
Aligned with Common Core Standards	Laurie Dietz	6-2-14 to 7-1-14	Class #: 2083

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## SELECT Summer 2014 at a Glance (continued)

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### **ESE 505 Consultation Techniques in Special Education**

ESE 505 Individual Education Plan Process

Aligned with Common Core Standards Laurie Dietz 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2084

### **ESE 506 Administration and Supervision of Special Education**

ESE 506 Compliance on a Shoestring for

Small Schools and Charters Edward O'Neill 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2085

ESE 506 Introduction to Special Education

Administration Maria Berecin-Rascon 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2087

ESE 506 Compliance on a Shoestring for

Small Schools and Charters Edward O'Neill 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2088

ESE 506 Finance for Special Education Directors Maria Berecin-Rascon 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2089

ESE 506 Legal Aspects and Compliance Jane Rupard 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2102

### **ESE 509 Foundations of Special Education**

ESE 509 Autism Rene Villalva 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2090

ESE 509 Early Childhood Autism Autumn Cardott 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2091

ESE 509 Early Childhood Development

And Learning Laurie Dietz 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2093

ESE 509 Early Childhood Language Development Deb Mikkelsen-Shuga 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2094

ESE 509 Traumatic Brain Injuries

And Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Stephanie Beckert 6-2-14 to 7-1-14 Class #: 2095

ESE 509 Autism Rene Villalva 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2096

ESE 509 Early Childhood Autism Autumn Cardott 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2097

ESE 509 Early Childhood Development

And Learning Laurie Dietz 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2098

ESE 509 Early Childhood Language Development Deb Mikkelsen-Shuga 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2099

ESE 509 Traumatic Brain Injury

And Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Stephanie Beckert 7-7-14 to 8-5-14 Class #: 2100

### **SELECT courses can be taken for renewal hours for credit or for professional growth contact hours.**

Classes can be taken for credit if your district requires an official transcript or if you may wish to use hours in another state. If you have any questions about renewal requirements, please contact the Arizona Department of Education Certification Office in Phoenix at (602) 542-4367 or Online at: <http://www.azed.gov/> or Email: <http://www.azed.gov/about-ade/question/>. **SELECT** courses may not apply to a degree program without prior approval from your academic advisor.

The deadline for Professional Growth enrollment is **two weeks** prior to the class start date.

**Enrollment Information:** Online: <http://nau.edu/SBS/IHD/Programs/SELECT-Program/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SELECTProgram> Email: [select@nau.edu](mailto:select@nau.edu)

Phone: 928-523-1809 or 520-879-7924; Fax: 928-523-9127 Write to: NAU / **SELECT** Program; PO Box 5630; Flagstaff, AZ 86011

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](http://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](http://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



## 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](http://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 Ben Cohen StandUp Foundation**

**Deadline: June 30**

The Ben Cohen StandUp Foundation supports organizations and projects that help stop bullying, help those hurt by bullying and/or help increase equality and diversity in sports.

<http://www.standupfoundation.com/grants/requesting-funding/>

### **True Hero Competition**

**Deadline: June 30**

True Hero grants cash awards to high school, college and qualified non-profit community youth organizations that sponsor service trips and volunteer activities for students. The cash awards enable more schools to continue their learning programs and offer a life changing experience to those students who participate.

<http://www.truehero.org/>

### **Interdependence Project Art into Action; Action into Art Contest**

**Deadline: June 30**

The International Interdependence Hexagon Project is a visual arts opportunity for young people ages 8 to 18 worldwide. The project asks young people to create art within the infinitely inter-linking shape of a hexagon—a metaphor for interconnectedness. Related lesson plans are available for teachers, who may submit up to 20 entries from students.

<http://hexagonproject.org/>

## 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](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](http://www.roboticseducation.org)  
[www.robotevents.com](http://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>