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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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Please visit our website
www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

March "blew" right by us, but not without stirring up dozens of activities. School-wide science fair competitions were held and the winners went to the regional competition at Discovery Park. Did you know that it takes 22 balloons to float a hamster? That's just one thing I learned while assisting with judging!

While watching the legislature to stay on top of the ever-changing status of education, our educators proceeded with the spring testing, parent conferences and then they were free to enjoy some respite with spring break.

We hosted the Arizona Dept. of Education Certification Unit and about 40 people took advantage of the onsite visit. We also debriefed the inaugural SciTech Festival held in conjunction with Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center's Health Fair. It was a resounding success and will definitely take place again next year.

I was pleased to speak to this year's Boys and Girls State delegates who were honored at the annual banquet sponsored by the American Legion. I also had the pleasure of delivering the copies of *AZ: Nations and Art* to all Graham Co. 4th graders. This book is provided for free by the Annika Benning family. Happy Spring!

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Dates to remember:

April 7—An Evening with ASU—learn more about ASU bachelor degrees @ EAC (more inside)

April 17—Charity auction @ Graham Co. Ag Building to benefit 4-H, Search & Rescue, Boys & Girls Club, Knights of Columbus and S.E.A.C.U.S. Meals on Wheels program. 4:00 p.m.

April—22 Auditor General training for business office officials

April 24—Safford Rotary Invitational Track Meet @ SHS

April 28—Graham/Greenlee Administrators training

June 1-4—SEATA

The Graham County General Services Building is open Monday—Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Save your SEAT at SEATA

Preregistration for the 2015 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA) has begun.

Please mark June 1-4, 2015

on your calendar and plan to attend!

SEATA will be held on the Eastern Arizona College campuses and is free to Graham and Greenlee County educators. Out of county teachers are invited to attend for just \$50 per day. We will have professional development opportunities for everyone from preschool to high school educators.

Dr. Nic Clement is returning and he will present another great keynote address. Many of your favorite presenters are returning along with some new people and new topics. You can look forward to STEM, Social Studies, English Language Arts, Art Integration, Economics, and much, much more.

Preregistration is now open:

<http://www.graham.az.gov/schoolsuperintendent/workshops/SEATA-Registration/>

We look forward to seeing you at SEATA!



- ⇒ Increase employment opportunities
- ⇒ Decrease college or technical training costs.

Gila Institute for Technology

GIFT now registering for 2015-2016

Central Programs Offered

Allied Health - Certified Nursing Assistant - Lab Assistant

Sports Medicine and Rehab Therapies - Cosmetology - Drafting

Individual Programs

Welding - Autos - Media - Computers - Fire Science
Graphic Design - Law Enforcement - Pharmacy Technician -
Web Design - Machine Shop - Industrial Electrician -
Early Childhood Education

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 21
 - ◇ Must meet the program entrance requirements
- ◇ High school graduates, give us a call to see if you qualify

Submitted by Paulette LeBlanc

First Things First Community Outreach Coordinator

***First Things First Celebrates National Week of the Young Child
Celebrating our Youngest Learners***

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 12-18. The organization 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 Our Youngest Learners? 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



Free Distance Learning Programs Available from the Phoenix Zoo

Thanks to generous funding from APS Foundation we are able to offer free distance learning programs that broadcast into your classroom. **Phoenix Zoo Distance Learning** broadcasts include live animals, engaging and inquiry-based activities that are designed to complement classroom Academic Standards. The only technology you need to receive a program from us is internet access, a projector and computer, and speakers for sound. We also do have limited funds to help with renting technology, as needed. For more information visit on our programs visit <http://phoenixzoo.org/camps-programs/outreach/>. For questions regarding the scholarships or to book a program call our Reservations Department at 602.914.4333.



Take Your Classroom on an Interactive Journey Through a Working Copper Mine

Did you miss our live Virtual Field Trip? No problem! Relive the live event NOW; at the Dig Into Mining: The Story of Copper field trip archive at

[http://www.digintomining.com/virtualfieldtrips?
utm_source=DiscoveryEducation&utm_medium=vftarchive_12.8.14_optin&ut
m_campaign=Freeport](http://www.digintomining.com/virtualfieldtrips?utm_source=DiscoveryEducation&utm_medium=vftarchive_12.8.14_optin&utm_campaign=Freeport)

Visit this website for a variety of family and educator resources that gives middle school students a real-world look into how the earth's resources shape the world geologically, societally and economically.



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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



WRITERS CONTEST

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, 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 17, 2015.

To Enter:

Each participant and his or her parent/guardian must completely fill out, print and submit the online entry form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19zz5UeG_HtcevBIR4TO0rQBbhQNMHnPzbPY8du0sliQ/viewform

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 PBS Writers Contest rules at http://www.asset.asu.edu/new/writers_contest/pbs_writing_contest.html

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



PBS KIDS Premieres "CURIOUS GEORGE SWINGS INTO SPRING" on Earth Day

This Earth Day, PBS KIDS invites viewers to join America's favorite monkey for a new CURIOUS GEORGE special: CURIOUS GEORGE SWINGS INTO SPRING. From spring fever to spring cleaning, from a canoe ride to a hot air balloon journey, George and his friends get viewers ready to explore the outdoors this Earth Day. The one-hour adventure premieres Monday, April 22 and will repeat Friday, April 26 and throughout the weekend (check local listings).

"As the number one preschool program,* CURIOUS GEORGE is a family favorite that brings science and engineering concepts to life," said Lesli Rotenberg, General Manager, Children's Programming, PBS.

"At PBS KIDS, our goal is to encourage kids' natural thirst for learning, so we are excited to offer CURIOUS GEORGE SWINGS INTO SPRING, which will take families on a science adventure that will inspire them to go outside and explore the world around them."

Did you know....

A wide variety of services are available to families in Graham County. Parents often turn to teachers for information, so please share these resources!

Strong Families AZ— www.strongfamiliesaz.com

Information on home visiting programs, warm line for new parents, children's services, AZ Dept. of Child Safety, AzEIP for AZ Early Intervention Programs, DES, Birth to Five Helpline, Brain Injury Alliance of AZ, Buckle Up Baby Campaign, Child Care Resource & Referral, Child Help USA, DNA Diagnostics Center, Governor's Council of Highway Safety (car seat fitting, etc.), Graham Co. Health Dept., Graham/Greenlee Resource Guide, Health Care Resources, Healthy Babies, ADHS, HopeLine from Verizon, KIDSCARE II, Office of Newborn Screening, ADHS, Poison Control Center, Pregnancy & Breastfeeding Hotline/Baby Arizona, Pregnancy Riskline, Vital Records, and more.

First Things First Graham / Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Programs

All Children Will Enter Kindergarten Healthy and Ready to Succeed

Programs available in the Graham /Greenlee region:

Parent Kit: Who? All parents of newborns residing in Graham/Greenlee Counties

Where? Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center—Contact Nicole Mortensen 928-348-4188

Quality First: Who? Licensed and/or certified early care education programs

Contact: Natalie Phillips 520-494-5025

Early Childhood Literacy Project: Who? All children from birth to 5 and their parents in G/G Counties

Contact: Safford City/Graham County Library—Giane Powell 928-348-3202

Child Care Scholarships: Who? Families who qualify for child care and on DES waiting list

Contact: Valley of the Sun/United Way—Yvette Leon 602-631-4854

Home Visitation: Who? At-risk families in need of additional support, identified via screening

Contact: Michelle Pursley 928-428-7231

Nutrition: Who? Families with birth through age five children who qualify for WIC

Contact: Our Neighbor's Pantry 928-428-3788

Oral Health: Who? Children ages 1-5 and pregnant mothers who do not have access to dental care

Contact: U of A Cooperative Extension—Cindy Pearson 928-428-2611

For more information, contact Shari Elkins, Regional Director at selkins@azftf.gov or Paulette LeBlanc at pleblanc@aznex.net

Visit First Things First at www.azftf.gov

Ready for School. Set for Life.

FAMILY SERVICE & EDUCATION

Child & Family Resources
Healthy Families (home visiting program)
First Steps 928-428-7231

Head Start
 Easter Seals Blake Foundation Early Head Start 928-348-8825 x 11
 Sierra Bonita Head Start 928-428-0455
 Palomita Children's Center 928-428-0363
 Duncan Head Start 928-359-2872
 Pima Head Start 928-485-3024

Specialized Programs
 AZ EIP www.azdes.gov/azeip
 The Parent Connection/Arizona's Children Association 928-428-0711
 New Visions for Families 520-327-1529
 Caring Connections for Special Needs 520-686-1661
 The Birth to Five Help Line 1-877-705-5437
 Raising Special Kids 1-800-327-3007
 SEACUS (Southeastern AZ Community Unique Services) 928-428-3229
 Child Support Enforcement 928-428-3085
 or 928-428-3084
 Transitional Living Services/AZCA 480-247-1413



FAMILY SERVICE & EDUCATION

DES Childcare Admin 928-428-3002
 Quality First 520-494-5025

Pre-School and Childcare
Graham County
 Brighter Day Preschool 928-485-2759
 Bulldog Boulevard 928-348-7050 x8
 Dorothy Stinson Preschool 928-348-7010
 Mt. Graham High School Child Care 928-348-7087
 First United Methodist Preschool/Child Care 928-428-1167
 Busy Bee Preschool 928-428-8707
 Little Learners Preschool 928-428-6927
 Jump Start to Kindergarten 480-252-6767
 Happy Times Preschool 928-792-3668
 Shining Stars Preschool 928-348-0143
 Solomon Preschool 928-428-0477
 Bright Beginnings (Pima)

Greenlee County
 Morenci Early Learning Center 928-865-7270
 Bright Horizons Child Care Center 928-865-0631
 Child Care Resources & Referral Center 1-800-308-9000



HEALTH

Public Health Department
 Graham County Health Department
Family Planning, Immunizations & Birth Certificates 928-428-0110
 Greenlee County Health Department
Family Planning, Immunizations & Birth Certificates
 Clifton 928-865-2601
 Duncan 928-359-2866
 WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program
Family Planning, Immunizations & Birth Certificates
 Graham 928-428-7690
 Greenlee - Clifton ... 928-865-2601
 Duncan 928-359-2866

Hospital Services
 Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center 928-348-4000
 Pre-Natal Classes 928-348-4185
 Breastfeeding Support Group 928-348-4185

Mental Health Assistance
 Southeastern AZ Behavioral Health Services (SEABHS)
 Graham 928-428-4550
 Greenlee 928-865-4531
 Arizona Counseling & Treatment Services (ACTS)
 Graham 928-792-4242
 Greenlee 928-792-2661

Centpatco 24 Hour Crisis Line
 Nurse Wise 1-866-495-6735



HEALTH

Medical Clinics
 Canyonlands Healthcare
 Safford 928-428-1500
 Clifton 928-865-2500
 Duncan 928-359-1380
 Family Medical Center ... 928-348-2151
 Gila Health Services
 Safford 928-424-2110
 Morenci 928-865-9184
 Gila Valley Clinic 928-428-1377
 Pediatrics - Dr. Keith 928-428-1377
 Kacey Ekman - PNP 928-428-1377
 Mt. Graham Family Practice 928-428-3122
 REX OB/GYN 928-424-4444
 Oral Health Program 928-428-2611
 Outpatient Therapy Dept - Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy 928-348-4000 x3888

Developmental Disabilities
 Intellectual disabilities, Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Epilepsy 928-428-3003
 Graham County Rehabilitation Center 928-428-7968

Self-Help Programs
 Chronic Disease Self-Management Program and Graham Alliance on Tobacco Education 928-348-8777
 AshLine (Tobacco Cessation) 1-800-556-6222
 Arizona Postpartum Depression Warmline 1-888-434-MOMS
 TEXT4BABY (for baby information age 0-1) Text "BABY" to 511411



**2015 Eastern Arizona Regional
Science Fair Competition Results
Hosted by The EAC Discovery Park Campus**

High School

Earth Science

1 st	Reyna Cerna Hannah Thomas Jose Saiz	DHS	"Crystal-ology"
2 nd	Heidi Corado Colin Decker	DHS	"Batter Up"
3 rd	Jazmin Fowler Richard Chavez	DHS	"Mouse Sized Motor"

Life Science

1 st	Adrienne Wakefield Kelley Motes Drew Hunsaker	THS	"The Science Behind M3"
2 nd	Brianna Foraker Corrie Hawkins Eric Allred	THS	"Is Diet Soda Really Better for You?"
3 rd	Chris Morgan	DHS	"Bright Eyed and Bloody Tailed"
H.M.	Matthew Lunt Makenna Merrill	DHS	"Is it in you? Just Dew It!"

Physical Science

1 st	Cassie Ahrens Candace Johnson	DHS	"Hairspray Flammability"
2 nd	Shane Skinner Gavin Windsor	THS	"Say No to Air Flow"
3 rd	Katelynn Claridge Emily Clouse Cloe Hilton	DHS	"Oobleck Vs. Flubber"
H.M.	Xavier Sturdivant Zachery Basteen	DHS	"Sugar Rocket Vs. D6-4 Rocket"

Best Overall High School Project:

Adrienne Wakefield THS "The Science Behind M3"

Kelley Motes

Drew Hunsaker

Congratulations to all students who participated in the science fairs!

Students & Teachers! You are Invited to Attend Eastern Arizona College's 39th Annual Skills Day Competitions!

When: Tuesday April 14, 2015

(The deadline to register is Tuesday April by 4:00 p.m.!)

This fun-filled morning is similar to FBLA or SkillsUSA except it is on a more personal scale—and the price is right! There is absolutely no charge to enter your students into the competitions. EAC President Mark Bryce will host a continental breakfast and lunch for those in attendance. Each participant also receives an oh-so-cool Skills Day T-shirt.

Contest Categories:

Allied Health First Aid / CPR on Resusci Anne * Art * Automotive * Business * Chemistry *
Computers

There is a new computer contest this year: TCP/IP Networking Challenge

Students will learn computer networking, then they will part as an individual or team to set up a working network! Contests will also be offered in CAD-drafting, graphic design, languages (French and Spanish), welding, and small/large woodworking.

There will be a total of 40 contests!

The Automotive Department will host an antique car show in conjunction with Skills Day. This popular event usually brings 40+ vehicles to South Campus.

Electrical and Instrumentation, Media Communications and Sports Studies will also host Open Houses in their respective areas.

Three new, fun photo opportunity boards will be set up on North, Middle and South Campuses. EAC is also offering Text Message Jeopardy. Students will use their phones in a constructive way and have an opportunity to win prizes.

To view contest flyers and Skills Day at-a-glance, please go to

www.eac.edu/skillsday

Remember, the deadline to register is April 7th by 4:00 p.m. Registration is through each high school CTE Director or their designated person. Skills Day is funded in part through the Carl Perkins grant.

Inquiries are welcome! Please contact Gayrene Claridge, EAC Skill Day Coordinator, at gayrene.claridge@eac.edu, or at 928-428-8341

EAC Discovery Park Campus
Saturday Evening Lecture series
2014- 2015 Schedule

April 11, 2015—Clay James “Calling All Critter Callers”

“SATURDAY SCIENCE CAMPS” ARE BACK!

Saturday April 11, 2015

High School

Please contact Paul Anger at 928-428-6260 for more information about these popular science camps for kids!

The **EAC Discovery Park Campus** is available to help you have a fun, safe and educational science field trip, and best of all....***there’s no cost!***

The EAC Discovery Park Campus is available by reservation for field trips on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(The usual time frame for a field trip is about 2-3 hours.) Scheduling a field trip is easy! Just call or email us with: *preferred date *grade level(s) *number of students *your available time frames *lessons, either “Habitat” or “Astronomy.”

In addition to these field trips, EAC Discovery Park offers a variety of educational opportunities and activities that are not found anywhere else!

- ⇒ Amazing artifacts and photographs from the **Graham County Historical Society**
- ⇒ An display describing the **Electromagnetic spectrum** and light and energy
- ⇒ We have our friends **Galileo Galilei, Isaac Newton, and Albert Einstein** to help us follow the interesting **“History of Astronomy”**
- ⇒ We also have the world’s largest permanently mounted **Camera Obscura**
 - ⇒ We have the research-grade **20” Tinsley Telescope**

Please feel free to contact Jackie at the EAC Discovery Park Campus at 928-428-6260 or discoverypark@eac.edu



Free E-Rate Consultant Services

Milan Eaton is the new “State E-Rate Coordinator for Schools” in Arizona. His goal is for every school in the state to receive a fair share of E-Rate funds through the USAC (Universal Services Administration Company). During the month of January, he plans to visit every county in the state to offer assistance with the Schools/Districts in the area. The Federal Communications Commission has recently updated its E-rate program to focus on expanding Wi-Fi networks in schools, especially small, rural schools. Mr. Eaton invites all schools and districts to visit the State E-Rate Website and join the E-Rate mailing list. His website address is: <http://www.azed.gov/erate/2014/09/10/join-our-e-rate-email-list/>

Mr. Eaton can also be reached at:

Arizona Department of Education

Information Technology

602-542-3595

Save the Date! An Evening with ASU

What: An Evening with ASU

When: Tuesday April 7, 2015 from 4:30—6:00 p.m.

Where: EAC Activities Center

Gila Galiuro Room

RSVP to Kelly Robles at Kelly.robles@asu.edu

Earn your ASU Bachelor’s Degree at EAC

Arizona State University and Eastern Arizona College have a partnership focused on helping you earn a bachelor’s degree—without leaving The Gila Valley.

⇒ BA Organizational Leadership

⇒ BSN Nursing

⇒ BLS Liberal Studies

⇒ BAS Operations Management

⇒ BAE Secondary Education

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 provides grant support to nonprofit organizations 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.

**Have you written your
grant yet?**

For assistance with your grant, please contact Paulette LeBlanc at
pleblanc@aznex.net



Grant Funding Alerts

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

Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Grants

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

Please visit www.freeportinmycommunity.com

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!

Sponsor: U.S. General Services Administration

Name: Computers for Learning

Who: Schools and educational nonprofits

Amount: based on need **Cost Share:** None **Deadline:** rolling

Description: Computers for Learning (CFL) program allows schools and educational nonprofits to view and select computer equipment that federal agencies have reported as excess. The CFL program includes making modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom, connecting classrooms to the national infrastructure, providing teachers with the professional development they need to use new technologies effectively, and encouraging the use of innovative educational software.

Link: http://computersforlearning.gov/html/hp_aboutprogram.htm

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."

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

Name: Actuarial Foundation: Advancing Student Achievement (ASA) Grant

Who: To benefit grades 4-12

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: Open

Description: Supports math enhancement programs that bridge the gap between classroom and real world mathematics for grades 4-12 students in U.S. public and private schools. Programs eligible for support may include, but are not limited to, clubs, competitions, before and after school programs, classroom extension periods, etc. Funded programs must impact 20 to 25 students and meet a minimum of one time per month. **Link:**

http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/teachers/what_asa_grant.shtml

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>

2015 Champion Creatively Alive Children by Crayola LLC

Deadline: June 22, 2015

This grant program offered by Crayola LLC in conjunction with the National Association of Elementary School Principals. These grants will be awarded to 20 elementary schools that form a collaborative team and create an art-infused education program. Application requirements, past winners, and a free professional development program can all be found on the Crayola website at

<http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/>

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>

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>

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

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Name: Annenberg Foundation

Who: Areas of arts, culture and humanities, civic and community, environment, education, and human health and wellness

Amount: \$10,000 - \$100,000

Deadline: Rolling

Link: <http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/grantmaking/how-to-apply>

Name: Arthur Vining Davis Foundations **Who:** Projects for improving teaching

Amount: \$100,000-\$200,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Projects may cover a wide range of initiatives intended to improve teaching. For example, projects might be designed to improve professional development for in-service and pre-service teachers, strengthen teaching skills, support practical research in teacher and high school education, or encourage innovative use of technology and new techniques for presentation of classroom materials in high schools

Link: www.avdf.org

Name: Ceres Foundation Grants

Who: For benefit of disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families

Amount: Up to \$240,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: To expand opportunities for disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families to develop and make full use of their potential, so that they will be able to earn decent livings, enjoy healthy relationships, pursue their ambitions, and participate in their communities.

Link: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/ceres/>

Name: JP Morgan Chase Grants

Who: Open for non-profit organizations

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Create Pathways to Opportunity - a holistic approach to ensure that individuals have access to the knowledge, skills, resources, and capital they need to secure their futures and compete in the global economy.

Link: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs.htm>

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

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>

KaBOOM! Spruce Project Grants

Deadline: Rolling

Are you itching to serve? Organize your friends, clean up a playground, and you can become 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>

Name: Little Kids Rock Music Professional Development & Equipment Program

Who: Public school districts

Amount: Varies **Deadline:** Rolling

Description: Teachers receive training & donation of curricula, instruments and other resources so that they can launch Modern Band music programming for students at their schools. Partners with public school districts in some of the nation's most economically disadvantaged communities with the goal of ensuring that all students (K-12) have access to music education and its many benefits. Teachers apply to be trained to use our innovative and transformational methodology. After their training is complete, teachers receive a donation of curricula, instruments and other resources so that they can launch Modern Band music programming for students at their schools

Link: <http://www.littlekidsrock.org/the-program/how-it-works/>

Name: Toyota USA Foundation: STEM Grants

Who: Schools, organizations to improve STEM education

Amount: \$200,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: To improve k-12 education by supporting innovative programs in the areas of math, science, and environmental science.

Link: <http://toyota.com/about/philanthropy/guidelines/index.html>

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Sponsor: Major League Baseball and Major League Baseball Players Association

Name: Baseball Tomorrow Fund

Who: Youth programs

Cost Share: None Shown **Amount:** Typically \$50,000-\$100,000

Deadline: Quarterly

Description: To promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball around the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, uniforms, and equipment. Grants are intended to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Supports projects that meet the following evaluation criteria: increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs; improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs.

Link: eb.mlbcommunity.org/index.jsp?content=programs&program=baseball_tomorrow_fund

Youth and Community Development Grants

Sponsor: Office Depot Foundation

Deadline: Monthly **Amount:** \$50-\$3,000

Description: The Foundation provides funding to the following program areas: 1. Giving Children Tools for Success—Supporting activities that give young people tools to succeed in the school and in life through education and inspiration. 2. Building Capacity to Serve Communities—Supporting programs that help non-profit organizations to serve the needs of their communities efficiently and effectively. 3. Disaster Preparedness, Relief, Recovery and Rebuilding....

<http://officedepotfoundation.org>

For children,

PLAY

is as natural as breathing—

AND AS NECESSARY.

ANYONE WHO

stops learning

is old, whether at twenty or eighty.

ANYONE WHO

keeps learning

stays young.

MIMI BRODSKY CHENFELD
U.S. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR AND AUTHOR

HENRY FORD
FOUNDER OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY

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

Sumdog Contests are back!

Sumdog math contests have started again! The contests run Friday through the next Thursday. Graham and Greenlee teachers and students can pencil in the following dates for this school year:

April 24, 2015

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

Arizona Community Foundation Scholarships

The Arizona Community Foundation is now inviting Arizona high school seniors, current students at colleges and vocational-technical schools and graduate-level students to apply for college scholarship funding available for the 2015-2016 academic year. Completing just one application automatically matches students with every scholarship opportunity for which they qualify from among ACF's 80 awards.

<https://azfoundation.academicworks.com/>

Volunteer Opportunities at Discovery Park

Every Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the Greenhouse at Discovery Park will be open for people to come in, say "hi" and volunteer a bit of their time helping to grow native plants for various restoration projects in our area. This is also a great time to ask questions about the status of the Gila River Restoration Project headed by the Gila Watershed Partnership.

For more information or alternate hours, contact:

Justin Johnson, Plant Propagation Coordinator, Gila Watershed Partnership

605-270-3201 or jjohnson.gwp@gmail.com

USDA—Safford Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest

The District is hosting the United States Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program. They will be hiring 10 young individuals (5 men and 5 women), 15 to 18 years of age as of the first day of work.

The program will begin on June 1, 2015 and will continue through July 25, 2015 (8 weeks).

To obtain an application, contact Kimberly Termain at Graham One Stop, 1910 Thatcher Blvd.

Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-6932 ex. 302

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