



# Graham County School News



*Graham County School Superintendent*

*Donna M. McGaughey*

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[www.graham.az.gov](http://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. New teacher information as of August 6th:



### **Safford**

- Charlotte Carter—1st
- Madison Monaghan—1st
- Sarah Garcia—2nd
- Travis Beck—3rd
- Kinsey Barrett—4th
- Sheri Camarena—4th
- Jacob DeVoogd—4th
- Alise Wren—5th
- John Moeggenberg—6th
- Kathy Alexander—Title I
- Laura Oaks—MS Sci.
- Eric Johnston—HS Math
- Robert Davis—HS Math
- Kayla Pearce—HS Sci.
- Morgan Rodgers—HS Sci.
- Brian Bruessel—HS Sci.
- Glynn McGowan—Spec. Ed.
- Jordan Keith—Choir



### **Fort Thomas**

- Larry Black—Ag
- John Bryant—Science
- Molli Haught—Elementary
- Michelle Hoshal—Elementary
- Delphina Kenton—Elementary
- Mathew Leavitt—Math
- Kerri Napier—Library



**Welcome!**

### **Thatcher**

- Kylee Hawkins—4th
- Calvin Johnson—6th
- Renee Herbert—MS Eng.
- Spencer Lamoreaux—MS Eng.
- Leah Meehl—MS Art
- Camille Smith—MS Science
- Sean Hinton—HS P.E.
- Derek Romney—HS P.E.
- Janiel McNeill—HS P.E.
- Chris Kelliher—HS Science
- Katie McMullin—HS English
- Kelly VanShaar—HS CTE

### **Pima**

- Janelle Reidhead—Kindergarten
- Jonell Conway—4th
- Cory Bennett—4th
- Bonni James—MS Reading/Writing
- Daneece Cluff—Graphic Design
- Tawnie Anger—HS Sci. / History

### **Triumphant Learning Center**

- Cheri Bills—5/6
- Tanya Clark—3/4
- Brittney Henry—1/2

### **Solomon**

- Melissa Lines—Jr. High Writing

### **Discovery Plus Academy—TBA**

### **Bonita—TBA**



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School Superintendent,  
Workshops

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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.*

## New School Leadership

During the 2014/2015 school year, Fort Thomas Unified School District added new administrators who took over mid-year. Shane Hawkins, former Jr. High/ High School Principal assumed the role of superintendent. McKay DeSpain, former Safford Unified School District teacher, took over the principalship roles vacated by Mr. Hawkins. Marthalene Talkalai is the principal of the brand-new Mt. Turnbull Elementary School.

Mr. Ken VanWinkle has been named the superintendent of Safford Unified School District. He comes to Safford from the Heber-Overgaard District where he held many different positions including teacher, coach, principal and superintendent.

Eduardo (Eddy) Carlton is the new Pima Elementary School principal. Eddy comes from Dorothy Stinson School in the Safford USD.

We welcome these new administrators and wish them the best!

### *Graham County Governing Board Members*

#### **Bonita**

Kolin Kramme  
Wende Macumber  
Cyndee Smith

#### **Klondyke**

John Franzone  
Kim Lackner  
Lori Sollers

#### **Pima**

Troy Thygeron  
Shawn Wright  
Pilar Carter  
Jeremy Saline  
Darwin Weech

#### **Ft. Thomas**

McCoy Hawkins  
Beth Hinton  
Pat McEuen  
Myron Moses  
Rose Rope

#### **Solomon**

Rodney Barragan  
Gil Bowman  
Carl Harmon  
James Bryce  
Nicholas Tellez

#### **Thatcher**

Kenny Smith  
Gary Sorensen  
Preston Alder  
Todd Haynie  
Rex Bryce

#### **G.I.F.T**

Norman Sanders (Ft. Thomas rep.)  
Brian Merriman (Thatcher rep.)  
Kim Waters (Duncan rep.)  
Christie Brown (Pima rep.)  
Mark Claridge (Solomon rep.)  
Sherry Carbajal (Morenci rep.)  
Jarom Lunt (Safford rep.)

#### **Safford**

Mike DeLaO  
Craig Hackett  
Shirley Turner-Chaplin  
Julie Cluff  
Diane Curtis-Junion

The Graham County School Office would like to thank the governing board members in each district for their volunteer service to the schools. Have a great school year!





Professional Development Workshop  
SCIENCE STRAND 3 & SOCIAL STUDIES STRANDS 3 & 5  
ECONOMICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
ECO-DETECTIVES

**Friday Evening, August 28, 2015**  
**Eastern Arizona College**  
**Discovery Park Campus**  
**5:00-8:00 p.m.**

This evening workshop for middle and high school science and social studies teachers will examine the economics hidden behind public action and inaction on environmental issues.

Discover how to frame conservation policy questions as mysteries your students can solve through economic analysis. Why are there so few whales and so many chickens, even though one is protected and we butcher millions of the other? What is the Tragedy of the Commons? How did one town reduce garbage and disposal costs while its neighbors increased both? How does a society decide how much environmental cleanup is enough?

We'll connect participating teachers to an e-book with 25 additional ready-made interdisciplinary lessons on such topics as habitat loss, environment, clean-up, endangered species, world birth rates, oil reserves, public decision making about pollution, agricultural and the environment, recycling, forest fires etc.

These ecological and conservation topics are at the center of public policy debate, making this a perfect resource for teachers of both science and the social studies.

**NO FEE; SUPPER INCLUDED; 3 PD HOURS**

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

<https://econ.arizona.edu/econ-environment-graham-county-safford-friday-evening-august-28-2015>

**Friday Evening, August 28, 2015**

Questions? Contact Mark J. Sammons, University of Arizona  
520-621-3495 or [SammonsM@email.arizona.edu](mailto:SammonsM@email.arizona.edu)

A partnership of the University of Arizona Office of Economic Education, the Offices of the Superintendent of Graham County Schools, Eastern Arizona College Discovery Park Campus, with funding from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation.



## A LETTER TO MY KINDERGARTEN TEACHER.....

Hi,  
My name is Billy. I am coming to your kindergarten class very, very soon. This is really exciting to me, but it's scary, too. Mom says I am going to like a lot of things about kindergarten. She says you will be like a part time mom to me. That means you are going to take care of me and read great books to me. I love books! I will make new friends and that will be fun. And, I am going to learn a lot of interesting science things and how to play with numbers. It will also be cool to make things with paint and clay. All of this makes me very excited about coming to kindergarten.

But, I need to tell you I am scared. What if...

I lose my lunchbox,  
I get on the wrong bus,  
I don't make any friends,  
I throw up my lunch,  
I wet my pants,  
I fall on the playground and cut my knee,  
I draw an ugly picture,  
I have trouble with my letters and numbers,  
I miss my mom during the day,  
I can't find you.



There is so much to worry about. But, my mom says you are a KINDERGARTEN TEACHER. And, you know all about 5-year-olds. And, that you love 5-year-olds like moms do. She says you have our phone number and you'll call her, if things get too scary for me. I like that.

I think I am going to like being in your class because you will help me to settle in. Just in case I need some extra help, I am going to bring my tiny Pooh bear to sit on my desk. He's been with me for a long time and is really excited about coming to kindergarten, too. We can hardly wait to meet you! I'll be the one with the new Superman backpack.

See you soon!

Billy



State of Arizona  
Arizona Geological Survey



Re: [GREAT ARIZONA SHAKEOUT](#) Oct. 15, 2015

The Great Arizona ShakeOut earthquake preparedness drill of 2014 engaged more than 124,000 Arizonans. So far in 2015, enrollment for ShakeOut on October 15 is approaching 60,000; and we have 73 days to go.

We are once again inviting Arizona's K-12 education community, community colleges and universities to join us in hosting this event – see the “*What can you do to help?*” section below. (*Last year, more than 81,000 children and teachers participated.*)

This year, the Great Arizona ShakeOut is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us – the Arizona Geological Survey (AZGS) and Arizona Dept. of Emergency & Military Affairs (DEMA) – and please invite neighboring K-12 schools to, “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” for ShakeOut.

Our goal this year is to engage as many as 140,000 people in the two-minute drill. With nearly 60,000 Arizonans already enrolled, we are off to a smashing start. Participation in ShakeOut is free and open to the public.

While communities in Coconino, Mohave, Yavapai and Yuma counties are perhaps at greatest risk for earthquakes, no community is invulnerable to the ground shaking and damage that accompanies moderate to large magnitude earthquakes.

In 2014, earthquakes and subsequent aftershocks near Duncan (M 5.3, 29 June) and Sedona (M 4.7, 30 Nov.) rattled and surprised residents in central and eastern Arizona, including Tucson, Phoenix, and Flagstaff. Proving once again that earthquakes occur in Arizona and more reason to prepare for the ground shaking that accompanies a moderate to large tremor. Earthquake faults in Arizona, surrounding states and Mexico are capable of damaging earthquakes up to a magnitude 7.5.

The ShakeOut drill is a simple three-step exercise with the potential to save lives and minimize injuries from earthquakes.

***Drop, Cover, and Hold On involves:***

- \* **Drop** to the ground; \* **Take Cover** under a sturdy table or desk and protect your head and neck;
- \* **Hold On** until the shaking stops.

**What can Arizona educators do to help?**

Link to the Arizona ShakeOut webpage at [www.shakeout.org/arizona](http://www.shakeout.org/arizona); Sign up your school to participate, and encourage others to do the same Display [Arizona Shakeout materials](#) around your office and website

Forward this note to your school district and individual schools and encourage them to participate.

The Great Arizona Shakeout is our state's opportunity to practice what to do *before an earthquake occurs*. This two-minute drill can minimize injuries and save lives.

**To register for ShakeOut**, go to the online [registration page](#) and pledge your organization's participation. Once registered, you will receive information on how to plan your drill, and engage your office, friends, family and associates. We will stay in touch as the event draws closer. In the meantime, if you have ideas on audiences we should be reaching out to, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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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](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



Please come to the Back to School Open House!

Thursday August 27th 4:00—7:00 p.m.

Gila Valley parents are invited to drop by, sign their children up for library cards, and learn about all of the wonderful resources the library has to help their children succeed. For more information, visit [saffordlibrary.org](http://saffordlibrary.org)

*Speaking of wonderful resources...*

**You Can Take Free Online Courses with Universal Class**

Interested in learning new crafts and hobbies? Looking to go from amateur to pro photography? Starting a business and would like to know more about entrepreneurship? The library has you covered! Go to the library's website at [www.saffordlibrary.org](http://www.saffordlibrary.org) and sign up to take free courses with Universal Class.

Universal Class offers a diverse catalog of lifelong learning courses online including:

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| Accounting, Career Training, Office Skills | Real Estate and Entrepreneurship.      |
| Cooking, Crafts and Hobbies.               | Fine Arts and Photography.             |
| Performing Arts.                           | Parenting and Family.                  |
| Alternative Medicine, Self-Help.           | Personal Care.                         |
| Computer Training.                         | Web Development.                       |
| Pet and Animal Care.                       | Home Gardening, Repair and DIY.        |
| Psychology.                                | History.                               |
| Religious and Spiritual Studies.           | Science.                               |
| General Education.                         | Special Education.                     |
| Homeschooling.                             | Teacher Resources.                     |
| Test Preparation.                          | Social Work.                           |
| Language Arts.                             | Terminology.                           |
| Math and Writing Skills.                   | Law, Legal and Criminal. ....and more! |

Go through each full course to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and certificates! Some courses even offer Video Mode for those wanting to simply audit courses. Remember to log in with your full library card number (ex: P41256) when first signing up.

**LEARN LANGUAGES FOR FREE WITH MANGO LANGUAGES**

Choose from over 70 languages to learn for FREE! Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, ESL (Inglés) and much more!! Easy to use and self-paced, with audio, video and vocabulary to help you learn at your own comfort. Register for your own free personal profile or click QUICK START below to get started right away! Remember to sign in with your library card number (ex: 41256) when you first register.

**MANGO MONDAYS - EVERY MONDAY Beginning August 3rd**

Sign up anytime during the month of August for Mango Languages on the library's website at [www.saffordlibrary.org](http://www.saffordlibrary.org) and be entered in a raffle to win fun door prizes every Monday! Be sure to either fill out a ticket at the front desk or message us on Facebook at [fb.com/saffordlibrary](https://fb.com/saffordlibrary) so we can enter you in. Door prizes will be drawn every Monday at 4 PM.

## 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.

## 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  
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## Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

### Teacher Appreciation Night

**August 22, 2015**

You are invited to a night dedicated to educators. Desert Museum staff and other community education programs will showcase 2015-16 offerings. Registered teachers will receive free admission and 10% off in the Gift Shops. In addition to these programs, you can also enjoy the Museum's Cool Summer Night activities.

Registration for this event is required.

<http://www.desertmuseum.org/visit/teacherapp.php>



Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum | 2021 N. Kinney Rd. | Tucson | AZ | 85743



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## **Extended Date—Presidential Youth Fitness Program Funding Opportunity**

This is a grant opportunity for your school district to receive funds to  
“Empower Youth Fitness and Nutrition.”

This funding opportunity will support professional development for all physical education educators in your school or district, provide access to the FitnessGram® software including ActivityGram® and NutriGram® and provide technical assistance to schools. This funding opportunity is for schools that have at least 50% or higher free and reduced lunch populations.

Applications are due by August 15, 2015 and can be submitted to  
[keri.schoeff@azed.gov](mailto:keri.schoeff@azed.gov).

To view the application please [CLICK HERE](#).

For more information please contact;

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## New and Noteworthy

### [Summer Reading Resources: Middle + High School](#)

Delve into the lives of Harper Lee, Ernest Hemingway, and J.D. Salinger with an incredible collection of digital resources from the expanded *American Masters* collection.

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/amast/>

## Digital Resources



### [Saving Worms and Making Dirt](#)

Grades K-4 | Video | Plants and Insects

Did you know that worms have the power to break down food scraps and turn them into soil? Learn about their amazing abilities and the important role they play in the environment.

### [Garden Spiders](#)

Grades 3-6 | Video + Teaching Tips | Plants and Insects

Explore six types of arachnids including the black widow, brown recluse, wolf, and crab spider and identify the role these insects play within the garden's ecosystem.

### [Pollinators](#)

Grades 6-12 | Video | Plants and Insects

Though often overlooked, pollinators are truly essential to the health of our ecosystem. Find out how scientists and everyday people can help support these critters.

### [Jonathan Bird's Blue World](#)

Grades 6-12 | Collection | Marine Science

This collection includes the content from this national public television series which has aired since 2008, paired with lesson plans and study guides aligned to National Science Standards.

## Events

WEBINAR: PBS LearningMedia Custom 101

Discover how PBS LearningMedia Custom can support your teaching and personalized learning experiences for your students. [Learn More](#)

August 13, 2015

WEBINAR: PBS LearningMedia 101

Learn how to use PBS LearningMedia and discover how digital media can support your teaching.

[Learn More](#)



**Encouraging Nature Play**  
[Visit the Web site](#)

Parenting is arguably a greater challenge now than at any time in the past century. American adults work longer hours than ever before. Dual-career families are the norm. Worried that our kids will be “left behind,” we schedule almost every waking moment of their lives—school, organized sports, music lessons, sleepovers, summer camps—and rack up miles driving them to and fro. Fearing stranger danger, we keep youngsters locked indoors under effective “house arrest.” Whether or not the statistics support the notion that kids are at higher risk of abduction by strangers (they don’t), this media-catalyzed fear is all too real and deserving of empathy.



**Summer Learning**  
[Visit the Web site](#)

All summer long it’s double the learning and double the fun as Eight – Arizona PBS encourages kids and families to explore and learn together with PBS KIDS! To help you make the most of this summer, we’ve pulled together a few resources you may want to use to help kids keep the learning going all summer long.



**American Masters: Harper Lee**  
[Visit the Web site](#)

In honor of the newly updated American Masters episode featuring legendary author Harper Lee, Eight is giving away 5 sets of Harper Lee books. Lee’s Pulitzer Prize-winning classic tale of racial injustice *To Kill a Mockingbird*, is accompanied by her soon-to-be-released sequel *Go Set a Watchman* as well as the retrospective *Scout, Atticus and Boo: A Celebration of Fifty Years of To Kill a Mockingbird*.



**Become an American Graduate Champion**

[Visit the Web site](#)

An American Graduate Champion commits their time, skills and resources to make sure that young people succeed. He or she is an individual who plays an active role in improving educational outcomes for students. A champion is a parent who is active in the lives of young people or a volunteer who creates a positive environment daily for youth in their community.



**Life on the Reef**

[Visit the Web site](#)

View Australia’s Great Barrier Reef, one of the richest and most complex natural ecosystems on earth, through the eyes of those who live, work and play there. Home to a stunning array of animals, it is one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World.

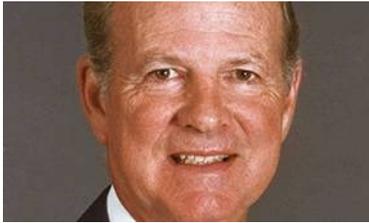


**PBS LearningMedia's Impact On Student Achievement**  
[Visit the Web site](#)

Eight, Arizona PBS is pleased to share the results of an impact study released during the PBS Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. PBS LearningMedia, a free media-on-demand service designed for K-12 classrooms, revealed new study results that demonstrate the potential impact of these PBS educational resources on student achievement.

pbs.org

Did you know? PBS LearningMedia offers lesson plans on all subjects, from reading and writing to science and engineering.



### The Man Who Made Washington Work

Bring the tumultuous Cold War era into focus with primary resources and footage from PBS' biopic on the former White House Chief of Staff, James Baker.

Grades 6-12 | Lesson Plan | U.S. Government

[View Lesson Plan](#)

Get ready to go back to school with new lesson plans from PBS LearningMedia! Today's featured lesson plans help boost reading and writing skills and spotlight key themes like leadership and conservation.

[View a Lesson Plan from the Blue Ribbon Readers Collection](#)



### Teacher Recommended: 50 Favorite Classroom Apps

Check out this recent article from one of our favorite education blogs Mind/Shift. You'll discover 50 apps that teachers around the country are using to inspire learning. [Read More](#)

#### **WEBINAR: HOW TO LEVERAGE DIGITAL MEDIA IN 1:1 CLASSROOMS**

Learn strategies for curating content and integrating digital media into your 1:1 classroom and ideas for transitioning student learning from devices to hands-on activities. [Register Now](#)

#### **BIG BLUE LIVE TWITTER PARTY**

Join PBS and Monterey Bay experts for a live, interactive discussion on Twitter about conservation and marine biology. Use #BigBlueClass to follow the conversation on September 1 at 7pm EDT. [Follow@PBSLrnMedia](#)

#### **WEBINAR: RECOUNTING AMERICA'S GREATEST STORIES: A CONVERSATION WITH KEN BURNS**

PBS LearningMedia invites classrooms to join an exclusive live virtual discussion with Ken Burns. Mr. Burns will share an inside look at how he captured the significance of the American Civil War through filmmaking and storytelling. This event is open to all 7th-12th grade classrooms! [Register Now](#)

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### Digital Tools for Innovative Learning

As schools catch up to the way technology has transformed work and life, creating meaningful online experiences for students inside and outside of the classroom has become an integral element of education. This newly revised course will help learners develop a positive online presence for themselves and their students. [Enroll Now](#)

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

**Professional Development Workshop  
ECONOMICS in CIVICS and GOVERNMENT  
For Social Studies Strands 3 & 5**

**Thursday, September 17, 2015  
Graham County General Services Building  
921 Thatcher Blvd. Safford, Arizona  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

This half-day workshop will examine the economics hidden in the Social Studies lessons you are already teaching, and help you fulfill the requirements of Arizona Social Studies Strands for civics, government and economics.

Discover how economic principles shape human behavior and how government uses tax policy to change our behavior; how economic conditions shape election outcomes; the economics behind the national budget and debt debate. Learn economic tools that address public policy decision-making. Find out what economic engines are constitutionally embedded in our government.

Presenters will use participatory problem-solving lessons you can replicate in the Social Studies classroom to help students make essential connections between economics, civics and government structures and functions. They are memorable for students, and fun to teach!

**Ideal for all middle and high school teachers of  
Social Studies, History, Government, Civics, and Economics.**

**Workshop participants will receive:**

- Economic content as it applies to social studies, civics, and government
- Assorted worksheets and activities you can replicate in your classroom;
- A certificate for 4.0 professional development hours;
- A resource book "Understanding Economics in Civics and Government" with 20 additional lessons;
- Refreshments

**All at NO COST!**

**REGISTER ONLINE at**

<https://econ.arizona.edu/econ-civics-graham-greenlee-counties-safford-thursday-morning-september-17-2015>

Questions? Contact Mark Sammons

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This workshop is a joint offering of the University of Arizona Office of Economic Education, the Offices of the Superintendents of Graham and Greenlee County Schools, with funding from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation.

## Resources

### 10 Great STEM Resources (source: *Tech and Learning* May 2015)

Check out these “stemtastic” sites identified by educator and consultant Michael Gorman:

1. **Science Buddies** features over 1,000 project ideas, science activities for quick exploration, and lots of inspiration for science fun.
2. **Algodoo** is an amazing free program that encourages user to be creative and play with physics. Make anything you can dream up and make it do anything you want.
3. **Code Academy**'s mission is to teach the world how to code, for free. Their resources include teacher training and lesson plans.
4. **Maker Camp** is a free summer camp where kids ages 13-18 can make awesome projects, go on epic virtual “field trips,” and meet the world’s coolest makers.
5. **EchoEarth** utilizes service-learning and rich online resources to equip youth to identify and solve environmental challenges in their communities.
6. **Graphite** makes it easier for educators to find the best apps, games, and Web sites for the classroom.
7. **Popplet** helps students think and learn visually and conceptually as they capture facts, thoughts, and images and learn to create relationships between them.
8. **AAS**—The American Astronomical Society offers a wealth of STEM information on the study of the universe and resources to enrich the STEM classroom.
9. **STEM Education Coalition** works aggressively to raise awareness about STEM education and offers many ideas, facts research, and resources.
10. **EDpuzzle** enables you to find and customize any video (crop it and add notes, questions, voice overs) for use in your class.

### “Fredisms”

from Fred Jones' *Positive Classroom Discipline* and *Positive Classroom Instruction*

*“The purpose of room arrangement is to get from any student to any other students with the fewest steps.”*

*“The students’ first question is, ‘Who are you?’ Until they know that you care, they don’t care what you know.”*

*“Say what you mean and mean what you say. If you ever make a rule that you fail to enforce, you have taught your class that your rules are hot air.”*

*“Calm is strength. Upset is weakness.”*

*“You have to give good things in order to get good things.”*

*“Teaching is never more difficult than taking the student forward one step at a time.”*

*“Better ten lessons learned than a hundred forgotten.”*

*“Walk, don’t talk. Move the body, not the mouth.” fredjones.com*

## 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 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?**

Dozens of projects have been funded! For assistance with your grant, please contact Paulette LeBlanc at [pleblanc@aznex.net](mailto: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](http://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!

### ***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/>

### **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](http://computersforlearning.gov/html/hp_aboutprogram.htm)

### **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/>

## 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>

### School Grants Today eMagazine

**K-12 Grants, Tips and News**

[www.schoolgrantstoday.com](http://www.schoolgrantstoday.com)

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

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**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](http://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>

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**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](http://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>

**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](http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/teachers/what_asa_grant.shtml)

## Additional Professional Development Opportunities & Lesson Plans

August 12, 2015

Eastern Arizona Science  
Initiative (E.A.S.I.)

4:00 p.m.

Discovery Park Barn

No registration required

All science and math teachers  
are invited to join!

For more information, contact  
Paul Anger at

paul.anger@eac.edu  
928-428-6260



## Be a part of literacy history on Oct. 19th

Reading is a part of everyday life, and a critical life skill that no child should be missing. That's why, on Oct. 19, we're rallying thousands of volunteers, educators, parents, and partners in every time zone for one of the largest reading events of all time.

Join us for [Read Across the Globe](#), an initiative that brings the power of volunteers together to impact literacy in communities around the world—including yours.

*Read Across the Globe, an initiative of Points of Light, is sponsored by Deloitte, with the support of The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation and Volunteer Houston—along with other global nonprofits, businesses, and HandsOn Network Affiliates across the U.S. and in 30 countries.*



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## Land That I Love! Landmarks and Symbols

**Description:** In this lesson students will learn that a symbol is something that stands for or represents something else. They will be able to identify two symbols of the United States. They will also learn about and locate two national landmarks that are unique to our country as well as practice relative location vocabulary. This lesson includes strategies for diverse learners (ELLs).

**Author:** Lorena Cabrera

**Grade Range:** K

**Duration:** 4 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

[Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

[Statue of Liberty and White House Stickers \(labels\)](#)

[Map – United States](#)

**Materials to Assist Teachers and English Language Learners:**

[Vocabulary Cards Vocabulary Test](#)

[Location Flashcards – courtesy of Carol Gersmehl](#)

Don't forget about the K-12 lesson (over 300), maps (hundreds), and other resources on the AzGA website <http://geoalliance.asu.edu>

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## *Invitation to Participate*



### **Calling all Bulldogs!**

Safford High School is turning 100 years old this year. On Oct. 16-17th, all Bulldog alumni are invited to celebrate this milestone.

Friday Oct. 16—Memorabilia Room in the SHS small gym—no charge

BBQ Dinner—\$10 per plate

Homecoming Football Game—pay at the gate

Saturday Oct. 17—Memorabilia Room open—no charge

Parade down Main Street—all classes invited—no charge

Pep Assembly in the Norma Bellamy Gym—no charge

Alumni Concert—Talent Show in the David M. Player Center for the Arts—  
\$5 at the door

Saturday Night on Main Street!

Car show \* Music \* Vendors \* Downtown Merchants open

**Visit [shsalumni.org](http://shsalumni.org)**

**to register and to see the complete list of events.**

**Help us spread the word!**

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