



# The 2015 Spelling Bee!



## Timeline

- The Graham County Spelling Bee will be held Wednesday February 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Graham County General Services Building.
- The winner of the Graham County Spelling Bee will compete at the Arizona Spelling Bee on Saturday March 21, 2015 at the Eight/Arizona PBS Studios.
- The Arizona winner will advance to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in late May 2015.

To learn more about the Arizona Spelling Bee, please visit <http://azedfoundation.org/programs/arizona-spelling-bee/>

### **Commonly misspelled words**

absence \* accommodate \* affect \* advise \* auxiliary \* beneficial \* belief \* biscuit \*  
calendar \* chief \* cemetery \* chose \* collectible \* colonel \* commitment \* conscious \*  
conscience \* conscientious \* develop \* definitely \* effect \* eighth \* embarrass \* especially \*  
exaggerate \* exceed \* February \* foreign \* forty \* fourth \* gauge \* guarantee \* height \*  
hygiene \* ignorance \* idiosyncrasy \* indicted \* interrupt \* irrelevant \* its/it's \* jewelry \* liaison  
\*leisure \* lieutenant \* license \* loose/lose \* maintenance \* minuscule \* miscellaneous \*  
mischievous \* misspell \* neutron \* ninth \* nuisance \* occurrence \* orchestra \* peaceable \*  
peculiar \* perseverance \* personnel \* potato \* potatoes \* principle/principal \* psychology \*  
receipt \* relevant \* reminiscence \* reservoir \* restaurant \* rheumatism \* rhyme \* rhythm  
\*sacrifice \* scenery \* secede \* secretary \* seize \* separate \* sergeant \* siege \* souvenir \*  
specifically \*spontaneous \* supersede \* suspicious \* their/they're/there \* thorough \* though \*  
through \* tournament \* twelfth \* until \* usually \* vacuum \* whether \* weather \* wholly \* with-  
drawal \* woman \* women \* worthwhile \* yacht

## **THAT PESKY SOCIAL STUDIES STRAND 5:**

### **Making Economics Fun for K-5 Kids!**

A Professional Development Workshop For Teachers

Eastern Arizona College, Thatcher

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015**

1:00– 4:30 p.m.

**What? We're *really* supposed to teach *economics* to K-5 kids? Yes!**

The Arizona State Curriculum Standards require it. It *can* be done. It can be *fun*, it can be integrated into existing subjects, and correlated to Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards too!

Join us for a half-day workshop to learn how to weave Social Studies Strand 5 into *children's literature*. You'll get solid content and grade appropriate activities you can replicate in your classroom. They are fun to teach, and the content will stick with the kids. Economics won't be scary anymore... even if you never had it in college.

#### **For K-5 Teachers in Graham & Greenlee Counties**

We will work with several beautifully illustrated children's books, and send each attending teacher home with a copy of one. We'll find many of the required K-5 standards hidden in plain sight, and we'll show how the texts and lessons align with the AZ-CCRS standards for reading comprehension, sequencing, counting, coinage and more.

If you've attended these workshops... come again; we'll be using all new books and materials!

#### **Participants will receive:**

- Curriculum materials
- A certificate for 3.5 hours of professional development
- A copy of one of the books used in the workshop
- Lunch!

#### **THERE IS NO FEE, BUT YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER:**

**REGISTER:** <http://www.graham.az.gov/school-superintendent/workshops/>



***You are Invited!!!!!!***

***Thursday, February 19th***

***4:00 – 7:00 p.m.***

***Bureau of Land Management***

***711 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, Safford***

***Dan McGrew, BLM Archaeologist, and Paulette LeBlanc, Graham and Greenlee Staff Development Consultant, will offer an abbreviated version of Project Archaeology, a program which supports your Social Studies Curriculum through the investigation of cultures via shelter.***

***Participants will participate in activities that can be directly transferred to your daily curriculum. All support State Standards in ELA, Math, Social Studies and Science.***

***This training is appropriate for teachers of Social Studies in grades 4-12.***

***Snacks will be served to get you through the dinner hour. All attendees will receive a Project Archaeology Teacher's Guide and lesson plans, as well as the online password to access many investigations. AND, JT'S ALL FREE!!!!***

***Register by contacting Paulette LeBlanc at [pleblanc@aznexus.net](mailto:pleblanc@aznexus.net) by Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.***

## Toddlers and Preschoolers Need Hobbies

Submitted by Paulette LeBlanc

First Things First Community Outreach Coordinator

When adults choose a hobby, they are supporting their creative nature and pursuing a personally enjoyable activity which is a departure from the stress of their daily lives. It is equally important to encourage toddlers and preschoolers to pursue their own interests, as well.

“Supporting your child’s interest helps their development in a number of ways,” notes Julie Morris, Home Visitation Director for Child and Family Resources and Champion for First Things First. “It reinforces that what matters to them is important to you. It helps them develop curiosity and persistence. And, it builds their self-confidence as they become better at their hobbies.”

There are a number of hobbies appropriate for young children, including gardening, sports and many forms of art; playing musical instruments, dancing, drawing, and painting. First Things First offers some helpful tips for families who want to help toddlers and preschoolers pursue hobbies:

**Follow your child’s lead.** Your child may share an interest in your hobby, but they may not.

**Keep focus on fun.** The end product is not as important as your child being engaged in something they enjoy. Make sure the activities are age-appropriate. Be wary of activities that cause stress and competition. Listen to your child’s cues.

**Don’t spend too much money to support a new interest.** Young children frequently change their minds and have short attention spans.

**Allow your child to quit a hobby.** Experimenting is the way young children learn what they like and don’t like. Ask why your child wants to quit. Sometimes it’s just a matter of making a small change; like changing the musical instruments or the type of art medium.

“By encouraging young children to develop hobbies, we are helping them find themselves, to be comfortable with exploring new ideas and taking risks, and to learn from their own successes and failures,” adds Morris. “All of these skills will help them be successful in kindergarten and beyond.” First Things First partners with parents and communities to help all kids start school ready to succeed. To find out more about what First Things First does for our community, visit [azfff.gov](http://azfff.gov).





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

Gila Institute for Technology

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### **Central Programs Offered**

Allied Health - Certified Nursing Assistant - Lab Assistant

Sports Medicine and Rehab Therapies - Cosmetology - Drafting

### **Individual Programs**

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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](http://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

## 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.



**FREEPORT-McMoRAN**



This first-time event will feature many hands-on science and health activities for families, students and seniors.

Visitors will see a showcase of the amazing technology and innovation in Gila Valley businesses, health services, education and environmental research and preservation. This collaborative Festival aims to get students and their families excited about science, technology, engineering and math and the wide variety of possible careers they may choose - right at home in Arizona's Gila Valley!

**Dates: February 26-28, 2015**

Places: Eastern Arizona College's North Campus in Thatcher and  
Discovery Park Campus in Safford

### **What it is:**

Eastern Arizona College is hosting the 2015 Gila Valley SciTech Festival, a celebration of the scientific and technological businesses, organizations, educational institutions and private and public research in the Gila Valley, driving innovation and growing the economy for the future. The Festival is a collaboration with the [Arizona SciTech movement](#) seeking to foster student and community interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) which will carry our state's economy through the next 100 years.

Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center's annual Health and Safety Fair was expanded this year to enhance the existing health science activities and expand into other areas of science - such as astronomy, engineering, chemistry, solar energy, mining and outdoor sciences, including agriculture.

### **Who's invited:**

Everyone! In fact, there is exciting fun or all ages: current students, prospective students, parents, kids, and the entire community are welcome. This page is your portal for the latest news and information as we prepare for the Festival on February 26-28, 2015.

### **Events:**

**Thursday, February 26, 2015:**

This day is exclusively for Gila Valley fourth graders, from 7 a.m. to noon. Location will be EAC's North Campus on the lawn and in the EAC Activities Center.

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## Events:

### Friday, February 27, 2015:

First day of the MGRMC Health and Safety Fair at EAC's Activities Center on the College's North Campus. The public is invited from 7 a.m. to noon for free blood screenings and information from dozens of vendors providing educational information from across the healthcare spectrum. And no event is complete without fun and exciting giveaways, so look for opportunities to win one of several iPad tablets and more!

### Saturday, February 28, 2015:

The MGRMC Health and Safety Fair continues with the addition of the Arizona SciTech Gila Valley Festival. The Health and Safety Fair hours are 7 a.m. to noon in the EAC Activities Center on the College's North Campus and the **SciTech Festival begins on EAC's North Campus from 10 a.m. to Noon** (see map for locations) and will finish up that evening at EAC's Discovery Park Campus (see map) from 4 to 9 p.m.

#### **Saturday SciTech Events: EAC'S NORTH CAMPUS IN THATCHER (10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.)**

For a complete listing of activities, visit <http://www.eac.edu/SciTechFestival/>

- \*Helicopter - Taz Brinkerhoff and Mark Kempton - Lawn outside the Activities Center
- \* Crash Scene - Mark Madsen with the Town of Thatcher Police Department
- \* Thermite/Elephant Toothpaste - Joel Shelton - Sand Volleyball Court
- \* Bowling Ball Swing - Madhuri Bapat - Trees by the canal - explore physics concepts
- \* Water quality analysis of Tap water vs. Canal Water - Dave Henson - bridge over the canal
- \* A look at the composition of water chemistry using high tech digital hydrolab equipment. Tests for pH, DO2, EC, Temp., salinity, and TDS. Explore how the earth serves as a natural filter for well and aquifer water.
- \*Trebuchet - Tom Palmer - Lawn area west of the Math/Science Building—learn engineering skills using a custom trebuchet machine to launch projectiles in a challenge that will test distance, accuracy and power!
- \*Solar Telescopes - David Morris - Lawn area west of the Math/Science Building
- \*Welding Demonstrations - Dee Lauritzen - West Entrance to the Math/Science Building
- \*Plastic Injection Molding Machine - Dee Lauritzen - West Entrance to the Math/Science Building
- \*Electricity and Magnetism - Dee Lauritzen - MS-101
- \*3-D Printer - Dee Lauritzen - MS-103

#### **EAC'S Discovery Park Campus in Safford (4 – 9 P.M.)**

##### **Location: Grand Kiva**

- 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Pima High School Choir - Mr. Bradley
- 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm Pima High School Band - Mrs. Bennett
- 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Thatcher Middle School Choir - Mrs. Smith
- 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Thatcher High School Instrumental - Ms. Sundt
- 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Thatcher High School Choir - Mrs. Brown
- 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Gila Valley String Quartet

**Location: DPC Greenhouse**— 4 - 6 pm - Seed Projects, Gila Watershed Partnership

**Location: DPC Ranch House**— 4 - 6 pm - STEM Lessons/Activities, Freeport-McMoRan

**Location: Gov Aker Observatory** - 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Star Party, Polaris Shuttle Rides, Gallery Tours, Astronomy Lessons, and Astronomy Videos



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# Arizona SciTech Festival

The Arizona SciTech Festival is a state-wide celebration of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM or STEAM when you include the arts) held annually in February and March.

Through a series of over 400 expos, workshops, conversations, exhibitions and tours held in diverse neighborhoods throughout the state, the Arizona SciTech Festival excites and informs Arizonans from ages 3 to 103 about how STEM will drive our state for the next 100 years.

Spearheaded by the Arizona Commerce Authority, Arizona Science Center, the Arizona Technology Council Foundation, Arizona Board of Regents, the University of Arizona and Arizona State University, the Arizona SciTech Festival is a grass roots collaboration of over 450 organizations in industry, academia, arts, civic, community and K-12. "WHAT IS A SCIENCE FESTIVAL ANYWAY?" Learn about a science festival by browsing some of the [2015 events](#).

## [AZ SciTech Festival Website](#)



### 2015 Gila Valley SciTech Festival Sponsors



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



## **i** New & Noteworthy

PBS is looking for American’s Most Innovative Educators. Apply today to the 2015 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator Program for a chance to receive one year of FREE PD plus a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the PBS Digital Innovators Summit and ISTE Conference.

Applications are due on 2/11/15

[www.pbslearningmedia.org](http://www.pbslearningmedia.org)

## Preparing for Black History Month

Let PBS LearningMedia help you prepare for Black History Month with an outstanding collection of resources spotlighting the artists, educators and innovators that have shaped our nation’s history. Get started with these featured resources:

- About Black History Month
- More than a Month?
- March on Washington
- Maya Angelou
- Percy Julian

[www.pbslearningmedia.org](http://www.pbslearningmedia.org)

## **l** Digital Resources

Find creative, new ways to engage your math, science, and social studies students using the featured resources below:

### The Odd Squad Collection

**Grades K-3 / Collection / Arithmetic + Geometry**

Meet Olive and Otto, two young investigators with a knack for problem-solving and number crunching! They’ll show you how to save the world by tapping into the power of math.

### I Wanna See the States

**Grades 4-6 / Music Video / U.S. Geography**

Become an expert on U.S. geography with “I Wanna See the States” a new music video by the band Hellogoodbye created for PBS LearningMedia.

### 60-Second Presidents

**Grades 4-12 / Collection / U.S. Presidents**

Boost your history I.Q. with fast facts about the U.S. presidents! These 60-second video shorts offer insight into some of the most influential figures to step foot into the American political arena.

## Crash Course Grades 9-13+ / Collection / Science, ELA, Social Studies

Join brothers John and Hank Green for a fast-paced “crash course” on various topics in U.S. and world history, literature, and science.

Featuring Trusted Educational Media Producers—check them out!



[Pbslearningmedia.org](http://Pbslearningmedia.org)



*Save the Date!*

The Arizona Department of Education

## **TEACHER CERTIFICATION ON-SITE**

Wednesday March 25, 2015

Graham County

Graham County General Services Building

12:30—4:00 p.m.

Contact: Donna McGaughey

School Superintendent

928-428-2880

### **Services Available:**

- ◆ Conversion of Provisional Certificate
  - ◆ Duplicate Certificate
- ◆ Extension of Provisional Certificate
  - ◆ Name Change
- ◆ Reciprocal Provisional Certificate
  - ◆ Removal of Deficiencies
  - ◆ Renewals
  - ◆ Substitute Certificate
- ◆ Provisional SEI Endorsement
- ◆ Full Structured English Immersion (SEI) (need to provide the 60 clock hours or 90 clock hours of SEI training certificates or official transcripts)

Personal check or money orders only—payable to ADE (no cash accepted)



# **EASTERN ARIZONA SCIENCE INITIATIVE**

## **2015 Eastern Arizona Regional Science Fair Competition**

**Hosted by The EAC Discovery Park Campus**

**2015  
EASTERN ARIZONA  
REGIONAL  
Science Fair  
Competition**

**The Overall Winners  
in Each Grade level  
will receive:**



**Nextbook 8" Tablet with 8GB Memory  
Quad Core:**

- 8" touchscreen, 1024 x 768 resolution
- The Android 4.2 Jelly Bean tablet has built-in 802.11b/g/n WiFi
- Back 2MP webcam and front 0.3MP webcam
- miniHDMI port
- Email, Alarm, Photo Viewer, Google Maps, YouTube, Nook
- Ebook Store, Vudu, Flixster, Cloudlink
- Web browser and Google Play

- The Regional Science Fair is open to all Eastern Arizona (Graham & Greenlee Counties) School Districts and Charter Schools.
- There are three levels of Participation: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, and open High School and three categories in each level: Earth Science, Life Science, and Physical Science.
- Anticipating that all projects will be judged by Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Employees, and Society of Metallurgy and Exploration (SME) Members.
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners will receive Trophies, Place Ribbons, and Certificate of Participation.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and Honorable Mention winners will receive Place Ribbons and Certificate of Participation.

**Plus, all 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners will receive a Full-Tuition Scholarship to the  
2015 EASI SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP OR H. S. FORENSICS CAMP**

**Hosted by Discovery Park Campus and Eastern Arizona College**

**Project Displays must be delivered to the**

**EAC Discovery Park Campus – Ranch House by Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**Public Viewing:**

**Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 8:00AM – 4:00PM**

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 1:00PM – 5:00PM**

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 3:00PM – 7:00PM**

**Awards Ceremony –**

**5:00pm Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> in the DPC Ranch House**

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

*January 31, 2015—Fr. Paul Gabor, S.J., Ph.D. “Martyrs of Science”*  
*February 21, 2015—Dan Best “The Morenci Railway”*  
*March 14, 2015—Kevin Hansen “Rattlesnakes”*  
*April 11, 2015—Clay James “Calling All Critter Callers”*

**“SATURDAY SCIENCE CAMPS” ARE BACK!**

**Saturday February 21, 2015**

**Middle School**

**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





## ***EASTERN ARIZONA SCIENCE INITIATIVE***

The next EASI meeting will take place on

**Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00pm – 5:00pm**

**EAC Discovery Park Campus – Ranch House.**

*There will be snacks...*

We'll also discuss details of:

- The 2015 Eastern Arizona Regional Science Fair Competition (March 5-7, 2015)
- The Middle School **SATURDAY SCIENCE CAMP** (Saturday, February 21)
- and begin ideas for the upcoming 2015 EASI Summer Science Camp!

### **Free Saturday Science Camp for 7th & 8th graders!**

Attention all future scientists and engineers:

Heidi Vosbein and Chris Carrell will be providing exciting, hands-on activities involving florescence, UV light and much more!

#### Science Camp Schedule:

- 8:00—8:30 Registration and snacks
- 8:30—10:15 Camp classes
- 10:00—10:15 break
- 10:15—11:45 Camp classes
- 11:45—noon Feedback and evaluation completion

**[Register to attend this FREE event:](#)**

**Contact Jackie Madsen at:**  
[jackie.madsen@eac.edu](mailto:jackie.madsen@eac.edu) or  
428-6260

**Name, Grade (must be in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade), School, and Parents' email or phone #**

***We only have room for 25 students in each lesson – Register NOW!***



# 3rd Annual STEM Arizona Education Collaborative Un-Conference “Engaging In STEM”

**DATE:** Saturday February 21, 2015; 8 a.m.—noon

**LOCATION:** Alhambra School District Office, 4510 N. 37th Ave., Phx.

**REGISTER:** [www.azsta.org](http://www.azsta.org)

- 8:00 Registration
  - 8.15 Welcome and Keynote—JoAnn Vasquez, co-author of *STEM Lesson Essentials—Integrating Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*
  - 9:00 Announcing Un-Conference Sessions
  - 9:15—11:00 3 sessions
  - 11:45 Wrap-up
- Light refreshments provided

## 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?**

For assistance with your grant, please contact Paulette LeBlanc at [pleblanc@aznex.net](mailto:pleblanc@aznex.net)

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**February 4-7, 2015**

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**Saturday Feb. 7th: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

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Title I and grants are welcome!

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## ***Save the Date!***

Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition Meeting

Tuesday March 31, 2015

Graham County General Services Building

4:00—5:30 p.m.

Topic: Resource Fair

Participants will learn about services that are available for young children and families in our region.

## ***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](mailto: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*

## Save your SEAT at SEATA

Planning for the 2015 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA) has begun! Please mark

June 1-4, 2015

on your calendar and plan to attend!

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. You can look forward to STEM, Social Studies, English Language Arts, Art Integration, Economics, and much, much more.

Preregistration will begin in March.

We look forward to seeing you at SEATA!

### **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

milan.eaton@azed.gov



## 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!

### AIAA STEM K-12 Outreach Programs

#### **Classroom Grants Window: January 1, 2015—February 28, 2015**

The AIAA Foundation Classroom Grant program promotes aerospace education activities in classrooms from kindergarten through twelfth grades. The program encourages development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum.

For more information including guidelines and proposal form, please visit

<https://www.aiaa.org/Secondary.aspx?id=4184>

Or contact Felicia Ayoub at [feliciaa@aiaa.org](mailto:feliciaa@aiaa.org)

### ***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](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>

### **Shakespeare in American Communities**

**Deadline: February 25, 2015**

Amount: \$25,000

Sponsor: National Endowment for the Arts

Type: Arts & Culture, Education

The Endowment will fund nonprofit theater companies to perform works by Shakespeare for middle and high school students between Aug. 1, 2015 and July 31, 2016. <http://www.shakespeareinamericancommunities.org/about/application-process/2015-2016-rfp>

### **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>

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**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:** [http://web.mlbcommunity.org/index.jspcontent=programs&program=baseball\\_tomorrow\\_fund](http://web.mlbcommunity.org/index.jspcontent=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>

**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/htm/hp\\_aboutprogram.htm](http://computersforlearning.gov/htm/hp_aboutprogram.htm)

**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](mailto:jjohnson.gwp@gmail.com)

**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/>

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