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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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Superintendent's Message

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

We just completed the 2015 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy. This year SEATA had more than 200 educators attend one or more days. According to our participants, it was one of the best ever! We implemented a few changes that were very well received such as flexible schedules, more early childhood education and more overall diversity in the session selections.

We kicked off the week with Dr. Nicholas Clement, former superintendent of the Flowing Wells Unified School District and currently serving as the Ernest W. McFarland Citizen's Chair in Education with Northern Arizona University. Dr. Clement brought humor and common sense ideas to his presentation "On Becoming a Legendary Teacher" and had the 200 educators in the audience laughing, reflecting, and making plans for next year.

The purpose of the academy is to bring relevant professional development opportunities to our rural educators. With 122 sessions to choose from, participants were offered classroom management strategies, workshops in all core subject areas, technology integration, art, presentation strategies, leadership and early childhood.

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

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 **Dates to remember:** 

 **June 14** Flag Day 

 **June 21** Father's Day 

 The Graham Co. General Services Building is open 

 Monday— 

 Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and is closed on Fridays 



SEATA 2015 Recap

MGIO * PreK Geometry * Chromebooks * Science Fair Planning * STEAM Videoconferencing * Engagement and Motivation * Number Sense * Socratic Seminar * Early Childhood Reading/Writing/Singing/Science * Observation * Classroom Management * Assessment Techniques * English Language Arts * Leadership and Personal Development * ASU /EAC * SAS Resources * Presentation Strategies * PBS Learning Media * Google Chrome * Flipcharts * Reading Groups * Math & Science in Rangolee Art * American History with Art Masterpieces * Algebra Manipulatives * AZDash * iPads in the Classroom * Higher Order Thinking Tools * Fractions * Behavioral Health * Google Drive * Thematic Teaching * Internet Safety * Project—Based Learning * Virtual Fieldtrips * Livebinders * Economics * Google Forms * Recognizing Child Abuse * ToonDoo * Classroom Resources * Poetry * Computer Coding for Kids * Grant Writing * Text Complexity * Gooru * Literacy Circles * Differentiating Instruction * Escher Tessellations * Google Tools * Leadership Skills * CATS * 3-D Printing * Kahoot * Mentor Texts * and yes, we had even more not mentioned here....

The 2015 SEATA provided 122 sessions of professional development to 218 educators. We are already planning for 2016 and we hope you will join us! Please mark your calendar for June 6-9, 2016.



Left: The TV Room at EAC provided a relaxing alternative to the typical classroom.

Right: Who goes to SEATA and comes home with a go-cart? The mother of these kids was the lucky winner, courtesy of Dr. Nic Clement.





- ⇒ 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

Advanced Manufacturing— Autos—Early Childhood Education
EMT—Engineering—Graphic Design—HVAC—
Industrial Electrician— Law Enforcement—
Media Communications— Computers— Medical Assistant—
Office Assistant—Patient Care Technician—
Pharmacy Technician—Web Design—Welding

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

10 Ways to Help Your Child Prepare for Kindergarten

Summertime is a great opportunity to help kids prepare for their first day of kindergarten. Today's schools expect 5-year-olds to arrive with basic academic and social skills so they are prepared on day one to start learning to read, write and do basic math. Fun, everyday activities help kids develop the basic skills they will need to start school prepared to succeed.

First Things First offers the following summer tips to help parents and caregivers get their kids ready for success in kindergarten and beyond:

1. **Reading** - Read with your child at least 20 minutes per day. Try books that repeat words about familiar objects; involve activities like counting, identifying colors, objects or letters; or, are about things your child likes. Ask questions about the story like, "What do you think happens next?"
2. **Talking** - Talk and sing with your child everywhere – at home, in the car, at the store. Make up stories or songs about your outings.
3. **Routines** - Help your child get used to the structure of the school day by establishing regular routines for waking up and dressing, meal times, and bath and bed times. Do a test-run of the big day by practicing all the activities that will happen in the morning and at school. This will help overcome any fears. Include waking up at the scheduled time, walk to the bus stop and talk about where to sit. If you drive, talk about landmarks on the way. Pack a lunch and practice opening things together.
4. **Early writing** - Writing begins with scribbling. Give your child safe writing tools to play with, like crayons, chalk or markers and blank paper. Ask your child to tell you about their drawings. Use salt or coffee grounds as a tactile way to practice writing alphabet letters.
5. **Healthy breakfast** - Start every day with a healthy breakfast. It helps kids concentrate.
6. **Sleeping** - Make sure your child gets 8-10 hours of sleep every night.
7. **Staying healthy** - Schedule a visit with your child's doctor and dentist. Health problems make concentrating difficult.
8. **Sharing** - Teach your child how to share and let them help you clean up so they get used to putting things back where they found them.
9. **Hygiene** - Teach your child how to use the bathroom by themselves, to wash their hands after going to the bathroom and before eating, to blow their nose and sneeze into their elbow.
10. **Talk change** - Start talking to your child about the change that is coming when they start school. Be positive, and give your child the opportunity to ask questions or express fears. Read books with your child about starting kindergarten.

If you don't have kindergarteners this year, it's never too early to start helping kids prepare. Children who have positive experiences from birth to 5 are more likely to be prepared when they start kindergarten and do well in school. By turning everyday moments into learning moments, we can help our children develop the skills and the love of learning that will help them succeed in school and in life! More tips and information for supporting your child's health and learning at various stages can be found at azfff.gov in the Parents section.

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

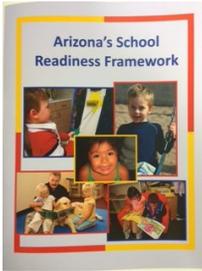
You are invited to a night dedicated to educators. Desert Museum staff and other community education programs will showcase 2015-16 offerings. Registered teachers will receive free admission and 10% off in the Gift Shops. In addition to these programs, you can also enjoy the Museum's Cool Summer Night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



2015 School Readiness Summit

June 11-13, 2015

8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

On site registration begins at 7:00 a.m.

This 3 day professional development opportunity targets professionals working within settings that support the early part of the educational continuum. Key features of the Summit include the recently completed Arizona’s School Readiness Framework document and the opportunity to engage with other educational professionals around Arizona to establish a common definition of school readiness across the state.

There will a heavy focus on children’s Approaches to Learning in regards to the Pre-K through kindergarten experience. Sessions will be centered on:

- Effective Instructional Strategies
 - Analyzing key components of the learning standards
 - Engaging participants in hands-on experiences
- Understanding the educator’s role in the inquiry process
 - Discussing the continuum of early learning
- Identifying educator roles in helping children become school ready and achieve academically

Who	Where	Contact
<p>This Summit is designed for Pre-K and Kindergarten Teachers, Administrators, Paraprofessionals, Curriculum Specialists, and Instructional Coaches</p>	<p>The Summit will held at the Sheraton Mesa Hotel 860 N. Riverview Mesa, AZ 85201 Block Room Rates available starting at \$81 a night. Please call the Sheraton Hotel 480-664-1221 for room accommodations and mention the School Readiness Summit</p>	<p>For questions and concerns, please contact: Kristy Rosen 602-542-2790 Kristy.rosen@azed.gov ***** To register, go to http://www.ade.az.gov/onlineregistration/eventlocationselection.asp?EventID=4124&EventDate=6/11/2015</p>

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

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Hours: Mon.—Thursday 10:00 a.m. —7:00 p.m. Closed Friday—Sunday



Summer is just around the corner! Enhance end-of-year lessons with a mix of motivating activities designed to keep students engaged as they gear up for summer. Explore top resource picks below and remember to check out the new [Summer of Reading](#) collection for content that supports literacy skills development!



New and Noteworthy

[Infographic: The Future of Digital Learning](#)

How are educators using digital media and technology in today's classrooms? What does the classroom of the future look like? See what thousands of educators have to say.

[Your Summer of Reading Starts Here](#)

Get summer started on the right page with PBS LearningMedia's Summer of Reading collection. These videos, activities, and games help to build vocabulary and reading comprehension while bringing storybook characters to life.

[New Research: Teaching in the Digital Age](#)

Did you know that PBS LearningMedia is impacting student achievement in classrooms across the nation? See the results of a brand new research study.



Digital Resources

[Robo Arm Challenge](#)

Grades 3-8 | Video + Support Materials | Engineering

See how students are using the engineering design process to build "robo" arms that can lift objects and play games!

[Drawing Ideas](#)

Grades K-13+ | Collection | Arts and Culture

Meet some of the most exciting artists on the west coast and find out how they use drawing to flesh out ideas and build 3D objects.

[Building a Garden in a Day](#)

Grades 4-12 | Video + Support Materials | Natural Science

Believe it - you can build a garden in a single day! Use this "how-to" video to unearth key themes in ecology and the natural sciences



Professional Development

Take the next step in your career this summer with PBS TeacherLine! Online PD courses start on 6/17.

[Digital Storytelling: Online Tools for Sharing Student Voices](#)

Grades K-12 | 1.5 Hours | [Enroll](#)

[Promoting Digital Media Literacy in Students](#)

Grades K-12 | 30 Hours | [Enroll](#)

[Using Assessment and Evaluation](#)

Grades K-12 | 30 Hours | [Enroll](#)

Noyce Scholars Program (SMILE)



Are you interested in re-careering? Do you like science or math? Want to help others learn?

Do something that will make a difference... get certified as a teacher through Rio Salado College's Noyce Scholars SMILE program.

The Noyce Scholars SMILE (Science and Math Innovative Learning Environments) program is an online 15-month comprehensive secondary teacher certification program in math or science.

Program participants receive:

\$16,500 stipends to cover tuition, fees, and some living expenses *Mentorship throughout the student teaching experience *

Assistance with job placement *SMILE Noyce Scholars Program DUE-1136435

Apply for Your SMILE Today!

Call: 480-517-8580 Email: Karen.Nave@riosalado.edu

www. riosalado.edu/noyce

Applications Being Accepted

Noyce Scholars Program Application Process

STEP 1: Pre-Program Requirements

Possess proof of U.S. citizenship, national or permanent alien (birth certificate, passport, naturalization papers). Pass fingerprinting and/or background check. Posses a bachelor's degree in Science, Engineering or Math. Hold a minimum of 3 years' experience in a non-education STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) profession. Commit to teach Math or Science for 2 years in a high-need Arizona school district within 4 years of completing the Rio Salado College program.

STEP 2: Exam, Screening and Seminar

Pass the National Evaluation Series (NES) subject knowledge exam. Show an aptitude for teaching on the Haberman Star Pre-service Screening. Actively participate in the Noyce Scholars Explore Teaching seminar.

STEP 3: Interview

Attend interview screening. Submit acceptance letter (if offered).

STEP 4:Begin Program

- Sign Noyce Scholars Program contract
- Begin 15-month academic program (including student teaching) at Rio Salado College

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?**

Dozens of projects have been funded! For assistance with your grant, please contact Paulette LeBlanc at pleblanc@aznex.net

From Mark Sammons, Coordinator, Outreach, Office of Economic Education,
Department of Economics, Eller College of Management, The University of Arizona

Economics in History Workshop—September 2015

Please plan to attend the
Arizona Social Studies Strands 3 & 5:
Integrating Civics, Government and Economics into
Social Studies Classes

September 17, 2015

Location: Graham County General Services Building

Time: TBA

We will send specific registration information in early August. Mark your calendars and plan on taking advantage of this outstanding workshop!

Resources / support materials

If you are looking for supporting resources, you can peruse a series of 20 very short films on individual economic topics. Each one is by a different director, in a different style, so some are witty, others funny, all inventive.

<https://wetheeconomy.com/films/recession/?autoplay=no>





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!

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/>

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/>

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

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>

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

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

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

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

The Latest Sumdog Math Contest Results for Graham and Greenlee

Position	Class Name	score
1st	Mrs. Herbert, Metcalf Elementary	827
2nd	2nd, Safford Middle School	717
3rd	3rd, Safford Middle School	678
4th	Kincaid, Metcalf Elementary	535
5th	King, Metcalf Elementary	289
6th	Vaughn, Metcalf Elementary	287
7th	Lundeen’s 3rd Grade, Metcalf Elementary	270
8th	Special Ed. Thatcher Elementary	252

Congratulations! Look for the next contest in fall 2015!

