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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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www.graham.az.gov

Superintendent's Message

Can you spell winner? We spell it Naveah Pompeo, the Thatcher 6th grader who was named the winner of the Graham County Spelling Bee. She will represent Graham County in the Arizona State Bee. Good luck to Naveah! Speaking of winners, dozens of FBLA and FFA students gathered last month to compete in the Regional competitions. Once again, I was so impressed by those young people and how skilled they were. Kudos to their advisors for preparing them so well!

We hosted a K-5 Economics training at EAC that was very well received. Participants took home some great lesson plans, and they were provided with several pieces of children's literature to use in their lessons. We will host a middle/high school workshop in the fall. Teachers were also treated to another Project Archaeology workshop at BLM. Thanks to those who attended.

The GFWC Woman's Cub of Safford hosted their annual Valentine's Dance for approx. 130 students/adults with special needs. This was truly a special event.

We also hosted a math training for principals, Erate training and then there was the first annual SciTech Festival—a fabulous event! Read more inside.

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Dates to remember:

March 2—Preregistration for SEATA begins

March 16-20—Spring break in Graham County

March 23—Graham/Greenlee Superintendents meeting

March 25—ADE Onsite Certification—General Services Building 12:30—4:00 walk-ins welcome

March 31—Graham/Greenlee Administrators training

March 31—Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition 4:00 General Services Building

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

April 24—Safford Rotary Invitational Track Meet @ SHS

April 28—Graham/Greenlee Administrators training

June 1-4—SEATA

Save your SEAT at SEATA

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

Please mark June 1-4, 2015

on your calendar and plan to attend!

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

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

Preregistration is now open:

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

We look forward to seeing you at SEATA!



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

Gila Institute for Technology

GIFT now registering for 2015-2016

Central Programs Offered

Allied Health - Certified Nursing Assistant - Lab Assistant

Sports Medicine and Rehab Therapies - Cosmetology - Drafting

Individual Programs

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

Check out our website and apply at www.gift-tech.org

Or call 928-348-3393

Who is Eligible?

- ◇ High School students in Graham and Greenlee Counties
 - ◇ Anyone under the age of 21
 - ◇ Must meet the program entrance requirements
- ◇ High school graduates, give us a call to see if you qualify

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 \$30
 - ◆ Duplicate Certificate \$20
- ◆ Extension of Provisional Certificate \$20
 - ◆ Name Change \$20
 - ◆ Removal of Deficiencies \$20
- ◆ Renewal (for each certificate) \$20
 - ◆ Substitute Certificate \$60
- ◆ Provisional SEI Endorsement \$60
- ◆ Full Structured English Immersion (SEI) (*need to provide the 60 clock hours or 90 clock hours of SEI training certificates or official transcripts*) \$60

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

Submitted by Paulette LeBlanc
First Things First Community Outreach Coordinator

Poor oral health takes a bite out of learning

When we think about getting kids ready for kindergarten, we talk about brain development and early literacy, but did you know that early oral health impacts early learning too? First Things First reminds communities it is important to which raise awareness about the importance of oral health. More than 51 million school hours are lost each year because of dental decay, and many of those problems start before kids enter school.

By age 4, it is estimated that more than half of Arizona's young children have experienced dental decay. And, about one-third of Arizona's 4-year-olds have never even seen a dentist. Decay starts in the tiny teeth of babies and toddlers and can lead to speech delays and interfere with learning. Early care for a child's teeth will protect their smile and their health for years to come. Here's how families can help:

- ◆ Prevent decay by not putting the baby to bed with a bottle. Have babies finish their bedtime and naptime bottles before going to sleep.
- ◆ For bottle feedings, use only formula, milk or breast milk inside and avoid using sugary beverages such as juice or soda.
- ◆ Take your child to the dentist around their first birthday, or soon after the first tooth appears.
- ◆ As soon as the first tooth appears, begin cleaning by wiping with a clean, damp cloth every day.
- ◆ When more teeth come in, switch to a small, soft toothbrush.
- ◆ Brush your child's teeth twice a day until your child has the skill to handle the toothbrush alone and is able to spit out the toothpaste and rinse well.

First Things First is doing its part to promote good oral health for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. In fiscal year 2014 alone, the organization sponsored more than 79,000 oral screenings and the application of 75,000 preventive fluoride varnishes statewide to the teeth of kids 5 and younger.

Tooth decay is the most chronic childhood disease in the United States, but it's also the most preventable. By following a few steps, we can send our kids to school with healthy teeth, reduce absences and get them ready for success. To learn more, go to azfff.gov.





Gila Valley Health, Safety and Science - Inaugural SciTech Festival

Approximately 900 people attended the SciTech Festival held on Saturday February 28th at EAC and Discovery Park. Dozens of teachers, students and volunteers provided hands-on activities ranging from up-close looks at a helicopter, state-of-the-art cotton picker/module builder and ladder fire truck to drawing blood from mannequins, a chemistry magic show, a basket-ball launching trebuchet and dozens of other activities in between.

From 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. families enjoyed events and activities set up on the north campus of Eastern Arizona College. All of the booths had a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) focus demonstrating how STEM is all around us. The most advanced welding system, 3-D printing and green screen technology is being utilized by students at EAC and the general public was able to learn more about all of these state-of-the-art technologies.

At 4:00, the crowds moved to Discovery Park and enjoyed musical numbers by our area schools, dissecting owl pellets, rides on the Polaris Shuttle, lasers, activities in the greenhouse and Project Archaeology. The weather thwarted much of the planned telescope viewing, but other than that, the 2015 Gila Valley SciTech Festival was a resounding success!



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&utm_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



McDonald's® hosts



Lovin' our

Egg McMuffin® Event!

Monday, March 2 from 6 to 9 a.m.

In celebration of National School Breakfast Week,
start your student's morning off right with our famous
Egg McMuffin®! Our Grade A round egg (1.8 oz. or 50 g)
is a good source of protein!

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**Parents, buy an Egg McMuffin® for your child
and receive a FREE Happy Meal® Coupon!**

Offer good at participating McDonald's® restaurants. Valid 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Offer good while supplies last. Price of required purchase posted on menu board.

**Our iconic Egg McMuffin® Sandwich uses a Grade A
egg that is freshly cracked on the grill using an egg
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**To learn about all the different ways we prepare our
eggs for you, visit Our Food, Your Questions at
www.mcdonalds.com.**

McDonald's is encouraging people to share their experiences using #LovinOurEggMcMuffin by joining the conversation at www.twitter.com/McD_Phoenix.

About McDonald's of Arizona

The 305 McDonald's restaurants in the state of Arizona annually feed \$283.6 million into the Arizona economy and employ 13,853 people. Find Phoenix McDonald's on Twitter at [@McD_Phoenix](https://www.twitter.com/McD_Phoenix). To find your local restaurant Facebook page, type "McDonald's at (address of your restaurant)."

SAFFORD CITY
GRAHAM COUNTY
LIBRARY



808 S. Seventh Ave.
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 432-4165

The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. **It's free to Graham County students.** Visit the library's homepage at www.cityofsafford.us and click on the *Homework Help* icon. This will lead you to the icon for **Tutor.com**. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!



The Safford City—Graham County Library has partnered with the Arizona State Library to bring a fabulous FREE database of eBooks to our students!

Visit www.saffordlibrary.org

On the left side of the screen, click on "TumbleBooks / eBooks for Kids

"Check out" the titles, which now include non-fiction!

The books are indexed by reading levels, grade, and lexile.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity—it's free!

Visit the Gift Shop!

Safford City / Graham County Library

808 S. Seventh Ave.

Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-4165

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



WRITERS CONTEST

Arizona Kindergarten through 3rd grade students have a chance to enter the **Arizona PBS KIDS Writers Contest**. The contest is open to any Arizona resident who is a Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade student.

Participants must submit an original, single authored story accompanied by at least 5 original, clear, colorful illustrations. Stories may be fact or fiction, prose or poetry.

First, Second and Third place winners will be selected in each category.

The contest deadline for Arizona students is April 17, 2015.

To Enter:

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

Hardcopies of the story/poem and entry form must then be mailed to the address listed on the entry form. Limit one entry per participant. In the event of multiple entries, the first entry will be entered in the contest and all other entries will be ignored.

Learn more about the full PBS Writers Contest rules at http://www.asset.asu.edu/new/writers_contest/pbs_writing_contest.html

Spread the word and encourage your colleagues to have their students participate as well!

Need assistance? Call 602-496-1104 or email asset@asu.edu

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:

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Information Technology

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**We need POU to help us spread the word about the
Arizona Renaissance Festival Student Days
Immerse your students into the 16th century!**



The Renaissance ideas that laid foundation for later inventions are still evident and influential today. Today's THINKERS, DREAMERS, INVENTORS are pushing the boundaries of what is known into the unknown; who knows what their discoveries will become? Remember, Da Vinci knew flight was possible when no one else did...There are Da Vinci's of today just about to emerge...with new ideas and dreams for the future. SciTech and the Arizona Renaissance Festival enable students to see the connection between past, present and BEYOND!

2015 Student Day Dates
Tuesday, March 3rd - Elementary Schools
Thursday, March 5th - Jr./Sr. High Schools
Hours: 9am - 2:30pm

The annual Arizona Renaissance Festival, with its 30-acre theatrical European market village offers a unique opportunity to bring an important era in history to life. Student Days were created to highlight the educational aspects of the Renaissance; language, science, exploration, mannerisms, customs, commedia theatre, jousting tournaments, artisan demonstrations and music are just some of the learning opportunities that await your students.

- Please download the Student Day Order Form from our website www.RenFestInfo.com then click on STUDENT DAYS, or call 520-463-2600.
- If you are unable to attend, please pass on our flyer to a teacher who may be able to bring their class to Student Days!
- Teachers!!! If you would like to be included on our mailing list, please email stdays@renfestinfo.com to receive updated information and reminders about Student Days.





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: 5th & 6th Grade, 7th & 8th 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.
- 1st & 2nd Place winners will receive Trophies, Place Ribbons, and Certificate of Participation.
- 3rd Place and Honorable Mention winners will receive Place Ribbons and Certificate of Participation.

**Plus, all 1st 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 5th.

Public Viewing:

Thursday, March 5th, 2014 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Friday, March 6th, 2014 1:00PM – 5:00PM

Saturday, March 7th, 2014 3:00PM – 7:00PM

Awards Ceremony –

5:00pm Saturday, March 7th in the DPC Ranch House

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

March 14, 2015—Kevin Hansen “Rattlesnakes”
April 11, 2015—Clay James “Calling All Critter Callers”

“SATURDAY SCIENCE CAMPS” ARE BACK!

Saturday April 11, 2015

High School

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





Teachers: The following information was provided by Safford Police Chief Joe Brugman. Please share this outstanding opportunity designed primarily for youth in high school aged 15, 16 or 17 years old. The deadline for submission is April 1, 2015.

Arizona Chapter
FBI National Academy Associates Presents
Arizona Leadership Education and Development (ALEAD) Academy
May 31 through June 5, 2015
Campus of Northern Arizona University; Flagstaff, Arizona

Organization Overview:

The Arizona Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA) is a non-profit group of law enforcement officials in Arizona who are graduates of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The FBI National Academy is an international, in-residence, professional development program for local law enforcement leaders. The FBINAA is a nationwide group of alumni organized in individual chapters for the purposes of professional development and service to our communities. The Arizona Chapter is a dedicated group of Arizona law enforcement officials committed to the professional enrichment of local law enforcement leaders throughout the state. Critical to this commitment is the development of future leaders in our communities. The Arizona Chapter of the FBINAA has been providing scholarships and supporting a national youth leadership program for many years.

Program Description:

The mission of the ALEAD Academy is to provide a well rounded foundation of education for future leaders of Arizona. Through a variety of classes, interaction and guest speakers, students will be introduced to fundamental leadership principles designed to enable them to become effective teenage leaders and eventual adult leaders in their communities.

The ALEAD Academy is an intensive leadership development course for students who are current sophomores or juniors in high school, age 15, 16 or 17 years old. Each day starts with a structured class or activity to promote physical fitness and wraps up with a nighttime activity to promote the relationships within the group. All activities will be supervised by mentors who are graduates of the FBI National Academy. The ratio of staff to students will be approximately six students to every one staff member. The schedule will be demanding with the program starting at 7:00 a.m. and ending 9:00 p.m. A one - day trip to the Grand Canyon is planned as well as local trips for community service.

Program Objectives:

1. Provide a broad base of exposure to successful leadership principles and skills necessary for success
2. Develop an appreciation for diversity
3. Provide highlights of various careers available in government and public service
4. Develop basic skills necessary to apply for a job
5. Through class work and participation, provide an understanding of the value of community service
6. Provide education to avoid common pitfalls of developing youth in regard to driving, alcohol, and other controlled substances

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7. Provide exposure to various cultural and environmental issues of importance
8. Teach the importance of, and how to develop, lifelong fitness habits

Details:

Students are responsible for transportation to and from the NAU campus in Flagstaff, Arizona. Once the program begins on Sunday, May 31st, all meals and transportation will be provided until the program ends on Friday morning, June 5th.

Check in begins at 11:00 a.m. and students will be directed to their rooms; an orientation will start at 12:00 p.m. There will be water and light snacks provided Sunday afternoon, so the first meal of the program will be dinner on May 31st, 2015. Please eat prior to check in.

There will be a commencement ceremony on Friday June 5th at 10:30 a.m. where family and friends are welcome to attend.

Application Process:

Those students who meet the qualifications listed above can complete the application and submit it to the address below prior to April 1st, 2015. Upon review of the applications those students selected will be notified and provided additional information.

If you have any questions please contact Commander Geoffrey Leggett, Surprise Police Department, at geoffrey.leggett@surpriseaz.gov or 623.222.4028.

Submit completed applications prior to April 1st 2015 either by **mail** to:

FBI
C/O Noelle Beydoun
FBI Training Unit
21711 N. 7th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85024

Or scan and email the completed application to geoffrey.leggett@surpriseaz.gov



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

Earn your ASU Bachelor's Degree at EAC

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

- ⇒ BA Organizational Leadership*
- ⇒ BSN Nursing*
- ⇒ BLS Liberal Studies*
- ⇒ BAS Operations Management*
- ⇒ BAE Secondary Education*

Grant Opportunities for Teachers from the United Way of Graham County

A new grant opportunity for Graham County teachers is now available! Please follow these steps:

1. Visit www.uwgraham.com
2. Click on “How to Apply”
3. Click on the 2014 Grant Funding Guidelines to read about the United Way’s programs and funding priorities.
4. Click on the UWGC-EducationApplication-2014

Please note that applications will be accepted and reviewed every month except December. Complete and eligible applications received by the 1st of the month will be reviewed and a decision will be made and communicated that same month.

Please submit your complete application packet to uwgraham@gmail.com.

About the United Way

The United Way of Graham County is an all-volunteer organization that provides grant support to nonprofit organizations in southeastern Arizona. We serve Graham and Greenlee counties, providing funding support for causes in Education, Income and Health.

Our mission: to advance the common good by focusing on quality of life, health and education—the building blocks of a good life.

**Have you written your
grant yet?**

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



Grant Funding Alerts

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

Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Grants

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

Please visit www.freeportinmycommunity.com

Grants in the range of \$100—\$500 a school is eligible to receive up to four mini-grants per year. Additional grant opportunities are available including the STEM Education grant. Graham County received nearly \$500,000 in the recent round of Community Investment Fund grant awards held in August. Thank you Freeport-McMoRan!

STEM Innovation Grants

Deadline—March 15

STEM Innovation Grants are designed to support K-12 teachers and schools in their efforts to develop, improve or expand innovative instructional programs in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

[http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/uploads/2015%20Sample%20STEM%20Application%20\(Printable\).pdf](http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/uploads/2015%20Sample%20STEM%20Application%20(Printable).pdf)

Kinder Morgan Foundation K-12 Education, Environmental Education, Arts, and Youth Development Grants

Deadline: 10th of every month **Amount:** \$1,000—\$5,000

"The Kinder Morgan Foundation believes that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and our mission is to provide them with opportunities to learn and grow. Our goal is to help today's science, math and music students become the engineers, educators and musicians who will support our diverse communities for many years to come."

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

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

Who: To benefit grades 4-12

Amount: \$5,000

Deadline: Open

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

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

Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

Strengthening Secondary Education

Deadline: Open

Amount: \$100,000—\$200,000

Sponsor: Arthur Vining Davis Foundation

Type: Education

Grants are made for innovative professional development programs that strengthen teachers and their teaching in grades 9-12.

<http://www.avdf.org/FoundationsPrograms/SecondaryEducation.aspx>

2015 Champion Creatively Alive Children by Crayola LLC

Deadline: June 22, 2015

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

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

D-Backs Program Grants

D-Backs program grants are given statewide to non-profit organizations. Funds for these grants are raised throughout the season through team fundraising events, including the annual Evening on the Diamond benefit dinner, Shirts Off Our D-Backs and additional events. All 501(c) 3 non-profit organization in Arizona are welcome to apply for funding, however, funding must be serving the people of Arizona. The deadline is open and the amount of grant funding available for projects is \$1,000—\$5,000. For more info: <http://arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com/ari/community/grants.jsp>

Daily Point of Light Award

Deadline: Rolling

The power of the individual to spark change and improve the world—that's what the Daily Point of Light Award celebrates. Nominate a local hero for this award. Recognition includes a certificate signed by President George H.W. Bush.

<http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition>

VEX Robotics

Schools interested in learning more about VEX Robotics and available grants should visit

<http://www.vexrobotics.com>

www.roboticseducation.org www.robotevents.com

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

Name: Annenberg Foundation

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

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

Deadline: Rolling

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

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

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

Deadline: Rolling

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

Link: www.avdf.org

Name: Ceres Foundation Grants

Who: For benefit of disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families

Amount: Up to \$240,000

Deadline: Rolling

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

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

Name: JP Morgan Chase Grants

Who: Open for non-profit organizations

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

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

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

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

Youth Program Grants

Deadline: Open

Sponsor: The Entertainment Software Association Foundation

Amount: Varies

Type: Social & Economic, Arts & Culture

The ESA Foundation is dedicated to supporting positive programs and opportunities that make a difference in the lives of America's youth.

<http://www.esafoundation.org/application.asp>

KaBOOM! Spruce Project Grants

Deadline: Rolling

Are you itching to serve? Organize your friends, clean up a playground, and you can become eligible for \$750, courtesy of Dr. Pepper Snapple Group. The grant is part of the Let's Play initiative to get kids and families active.

<http://grants.kaboom.org>

Name: Little Kids Rock Music Professional Development & Equipment Program

Who: Public school districts

Amount: Varies **Deadline:** Rolling

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

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

Name: Toyota USA Foundation: STEM Grants

Who: Schools, organizations to improve STEM education

Amount: \$200,000

Deadline: Rolling

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

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

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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:

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

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

Sumdog Contests are back!

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

April 24, 2015

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

Arizona Community Foundation Scholarships

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities at Discovery Park

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

For more information or alternate hours, contact:

Justin Johnson, Plant Propagation Coordinator, Gila Watershed Partnership

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

USDA—Safford Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest

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

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

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

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

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