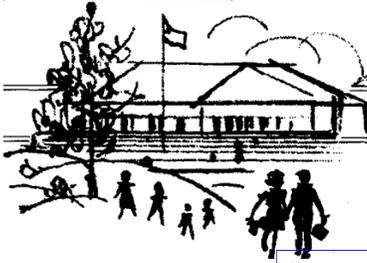




# Graham County School News



*Graham County School Superintendent*

*Donna M. McGaughey*

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*"Providing Quality Service and Support to Graham County Schools"*

Please visit our website  
[www.graham.az.gov](http://www.graham.az.gov)

## Superintendent's Message



I would like to welcome back all of our returning school staff members and send a special welcome to the educators who are new to our districts. New teacher information as of 8/1/16:

### Safford

- Tessie Higgins—Kinder, RPS
- Kayla Hartner—3rd, RPS
- Krishna Dominguez—5th, LNS
- Samantha Maldonado - 5th, RPS
- Errol Maner—6th, LNS
- Elise Burk—Strings—elementary
- Clare Vance—Spec. Ed DSS
- Jasie Sherwood—Spec. Ed intern, LNS
- Marcie Curtis—Spec. Ed, RPS
- Ashley Stearns—Spec. Ed intern, RPS
- JoKae Lambson-Shumway—Science, SMS
- Toni Corona—AD, SHS
- Laura Bernal—Vocational/CTE, MGHS
- Maria Ducharme—Spec. Ed, MGHS

### Fort Thomas

- Heike Schysm—Kindergarten, FES
- Glen Crough—3rd, Mt. Turnbull Elem.
- Sandra Carswell—6th, FES
- Cindy McComish—English, HS
- TBA—grade 1, Mt. Turnbull Elem.

### Thatcher

- Raelynn Allen—1st, JDPS
- Kara Hall—1st, JDPS
- Sharla Wood—1st, JDPS
- Rachel Allred—5th, TES
- Melissa Gutierrez—5th, TES
- Morgan Matthews—5th, TES
- Alise Wren—5th, TES
- Tara Cochran—6th, TES
- Janice Evans—Elem. Vocal Music
- John Forlizzi—Math, TMS
- Aubrey Larson—Math, HS
- Callie Ruiz—English, HS

### Pima

- Stasha Barlow—3rd/4th, PES
- Shane Hughes—3rd/4th, PES
- Kelly Nelson—3rd/4th PES
- Kristi Drury—Elem. Spec. Ed
- Echo Kieffer—6th, PES
- Jeff Skiba—6th, PES
- Natalie Jones—English, HS
- Jodi Neuhart—Science, HS

### Bonita

No new teachers

### Solomon

No new teachers

### Dan Hinton

No new teachers

### GIFT

No new teachers

### Discovery Plus Academy

No new teachers

### Triumphant Learning Center

Katlyn Archibeque—  
3/4

### **Dates to remember:**

- Aug. 10—School District Governing Board election paperwork is due today in the County School Office
- Aug. 27—Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Festival, Bashas' parking lot
- Aug. 30—Primary Election
- Sept. 5—Labor Day

*Hats Off!  
To all Graham County school transportation personnel for getting our students to and from school safely and on time!*





# 2016 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy

## "SEATA"

The 2016 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy, known as "SEATA" took place during the week of June 6-9th on the Eastern Arizona College campus. Over 240 educators and administrators were able to choose from 134 sessions ranging from technology integration to early childhood mathematics. The goal of SEATA is to provide high-quality professional development opportunities and experiences to our local educators, presented by master teachers.

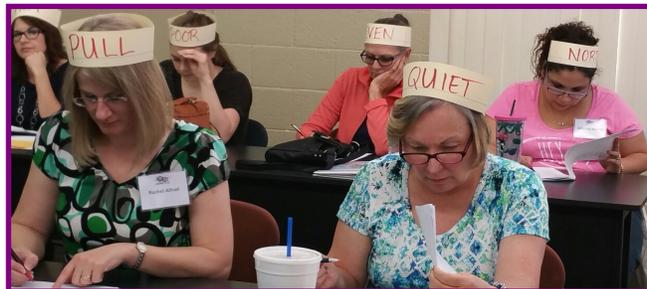
The academy is an annual event presented by Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent, and Tom Powers, Greenlee County School Superintendent. We are able to provide this training for our local educators because of our many partnerships including Eastern Arizona College, Arizona State University, the University of Arizona, the Maricopa County Education Service Agency (MCESEA), the Graham County Health Department, the Safford City/Graham County Library, the Bureau of Land Management, the Arizona Department of Education, and other statewide agencies.

SEATA serves our local teachers as a venue to study and learn new ways to effectively present core content. Many of our local teachers spend the school year working on their "signature lessons" and in turn, present them to the participants at the academy. For the most part, it is "teachers teaching teachers" which makes SEATA a unique and rewarding experience for everyone.

We have expanded SEATA to include training for early childhood providers. This year we were able to offer an intensive mathematics strand for PreK-1 teachers. These classes, along with science, brain research in social and emotional growth, provided good, sound practices for those educators who are giving our youngest students a strong foundation.

Wendy Peterson, the English Language Arts Coordinator for MCESEA and regular presenter at SEATA, served as our keynote speaker. She did a wonderful job inspiring the audience and giving them "permission" to add fun to their teaching and to always, *always* give their best to their students. We ended SEATA with a very popular twist on a recap of the week's activities. We held our first "SLAM" which was enjoyed by all. We invited presenters and participants to come up and give three-minute reviews of something they learned during the week, or something they do in their own classroom. The "Queen of the SLAM" was Deanna Crisler, who demonstrated her genius way of keeping vocabulary word walls handy using of all things, shower curtains!!

We are already making plans for the 2017 SEATA. Mark your calendars—June 5-8, 2017. See you there!



**IT'S BEEN GREAT!**

By Paulette LeBlanc

Yes, it is true. All good things do come to an end. I have made the decision to leave First Things First. It has been a wonderful six years but it is time to pass the community outreach baton to someone else. Please welcome Antoinette “Nette” Griffin.

Nette comes to First Things First with a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education. She has been working in community outreach for Child and Family Resources in the First Steps Program, teaching *The Happiest Baby on the Block*. She is an active member of the Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood and Home Visitation Coalitions. I feel blessed to know I am leaving FTF in good hands.

First Things First has afforded me the opportunity to spend quality time with many people and organizations who have a passion for early care and education. Of course, Pre-K through 12 teachers are among my favorites. Thank you so much for attending my workshops, hosting FTF events, distributing information, referring families to FTF-funded programs, joining the Early Childhood Coalition, and spreading the word about the importance of early childhood. After all, learning begins at birth and everything that happens before the age of five follows a child for a lifetime. Teachers get it! Thank you for your support of our young children.

The cool thing is, this is not really good-bye. I will continue to be involved in the Early Childhood Coalition and to volunteer for other activities connected to early care and education. There is no doubt I will continue to run into you wearing one hat or other.

Best wishes for a productive school year. Again, thank you for your ongoing support of our young children.



Nette Griffin, First Things First Community Outreach Coordinator



# 11th Annual Graham-Greenlee Substance Abuse Awareness Conference

Adult and Youth  
Tracks  
Available

Eastern Arizona College  
Gherald Hoopes Activity Center

*September 7, 2016*

*8:00 am to 3:00 pm*

*\$25.00 Registration fee -Includes Lunch!*

## Register on EventBrite!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-annual-graham-greenlee-substance-abuse-awareness-conference-tickets-26807286315>

## For More Information:

[grahamsubstancecoalition@gmail.com](mailto:grahamsubstancecoalition@gmail.com)



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Substance Abuse Coalition

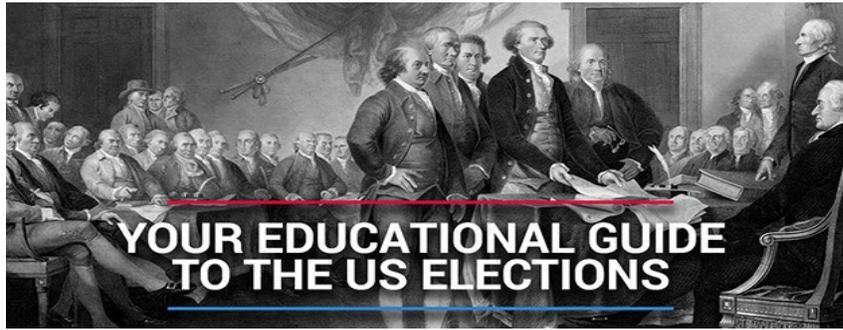
*Kathy Grimes, Director*

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*Heather Carr, Project Coordinator*

(928) 348-1756

## Engage Your Students in the Political Process with Resources from ELECTION CENTRAL



It's an election year and PBS has created tools, resources, and creative solutions to help you educate tomorrow's leaders on the various facets of the political process.

Turn news coverage into learning opportunities with new content including the history of presidential elections, the local impact of national issues, how the Electoral college works, fast facts, and more. [Visit ELECTION CENTRAL](#)



### The Election Collection

Why do we have presidential elections in the United States? What's a constitutional democracy? What are the foundations of government? These election-themed resources are designed to spark discussion in the classroom. [View Collection](#)



### Lesson Plans: Voting, Elections, and the Political Process

Looking to plan a lesson on current events and the upcoming elections but not sure where to start? We've compiled a selection of high-quality lesson plans on topics including the role of social media in an election, the purpose of the primaries, how to host a mock debate, and more. [View Lesson Plans](#)

More PBS LearningMedia opportunities on the next two pages.



### **Professional Development Courses On Your Time**

Do you want to better integrate digital resources into your curriculum, expand your content knowledge, and explore new teaching strategies? Are you in need of immediate CEUs\*\*? Let PBS help you reach your professional development goals! Summer course terms start on July 13 and August 17.

**BONUS:** Enroll using the code SUNNYDAYS from July 11th through August 19th to save 15% on 15, 30, and 45-hour facilitated courses\*\*.

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## **Challenge Yourself then Challenge Your Students!**

### **Teaching Vocabulary: Word Meanings and Word Knowledge**

PreK-2nd grade | 45 hours | August Term

Design more effective lesson plans by learning to evaluate your students' word knowledge and to incorporate vocabulary into instructional strategies.

### **Math in Every Day Life for Grade K-5**

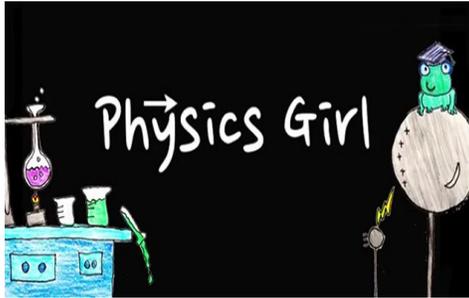
K-5th Grade | 15 hours | August Term

Make mathematics "real" for your young students with a fresh look at problem solving, calculators, and the Internet in the classroom. Develop a "walking field trip" through tasks found in students' daily lives.



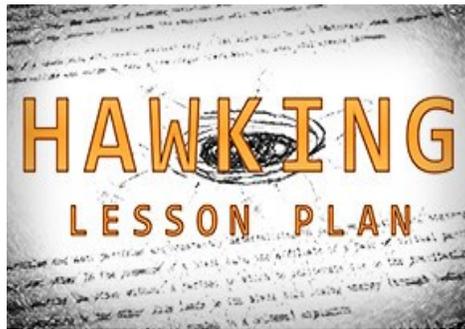
## It's Time to Think Big

### *Physics Girl* Sheds New Light on the Fun, Adventurous Side of Physical Science



Discover the immersive, perplexing, and hands-on side of physical science with Dianna Cowern, host of *Physics Girl*. In this series, Dianna shows us how the physical world works by using everyday experiences and questions to demonstrate basic (and sometimes, dangerously complex) scientific ideas.

[View Collection](#)



### Stephen Hawking Lesson Plan | *Hawking* | Grades 6-12

In this lesson, students will discuss ideas from the *Hawking* biography video that are particularly meaningful to them. This discussion strategy is structured in a way that requires all students to participate, giving both active and quiet speakers equal footing. [View Lesson Plan](#)



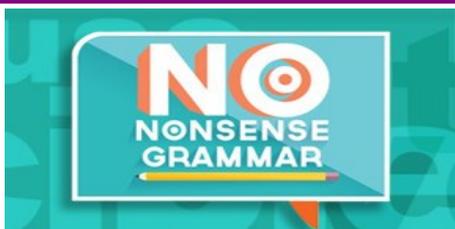
### Mysteries of Deep Space | *Time Travel to the Edge of the Universe and Back!* | Grades 9-12

In this lesson, students will study the size of the universe, calculate the time to travel to destinations, and construct a time scale model of the universe by using time travel distances. [View Resource](#)



### *It's Okay to Be Smart* | Grades 6-12

Join host Joe Hanson as he explores the eccentricities of the scientific world. From physics and astronomy, to biology and neuroscience, nothing is off-limits in this quirky series. [View Collection](#)



### Free iBook Download: No Nonsense Grammar | Grades 4-8

Get access to differentiated lesson plans and activities you can use to guide students through the intricacies of everyday grammar. Resources in this book are aligned to Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy.

[View in iTunes](#)



## **Fall 2016 TRBF Programs**

TRBF has put together an exciting fall 2016 lineup. We hope you'll join us at one or more of the programs listed below.

### **August 13, 2016**

Macroeconomics Fun & Games! This half-day workshop will take participants through six teacher-created games.

### **August 27, 2016**

Economics & World History— Economics and world history overlap in countless ways – learn how to bring these subjects to together for your students.

### **September 10, 2016**

VOTE: Health Care—Learn about conservative, liberal, and radical perspectives on the economics of health care in this one-day workshop.

### **September 24, 2016**

The Best of the Fed Experience valuable educational resources from the Federal Reserve System.

### **October 7-8, 2016**

(Almost) "Free" Trip to Phoenix Learn about a TRBF subsidy to attend the Council for Economics Education Conference in Phoenix.

### **November 5, 2016**

Clifford Returns! A nationally known AP® Economics Teacher is coming back to Tucson for a one-day workshop! If you want ideas and activities for reinvigorating your economics classroom, this workshop is for you!

### **November 19, 2016**

VOTE: Retirement Security

Learn about the conservative, liberal, and radical perspectives on the economics of retirement security.

### **TBA**

#### **Math & Economics in Children's Literature**

**Learn how to get the most out of story time by choosing titles that incorporate math and economics.**

**Look for publicity in your inbox soon.**

**We anticipate additional fall programs, look for details in your inbox in the coming weeks.**

<http://brownfoundations.org/trbf/>

## Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

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### Engineering is Elementary Teacher Educator Institute

August 23 – 24, 2016. Cost \$350

Registration Deadline 8/9/2016.

Are you an elementary science leader in your school or district? Are you interested in leading Engineering is Elementary (EiE) Teacher Workshops?

Please join us for an Engineering is Elementary Teacher Educator Institute August 23-25, 2016 in Gilbert. This three day professional learning session will prepare you to facilitate EiE professional development workshops in your school, district, or state.

Informational Flyer - <https://www2.nau.edu/d-cstl/wordpress/index.php/2016/05/12/engineering-is-elementary-teacher-educator-institute-2/>

Online Registration - <https://www5.nau.edu/cstl/workshop/>

#### Lessons:

### Tasting the Sky: Life on the West Bank

**Description:** In this lesson, students will read and write about the memoir of a childhood in Ramallah, on the West Bank. The storyteller, Bakarar, offers a child's view of the daily indignities, oppression, and textures of life in an occupied land.

**Author:** Patricia Hutchinson

**Grade Range:** 7-8

**Duration:** 2-3 class periods after reading the novel

#### Teacher Instructions

#### Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys

Map – SW Asia/North Africa

Map – SW Asia/North Africa (labeled)

Map – World

Other materials that may be useful:

National Geographic MapMaker Interactive

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### [Journey through Time: Arizona, From Territory to Statehood](#)

**Description:** In this lesson students will learn about Arizona's early days and follow its path from territory to statehood while exploring the movement of capitals, founding people, symbols, and culture.

**Author:** Kelli Jones

**Grade Range:** 4

**Duration:** 2 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

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

[Map: Arizona](#)

[Video Presentation on this Lesson](#)

Other links that might be useful:

[Map: Historical Development of Arizona and New Mexico Boundaries](#)

[Graph: Population of Arizona's Counties 1910 - 2005](#)

### Arizona Council for History Education (ACHE)

ACHE members are invited to submit lesson plans based on a series of interviews between Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Arizona political figures (the DVD of the interviews will be provided to interested participants). Ten lesson plans will be selected from the entries to be published as part of the Centennial Series Curriculum. The authors of **selected lesson plans will receive a \$500 stipend**. Please use the links below to learn more about this great opportunity.

[Slideshow - provides overview of expectations and important deadlines](#)

[Lesson Plan Template](#)

[Lesson Plan Checklist](#)

Process for Submissions: Submissions opened: May 2016

Submissions due to ACHE: **September 13, 2016**

Finalists notified: by September 27, 2016, Finalists editing/revisions due: October 11, 2016

If you are interested in participating:

Please email [centennialserieslessons@gmail.com](mailto:centennialserieslessons@gmail.com) and provide your name and mailing address

A copy of the DVD of interviews will be mailed to you.

Membership link: <http://www.azhistorycouncil.org/membership.html>

- <https://www2.nau.edu/d-cstl/wordpress/index.php/2016/05/12/engineering-is-elementary-teacher-educator-institute-2/>

## News from the Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

Using the AzGA website.

The purpose of the Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA) is to strengthen geography education in Arizona. **AzGA does this by providing high quality materials and professional development to teachers including over 330 K-12 geography lessons and over 200 maps on the AzGA website.**

You can find us at <http://geoalliance.asu.edu> .

A short tour of the website (or how to find things quickly).

For lessons:

On the right hand side of the screen look under the sections titled:

**GeoLiteracy** Lessons (geography and language arts)

**GeoSTEM** Lessons (geography and science, technology, engineering and (mostly) mathematics)

**GeoHistory** Lessons (geography and history)

**Legacy Project** (Lessons organized for the Arizona Centennial to teach Arizona history with geography. Perfect for fourth grade teachers as it is All Arizona.)

**Geography & Diverse Learners (ELLs)** (all of our geography lessons that have had ELL adaptations added to them.)

**All the sections may be sorted by GRADE LEVEL.**

**S p e c i a l   S e c t i o n   ( s t i l l   o n   R H   s i d e   o f   p a g e )**

**Interpreting Primary Sources with a Geographic Lens** - Tools to help you interpret primary sources "thinking like a geographer". Besides the guide on how to use these tools, there are the analysis question sets and student worksheets for:

Audio Visual Documents Images Maps Political Cartoons

These tools were modeled after the history-focused Library of Congress tools for primary resources. They were created using a National Geographic grant headed by the Colorado Geographic Alliance in which Arizona, Oregon and Nevada geographic alliances participated.

**Tabs across the top of the page include**

**Resources & Links** - links to sites you might find useful. (If you check these out and find something that doesn't work, please let us know!)

**Geographic Bee** - Info on this year's Bee, links to useful sites, and when it is available, information for next year's Bee will be posted here.

**MOST USED RESOURCE:**

**Maps** - Most of these maps are 8 ½ x 11" B&W masters. Some are in color. A very few are tile maps (multiple pages that require assembly). Sections include World, Regions, Countries, US & SW US, Arizona, Historical, Maps designed for Grades 1-4.

**Special Section:** When you click on Grades 1-4 you will see a line **Human and Physical Maps**. Click on it to get a group of maps created to meet POs for grades 1-4.

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## Professional Development – Save the Date

### State level -- Registration open now!

#### Mesa Arts Center Educator Preview Night

August 18, 2016 – 4:30 – 6:30 pm (Thursday and no cost)

RSVP to [engagement@mesaartscenter.com](mailto:engagement@mesaartscenter.com) or 480.644.6540

#### Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

September 17 – GeoConference 2016 (Saturday and no cost) Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale, AZ <http://geoalliance.asu.edu/>

#### Arizona Science Teachers Association (ASTA)

November 6-7, 2016 (Friday – Saturday) NAU North Valley Phoenix Campus <https://www.azsta.org/conferences>

#### National Teachers of Mathematics

Fall 2016 Regional Conference in Phoenix October 26th-28th <http://www.nctm.org/Conferences-and-Professional-Development/Regional-Conferences-and-Expositions/>

#### National Council for the Social Studies

2016 Annual Conference – Washington, DC December 2-4 <http://www.socialstudies.org/conference>

#### Arizona Council for History Education (ACHE)

August 20 – 2016 Conference (Saturday) Mesa Arts Center, Mesa <http://www.azhistorycouncil.org/conference.html>

#### Council for Economic Education

2016 Annual Conference – Phoenix October 5-8 <http://councilforeconed.org/events/cee-national-conference/>

#### Arizona Council for the Social Studies (ACSS)

October 22 – 2016 Annual Conference (Saturday) Camelback HS, Phoenix <http://acssaz.org/>

#### Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

Saturday, November 12, 2016 (Saturday and no cost) GeoDayTrip - GeoCivics: A Day at the Capitol Mall <http://geoalliance.asu.edu/node/866>

#### National Council for History Education (NCHE)

2017 NCHE National Conference – Atlanta, GA March 30 – April 1, 2017 <http://www.nche.net/conference>

SAFFORD CITY  
GRAHAM COUNTY  
**LIBRARY**



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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



*Speaking of wonderful resources...*

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

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

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

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

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

### **LEARN LANGUAGES FOR FREE WITH MANGO LANGUAGES**

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

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

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

## Economics Resources for Teachers

Mark Sammons, the Coordinator for Outreach with the Office of Economic Education, Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona, and our liaison for all of the fabulous economics professional development, has some great news to share!

The Council for Economic Education (CEE) will be holding its annual conference for teachers in **Phoenix on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7 & 8, 2016**. This is great news for Arizona teachers, since travel costs to this national conference will be minimal.

The conference is designed to serve teachers in the K-12 range, and virtually all of the presentations are on innovative ways to teach economics content or integrate it into other subjects across the curriculum.

For information, visit <http://councilforeconed.org/events/cee-national-conference/>

It's not too early to plan on attending this conference!



### 3TV WeatherBug Schools Program



Help keep students and staff safe from lightning and severe weather, share your school's weather data with the community and boost STEM initiative at your school!

Visit [www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com)

**DJ Mowrey** | Account Manager, WeatherBug Schools Program | O: 800-544-4429 X 4064 | M: 301-639-8402 | [www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com)



The Arizona Rural School Association (ASRA) has announced their **Teacher of the Year Finalists: Congratulations to Nicole Deem of Ruth Powell School in the Safford Unified School District on her nomination.** We know she will represent Graham County very well. Best wishes Nicole!!

Congratulations and good luck to all of the 11 finalists for Arizona Rural Teacher of the Year:

Richard Praun - Cochise County

Lela Schober - Coconino County

Kevin Mart - Gila County

**Nicole Deem - Graham County**

Jared Collins - Greenlee County

Kathleen Baker - La Paz County

Kelli Lambrecht - Maricopa County

Faith Caffey - Navajo County

Yemille Peiro - Santa Cruz County

Jessica Smith - Yavapai County

Jean Berdin - Yuma County

## Teacher of the Year

*Each year ARSA presents two prestigious awards to outstanding Arizona educators: the County Teacher of the Year Awards and the Arizona Teacher of the Year award. Award winners receive plaques acknowledging their achievements and recognition.*

*The Arizona Teacher of the Year award winner also receives a check for \$1000 as well as an all expense paid trip to the annual National Rural Education Association Convention.*

*All State winners also have their names engraved on a large plaque that is housed at Northern Arizona University.*

*Conference details can be found at [azruralschools.org](http://azruralschools.org)*

### ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

## Arizona's Sixteenth Annual Transition Conference

### *Trending in Transition: Education, Engagement, Employment*

Addressing the Transition Needs of Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities

**August 29–31, 2016**

Talking Stick Resort

9800 Talking Stick Way

Scottsdale, AZ 85256

<https://ems.azed.gov/Home/Calendar?sd=1407> (professionals) or <https://ems.azed.gov/Home/Calendar?sd=1408> (youth, young adults, family members not applying for a scholarship).

## **Teacher Leadership Program—A Support System for STEM Teachers**

Novice teachers of science and mathematics have a variety of needs, such as assistance with curriculum alignment, classroom management, and pedagogy including the integration of technology and content. Research shows that new teachers are not staying in the profession due to a variety of issues, one being that they don't feel connected with other teachers. By providing a formal structure where novice teachers are connected with a mentor of the same content and grade level, a professional teachers association, and the STEM education community, their feelings of isolation will lessen and retention of teachers will increase.

In addition, the TLP supports experienced teachers by training them and building their capacity to be leaders in your district.

Now is the time to have your teachers apply! We have funding from APS Foundation to help offset part of the fees for this 3-year program. **Applications are due by October 1st, 2016.**

For more information about the program, please click [here](#) or follow this QR Code.

Sincerely,



Sara Torres

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### **REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE**

There is **NO COST** to register, thanks to generosity of our the event sponsors!

**EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE MCMURRAY COMMUNICATIONS**

Please complete registration form. Registrations are taken on a first-come-first serve basis based on space limitations. Request registration form by contacting:

Kimberly Termain at 928-432-6932 or send email to [ktermain@cpic-cas.org](mailto:ktermain@cpic-cas.org)

### **JOB FAIR DETAILS**

DATE: Friday, August 19, 2016

TIME: 1:00pm-4:00pm

LOCATION

Eastern Arizona College  
Gherald L. Hoopes Jr Activity Center  
Corner US Hwy 70/College Ave  
Thatcher, AZ

## Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

### Freeport-McMoRan Grants

#### Mini-Grants for Education

##### WHO CAN APPLY

Applicants may be teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials at public and private schools located in or near communities where Freeport-McMoRan has a presence. K-12 schools are the only organizations eligible for this support.

##### GRANT AWARDS & USE OF FUNDS

Grants in the range of \$100 to \$500 will be awarded to support projects in the eligible project categories (Environment; Mining, mineral and natural resources; Reading and literacy; and STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). A school is eligible to receive up to four (4) mini-grants during each application period. Each applicant/teacher/classroom may receive one mini-grant award per school year.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a printable version of the application. This can be used as reference when completing the online application. We only accept applications submitted online.

The application deadline is October 1 each year.

**Application Window:** May 1– October 1

**Application Deadline:** October 1

**Awards Announced:** December 1 [Apply Now!](#)

### Sponsor: The Safeway Foundation

Name: Safeway Education Grants

Who: Non-profit organizations in areas where Safeway has stores  
(partner with schools)

Cost Share: None Amount: \$2,500—\$10,000 for first time recipients

Deadline: Rolling

<http://www.safewayfoundation.org/get-funded/how-we-fund.html>

### The Fender Music Foundation Grant

The Fender Music Foundation awards instruments and equipment to eligible music instruction programs. The organization is currently awarding acoustic guitars, electric guitars, acoustic-electric guitars, bass guitars and the equipment necessary to play these instruments. However, other traditional music instruments are sometimes available. To qualify as a music instruction program, participants must be learning how to make music.

<http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/grants-info/>

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### ALA Association for Library Service for Children Professional Service

Every year, more than \$100,000 is given away through ALSC's professional awards, grants, and scholarships. Please click on the individual award or grant for application information.

[For information about scholarships please click here](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

A list of the [2015 Professional Award winners](#) is now available.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

<http://www.ala.org//alsc/awardsgrants/profawards>

### School Grants Today eMagazine

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

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

### Freebies to Build Better Lessons

EngageNY curates a number of Common Core lesson plans for pre-K through 12th grade that can be searched by grade, subject and keywords. There are also curriculum maps and a rich video library.

BetterLesson houses 16,000+ Common Core, Next Gen science, and blended learning lessons created from Master Teacher projects. There are additional lessons created by the BetterLesson community, and there's a page with "new and popular" lessons of the week. It's easy to search the site. When we searched "ELA thesis statements," we found 15 lessons from Master Teachers and almost 97,000 from the community.

Grab and Go Mini-tasks for teachers to use with students immediately in the classroom are on the Literacy De-sign Collaborative website. These resources for back to school help teachers create literacy-rich assignments and courses across content areas.

### DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to DonorsChoose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

**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](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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**NEA Foundation Learning and Leadership Grants**

*Amount: \$2,000 to \$5,000*

*Description: The NEA Foundation for the Improvement of Education awards grants that support the professional development of public school teachers and faculty in public institutions of higher education. Grants may fund professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research, mentoring experiences or lesson study. Professional development must improve practice, curriculum and student achievement, and recipients must put professional leadership into practice by sharing what they learn with their colleagues. Grants cannot be used to fund a degree. For specific information, visit the NEA Foundation's application instructions page.*

<http://www.neafoundation.org/pages/grants-to-educators/grant-application/learning-and-leadership/>

**Fund for Teachers**

*Amount: \$5,000 to \$10,000*

Description: Fund for Teachers is unique in that it awards grants for professional development based on the principle that the teacher is the one who knows what they need to grow as an educator. These grants are self designed and allow teachers to create their own professional development opportunity based on what is most beneficial to their teaching in their own opinions. The application encourages educators to think about their objectives, motivations and the impact their particular plan of action will have on students.

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

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

**Who:** To benefit grades 4-12

**Amount:** \$5,000

**Deadline:** Open

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

[http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/teachers/what\\_asa\\_grant.shtml](http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/teachers/what_asa_grant.shtml)

## Professional Development Opportunities

\*During the 2015-2016 school year we hosted 3rd and 4th grade teachers in the Rodel Math 20/20 program of study. We are preparing to kick off the grade 2 and grade 5 cohorts, while continuing support to our teachers who took part last year.

\* Monday Sept. 19, 2016 we will host an Economics workshop for middle and high school teachers. Registration information will be forwarded to all schools.

\* Early Childhood Coalition—Thursday Oct. 27th, 4:00 at EAC.

\* Project Archaeology will resume this fall with an all-new shelter study. Details TBA.

We will be adding more opportunities for this fall and spring, as we get confirmation. The Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy will take place Mon.—Thurs. June 5-8, 2017 at EAC. Mark your calendars!

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