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# Graham County School News



*Graham County School Superintendent*

*Donna M. McGaughey*

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## Superintendent's Message

Football, band, volleyball, soccer...you know it's fall by the sports schedules. Thank goodness it has cooled off a little. It's a busy, busy time—take care of yourselves!

Many of our school administrators and school board members attended the annual Arizona School Boards Association Law Conference last month. It is always informative and educational. A highlight of the conference was hearing from one of the keynote speakers, Mary Beth Tinker, of the famous free speech case, *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District*. Another very interesting speaker was Mr. Clay Jenkinson who returned this year in the persona of J. Robert Oppenheimer, technical director of the Manhattan Project. In addition to learning how to best keep schools running smoothly, participants were treated to learning more about the fascinating events and characters who changed American history.

Our office got off to a very busy start by hosting several professional development opportunities, including Rodel Math 20/20, and U of A Economics training for middle and high school teachers. A lot more is planned, so keep up with these newsletters and mark your calendars!

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Click on:  
School Superintendent,  
Workshops

### Dates to remember:

- Oct. 6-9**—Graham County Fair. The parade is Friday Oct. 7th at 10:00.
- Oct. 6**—Secretary of State Town Hall on Nov. 8th Propositions—12:00 noon General Services Bldg.
- Oct. 10**—Columbus Day. The Graham County General Services Building will be closed.
- Oct. 19**—Rodel Math 20/20 training for grade 2 teachers
- Oct. 20**—Rodel Math 20/20 training for grade 5 teachers
- Oct. 22**—Harvest Festival Safford City Hall Lawn
- Oct. 25**—Rodel Math 20/20 Implementation meeting for grades 3-4
- Oct. 27**—K-3 Formative Assessment meeting for admin. Details TBA
- Oct. 27**—Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition at EAC, 4:00—5:30

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## ***Race to the Graham County Fair!***

**Monday, October 3rd - Building #2 will be open from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for class displays to be put up.**

**Call 428-6240 to reserve a space, otherwise spaces are on a first come, first served basis.**

***(Class displays do NOT need an entry form; only individual student entries need a form.)***

**I will need a total individual entry count from each teacher/class with entries so I can leave the correct number of student ticket vouchers (free entry) for Friday, October 7th of the Fair.**

**DON'T FORGET!!!!!!!**

**Friday, October 7th @ 10:00 a.m.....Annual Fair Parade**

**\$200 prize to the best Elementary & Jr. High Float**

***Last year there were no elementary school parade entries....  
\$200 went unclaimed!!!!***

Check [www.grahamcountyfair.com](http://www.grahamcountyfair.com) for entry forms, rules and other info.  
All fair entries will be judged and awarded by 12 noon on Friday Oct. 7th.  
Come see how your entry did!

**Email any questions to me at [tcaraveo@graham.az.gov](mailto:tcaraveo@graham.az.gov)**

**Thelma Caraveo, Graham County Fair Office**



# 2017 Graham County Spelling Bee Information

## *Important Dates to Remember:*

**August 22, 2016—October 14, 2016** Early enrollment period.

**October 15, 2016—December 12, 2016** Late enrollment period.

**December 1, 2016—January 16, 2017** Schools must hold school bees on or before January 16, 2017, to be included in the next level of competition.

**January 31, 2017**—District bees must be held by this date.

**February 1, 2017**—Send winner names to the Graham County School Office.

**February 15, 2017—Graham County Spelling Bee**

**March 3, 2017**—County winners' bios and photos are due to AEF by this date.

**March 25, 2017**—The Arizona State Spelling Bee will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Arizona PBS.

**June 1, 2017**—Scripps National Spelling Bee will be held in Washington, DC.



### Commonly Misspelled Words

absence	becoming	citizen	discipline	experience
accommodate	before	coming	does	experiment
achieve	beginning	competition	during	explanation
acquire	believe	convenience	easily	familiar
across	benefit	criticize	eight	fascinating
address	breathe	decide	either	finally
advertise	brilliant	definite	embarrass	foreign
advice	business	deposit	environment	forty
among	calendar	describe	equipped	forward
apparent	careful	desperate	exaggerate	friend
argument	category	develop	excellent	fundamental
athlete	ceiling	difference	except	generally
awful	cemetery	dilemma	exercise	government
balance	certain	disappear	existence	grammar
basically	chief	disappoint	expect	guarantee





# EASTERN ARIZONA SCIENCE INITIATIVE

## Free SATURDAY SCIENCE CAMP!

for all 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!

Join us Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 8:00am to Noon

at the EAC Discovery Park Campus

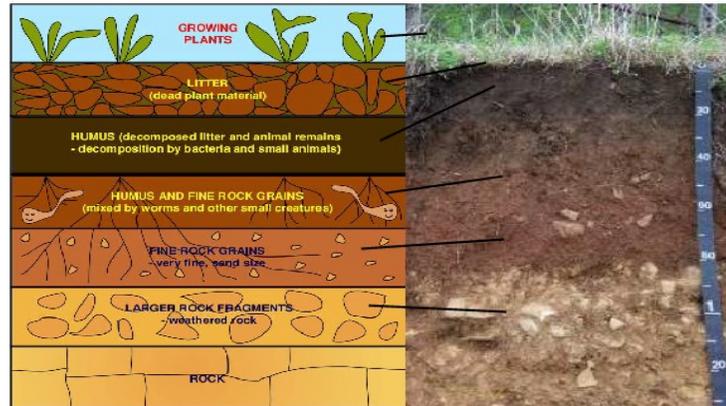
For exciting hands-on science activities!

### The Awesome Rock-Cycle and rock Types!

With Mrs. Debbie Pearson  
(Safford Middle School)

*Why do rocks have different colors, shapes, textures and weight? and WHAT?... they are always changing into a different rock??*

*This is Awesome!!*



### It's Your Food Dude!

The Soil Chain - with Mrs. Jokae Shumway

- Come get dirty discovering Soil.

*Why do we NEED dirt!*

*Find out what's in it – cool or yuck!*

*And learn the differences by how it looks and how it feels... and how it tastes?!*

The **SATURDAY SCIENCE CAMP** schedule is:

8:00 -8:30	Registration and snacks
8:30 – 10:00	<b>"Awesome Rock Types!" / "It's your food Dude!"</b>
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:45	<b>"It's your food Dude!" / "Awesome Rock Types!"</b>
11:45 - Noon	Feedback and Evaluation Completion

### Register to attend:

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

Name, Grade (must be in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade), School, and Parents' email or phone #

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

**But wait! There's more! The good folks at E.A.S.I. have a lot more planned!**



All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

**Please let all new teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joined E.A.S.I.! It's easy!**

**2016 -2017 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:**

Wed. Oct. 12	October EASI Meeting	Wed. Apr. 12	April EASI Meeting
Sat. Oct. 15	EASI 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Saturday Science Camp	Wed. May. 10	May EASI Meeting
Wed. Nov. 9	November EASI Meeting	Tue. May 30-June 1	<b>Tonto Creek STEM Camp</b> Grade 7-10 (partnership with EAC)
Sat. Nov. 19	ASTA Conference	M-Th Jun. 5-8	Southeastern AZ Teachers Academy
Wed. Dec. 14	December EASI Meeting	M-W Jun. 12-14	EASI Summer Science Camp – Grade 6-9
Sat. Dec. 10	G.O. STEM Camp	M-F Jun. 19-21	High School Science Camp – Grade 8-12
Wed. Jan. 11	January EASI Meeting	Wed. Aug. 9,	August EASI Meeting
Wed. Feb. 8	February EASI Meeting	Wed. Sep. 13	September EASI Meeting
Sat. Feb. 11	Middle School Saturday Science Camp	Wed. Oct. 11	October EASI Meeting
Wed. Mar. 8	March EASI Meeting		
Sat. Mar. 11	E. A. Regional Science Fair Competition		

Contact Jackie Madsen at [Jackie.madsen@eac.edu](mailto:Jackie.madsen@eac.edu)  
Or call the EAC Discovery Park Campus at 928-428-6260



*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!*

**EAC Discovery Park Campus staff offer exciting field trip opportunities with lessons available in two subjects areas;**

**Habitat (native plants and animals)**

Animal Tracks 7 Signs  
Animal Adaptations  
Pond Water Micro-Life  
Dendrochronology/Native Plants

**Astronomy**

Solar System Walk  
UV Beads / Polaris Shuttle Rides  
The Electromagnetic Spectrum  
Light, Energy and Lasers!

**The EAC Discovery Park Campus staff instructors and volunteers are here to help you.**

***EAC Discovery Park offers a variety of educational opportunities not found anywhere else!***

- *Graham County Historical Society's collection of early Gila Valley artifacts.*
- *Amazing interactive Electromagnetic spectrum display.*
- *Our friends Galileo, Isaac Newton, and Albert Einstein show us the "History of Astronomy".*
- *The World's largest permanently mounted "Camera Obscura" - light, refraction, and perspective.*
- *The DPC research-grade 20" Tinsley Telescope in the "Gov Aker" Observatory.*
- *"Nature's Hideaway" Pond- see native animals in a natural Sonoran Desert Riparian Habitat.*
- *The endangered Chiricahua Leopard Frog Ranarium Breeding program.*
- *Native Box Turtle and Sonoran/Mojave Tortoise Live animal displays*
- *The "Mill's Collection" of Pre-Historic Native American Pottery and Artifacts.*
- *And the exciting "Polaris" shuttle ride simulator for amazing facts about our Solar System!*

**Contact Jackie at the EAC Discovery Park Campus for more information or to schedule a field trip: (928) 428-6260 or e-mail: [jackie.madsen@eac.edu](mailto:jackie.madsen@eac.edu)**

## Encouraging pretend play in young children builds their brains

This time of year, stores are filled with seasonal costumes and children excitedly transforming into their favorite superhero or cartoon character.

For young children, the type of play associated with dressing up and pretending to be someone else is an integral part of learning.

“Did you ever stop to watch toddlers or preschoolers imagining themselves as princesses and pirates?” said Ginger Sandweg, First Things First Senior Director for Early Learning. “When children play, they draw on all their past experiences – things they have done, seen others do, or heard stories about – and use those to develop their own situations, stories and scenarios. And they are learning in the process.”

According to the LEGO Foundation, whose mission is to make children’s lives better and communities stronger by making sure the fundamental value of play is understood, embraced and acted upon, there are different types of play. All which support an aspect of physical, intellectual and social-emotional growth.

Socio-dramatic play is easy to spot. Watch a child dress up and pretend he is someone or something else, for example, pretending to be a firefighter or a dog. Researchers say this is the basis of children’s developing social understanding.

In fact, research has shown that play impacts everything from physical abilities and vocabulary to problem solving, creativity, teamwork and empathy.

First Things First encourages families to stay active through play, since it is one of the most important ways that young kids learn. So, how do parents recognize play and encourage it in our children? Here are a few guidelines:

- Play is FUN.
- Play doesn’t start out with a specific goal – like learning letters or numbers.
- Play is spontaneous and voluntary.
- In play, everyone is actively involved.
- And, finally, play includes an element of make believe.

To encourage play, caregivers can:

- Advocate for play – open your home and schedule time for play. Re-evaluate your child’s schedule to make sure there are plenty of opportunities and time for play.
- Provide the resources for stimulating play – not necessarily toys, just plenty of varied objects visible to children. Then, let their creativity take over.
- Join in the fun, but let your child take the lead. You may think you look silly, but you are expanding your child’s learning.
- Encourage your child to use his imagination.

Parents and caregivers can help children reach their full potential. It starts with embracing the huge value that play has in helping children learn critical skills that are essential for their future.

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**About First Things First** – First Things First is a voter-created, statewide organization that funds early education and health programs to help kids be successful once they enter kindergarten. Decisions about how those funds are spent are made by local councils staffed by community volunteers. To learn more, visit [FirstThingsFirst.org](http://FirstThingsFirst.org).

## Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family Issues 2nd Annual Statewide Youth Challenge



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### **News Release**

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#### **Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family Issues**

#### **2nd Annual Statewide Youth Challenge**

September 21, 2016 - Which county will win this year? The Governor's Youth Commission (GYC) challenges Arizona's youth to service with the 2nd annual friendly competition between all fifteen counties. This competition encourages all youth in Arizona to implement service projects in their communities from September 19, 2016 - January 7, 2017 and record them on the GYC website: [BeSeenBeHeard.az.gov](http://BeSeenBeHeard.az.gov) with photos and videos. Last year La Paz County set the standard for mobilizing youth and ranked number one! With all of the counties competing, over 94,000 youth-led service hours were logged. The county with the most projects will receive special recognition from the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF).

"I am so inspired by all the motivated youth in Arizona who serve others. This competition is a great way to improve our neighborhoods and connect our communities," shared the GOYFF Director, Debbie Moak. "I look forward to seeing which county will mobilize the most youth and win this year's competition."

The GYC seeks to form a collective voice, while inspiring youth across the state to bring about positive change. Along with the service competition that runs through January, all Arizona youth are encouraged to participate in the Global Youth Service Day on April 21-23, 2017. For the second year in a row, Arizona was ranked number one in the world for the most youth-led service projects completed.

Like us on Facebook at: [Facebook.com/gycaz](https://www.facebook.com/gycaz) and join us on Twitter: [@azgyc](https://twitter.com/azgyc). If you tweet us and send us a photo of your volunteer project, we will retweet you.

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News from Paul Anger:

High School Teachers-Sign up to receive *Science News* for FREE!



“Society for Science & the Public's *Science News* in High Schools program brings *Science News* magazine to high schools across the U.S. and worldwide.

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Learn more at <https://www.societyforscience.org/science-news-high-schools>.

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**Save the Date!!!**  
**Thursday, October 27, 2016**  
**Pre-K through Grade 3**  
**Administrators' Workshop**  
**Graham County General Services Building**  
**1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**  
***AZ Early Childhood Assessment Systems:***  
***Preschool through Grade 3***

Please join Elizabeth Hamilton, ADE Program Specialist for Early Childhood. This session will include best practices around assessment for children as well as guidance on how to build these systems in school districts.

Information about the recommended assessment for Pre K-3 will also be introduced.

Participants will receive a copy of *A Guide to AZ Assessment Continuum for Children Pre-K through Grade 3*.

**Teacher certification offered locally by Arizona State University**

Convenient, face-to-face classes at EAC for aspiring teachers

[Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College](#) at Arizona State University offers teacher certification courses at Eastern Arizona College through a [unique partnership](#). Once students successfully obtain an associate degree and enroll in this program, they can take ASU courses on the EAC campus at a discounted rate. This BAE (Bachelor of Arts in Education) certification in secondary education prepares educators to teach grades 6-12.

The program requires two years to complete and includes teaching experiences. Students have internships during the first year, allowing them to spend one day per week in classrooms. During their second year, teacher candidates do their student teaching, which is a full-time, year-long apprenticeship. This experience, known as iTeachAZ,, is unmatched in Arizona. The hands-on clinical model creates highly sought-after graduates who are ready to begin teaching as soon as they graduate.

For more information on this and other programs, please sign up for the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College newsletter [here](#).

# ***An Invitation...***

## **Graham / Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition**

***Start Early. Finish Strong.***

Open the door between early childhood and primary grades by joining us for another gathering in our series of coalition collaborations.

Thursday, October 27, 2016  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Eastern AZ College  
Room AP114



### ***AZ Early Childhood Assessment Systems: Preschool through Grade 3***

Please join Elizabeth Hamilton, ADE Program Specialist for Early Childhood. This session will include best practices around assessment for children as well as guidance on how to build these systems in school districts. Information about the recommended assessment for K-3 will also be introduced.

Elizabeth will link pre-k through grade 3 assessments. All early childhood stakeholders will benefit from this discussion.

Register by contacting Paulette LeBlanc at [pleblanc@aznex.net](mailto:pleblanc@aznex.net) by Friday, October 21, 2016.



*The Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition is sponsored by:  
Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent  
Tom Powers, Greenlee County School Superintendent  
JoAnn Morales, EAC Early Childhood Instructor*

October 7-8, 2016



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**FINANCIAL LITERACY AND  
ECONOMIC EDUCATION**  
Conference  
October 5-8, 2016  
Phoenix, AZ

**TRBF**  
THOMAS R. BROWN FOUNDATIONS

The 55th Annual Financial Literacy and Economic Education Conference is in Phoenix this year! The conference dates for K-12 teachers are **Friday October 7th and Saturday October 8th**. The Thomas R. Brown Foundation believes this is an excellent professional development opportunity for teachers in Southern Arizona and would like to subsidize your attendance to the tune of up to \$350, provided you complete the steps listed below.

**Participants will be required to pay expenses upfront with a debit or credit card in his/her name and submit original receipts in order to be reimbursed.**

**Step 1:** Contact Barbara Gray at [bgg@brownfoundations.org](mailto:bgg@brownfoundations.org) to request approval to participate in this program. Like most resources, subsidies are limited!

**Step 2:** After receiving authorization from Barbara, register for the conference [HERE](#) and pay the \$150 fee for K-12 educators. NOTE: Per CEE policy, you will receive no refund for cancellations made after September 26, 2016. In addition, CEE charges a \$50 fee for cancellations made before September 26, 2016.

**Step 3:** Forward confirmation of your paid registration to Barbara Gray and upon her acknowledgement of receipt, reserve a room for Friday October 7th at one of the following hotels: Renaissance Phoenix Hotel \$\$\$—This is where the conference will take place and you can book a room for a special rate of \$199 + taxes (~\$25) + parking (\$10/day) at this site. You must book by Friday, September 16 to get the conference rate. There is a limit on conference rate rooms.

Hampton Inn Phoenix-Midtown \$\$—This hotel is about 2 miles from the conference hotel, but is just off the Central Avenue Light Rail and a short ride away from the conference. If you call (602) 200-0990 and mention the Thomas R. Brown Foundation, you can book at a special rate of \$119 + taxes (~\$15). There is no charge for parking at this hotel. This option is the best for stretching your subsidy!

**Step 4:** Attend the conference! Gather interesting ideas and resources for yourself, but don't forget to bring home materials to your colleagues.

**Step 5:** Write a brief report recounting your conference activities and submit this report along with original receipts for reimbursement to TRBF. We will reimburse you the week after we receive your report & receipts. Note: you will receive the lesser of \$350 or the total amount for which you have original receipts showing payment. (Reservation receipts are not sufficient.)

**If you have questions about this program, please contact Barbara Gray at [bgg@brownfoundations.org](mailto:bgg@brownfoundations.org) or call: (520) 345-5300 ext. 4.**

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## 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

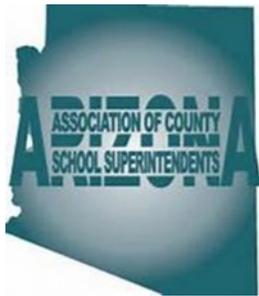


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# STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM for GOVERNMENTAL, NONPROFIT & PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

*Provided through a partnership with the Association of Educational Service Agencies  
and Innovative Student Loan Solutions*



## DID YOU KNOW ...

Average student loan debt for undergraduates = \$26,000

A Master's Degree = \$26,500

Cost of attending college has increased 439% since 1982

46% of student loans are in default



***The AACSS Program lifts the burden of student loans*** We can help your employees save an average of \$600 a month on their student loan payments and help them achieve an average of \$60,000 in loan forgiveness!

### FOR EMPLOYERS

- New voluntary benefit for employees
- Enhance recruitment
- Increase retention rates
- Zero cost to implement

### FOR EMPLOYEES

- Immediately reduce monthly payments
- Eliminate student loan balance
- No cost, no obligation consultations
- Personalized 10-year plan



### The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program ...

Established by Congress through the College Cost Reduction & Access Act of 2007 and enhanced in 2009 and 2012 to encourage individuals to enter public service jobs.

The PSLF Program provides benefits the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program doesn't ...

**No cap** on loan balance forgiven

**All public employers** qualify

**All full-time employees** are eligible

**Immediate benefit** with loan forgiveness after 10 years of service

### How it works...

1. AACSS provides easy-to-share information to governmental, nonprofit and public service employers throughout Arizona.
2. Interested employees click... <https://aacss.myisls.com>, or Scan QR Code:  
Enter Registration Code **AACSS**, call 1.866.831.5564  
or email: [advisor@isloansolutions.com](mailto:advisor@isloansolutions.com)



# INVESTIGATING NUTRITION THROUGH ARCHAEOLOGY

## The Advent of Agriculture in Mesopotamia



**Discover** the past through evidence from archaeological sites in Mesopotamia.

**Trace** the shift from hunting and gathering to the development of agriculture in the ancient world.

**Engage** your students to think like archaeologists as they apply the tools of scientific inquiry to the investigation of nutrition.

**Explore** how the advent of agriculture decreased food diversity with significant consequences for human health even today.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

### 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers of Graham and Greenlee Counties

Friday, November 18, 2016

1:00—5:00 p.m.

Bureau of Land Management

711 S. 14th Ave.

Safford, AZ

To Register: Contact Paulette LeBlanc at [pleblanc@aznex.net](mailto:pleblanc@aznex.net) by Nov. 4, 2016

### *Project Archaeology: Investigating Nutrition*

- Grade 6 Curriculum Guide
- Cross-curricular unit [www.projectarchaeology.org](http://www.projectarchaeology.org)
- Inquiry-based learning





## Benjamin Franklin: Writer, Inventor, and Founding Father | American Icons | Lesson Plan | Grades 3-7

At the height of the Age of Enlightenment, Benjamin Franklin accomplished great works in countless fields including science, politics, and media, becoming one of America's most prolific Founding Fathers. Through two primary source activities and a short video, this lesson plan will help your students understand how Franklin used his talent in writing and printing to share his ideas and help shape the world.

[View Lesson Plan](#)



## Math + Arts: Shapes into Sculptures | KET | Lesson Plan | Grades PreK-1

Get creative with this blend of math and arts activities! This lesson will help students identify 2 and 3-dimensional shapes as well as create shape drawings and sculptures. [View Lesson Plan](#)



## The Role of Women in *As You Like It* | Shakespeare Uncovered | Lesson Plan | Grades 9-12

In this lesson from *Shakespeare Uncovered*, students will explore the role of women in William Shakespeare's comedy *As You Like It*.

[View Lesson Plan](#)



## Design and Build a Tangle-Free Headphone Holder | WGBH | Lesson Plan | Grades 5-8

In this lesson plan, students follow the engineering design process to build a tool that stores headphones for a portable devices, such as an MP3 player, without wires getting tangled. [View Lesson Plan](#)



## Enter Today: PBS Education's 50 for 50 Contest

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to write an open letter to the 2016 presidential candidates with ideas on how to improve the effectiveness of government. Two winners, one in middle school and one in high school, will win a trip to attend the final presidential debate in Las Vegas! [Learn More](#)



## Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Free Classroom Resources from PBS



Explore the stories of U.S. Latinos and how they inform the broader American narrative.

From southern Florida to Puerto Rico to New Mexico, from the pre-history of the nation through today's most contentious issues, Latino experiences illuminate our country's history and its struggle to live up to its ideals. This collection of lesson plans, videos and classroom resources invites students to explore the history, people and issues chronicled in the PBS series, *Latino Americans*. [View Collection](#)



### Hispanic Heritage Month | All About the Holidays | Grades K-4

Hispanic Heritage Month honors the more than 54 million people of Hispanic heritage living in the United States. Across the country, Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated with festivals and community events recognizing the contributions of Hispanics and Latinos in the United States. [View Resource](#)



### Hernán Cortés | PBS World Explorers | Grades 4-8

Now one of the most remembered conquistadors of all time, Hernán Cortés conquered vast parts of Mexico for Spain. Students will learn how Cortés brought about the end of the Aztec civilization, and how his legacy is marred by his brutal treatment of Mexican natives. [View Resource](#)



### Free iBook Download: Beginning Spanish for Grades 3-5

This free iBook provides teachers with twenty-five lesson plans featuring an abundance of brief, in-class activities about topics related to the Spanish language, its vocabulary and grammar, and the richness of the Spanish-speaking world's culture. [Download iBook](#)



Enter the #TeachBoldly Sweepstakes!

Visit the new PBS Teachers' Lounge and enter the #TeachBoldly Sweepstakes today! You could win a month's supply of coffee for your team- OR, the grand prize, a completely teched-out makeover of the teachers' lounge at your school! [Enter Now](#)



Check Out *We the Voters*: 20 Films to Engage Students in the Democratic Process

PBS has partnered with *We the Voters* on a nonpartisan digital project featuring short films that help to engage students in the democratic process. The films and lesson plans provide a fresh perspective on democracy, elections, governance, and debating, appropriate for grades 8-12. [View Resources](#)



### HACKING VOCABULARY: TIPS, TRICKS, AND TOOLS FOR DECODING WORDS

During this webinar, library media specialist and PBS Digital Innovator Joquetta Johnson will provide participants with resources to support teaching and learning vocabulary in 21st century learning environments. [Register Now](#)



### VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP | GULF DETECTIVES: ANIMALS OF THE NORTHERN GULF OF MEXICO

Take your class on a virtual field trip! This event will teach concepts of animal habits and adaptations, food webs, ecosystems, biology, and environmental science. [Register Now](#)



### ONE-TO-ONE IN ONE, TWO AND.... YEARS

In this special webinar for district administrators and other school technology specialists, Adam Babcock, a 2014 PBS Digital Innovator, will share what a 1:1 program looks like long-term. Learn about what you can plan for- and what you can't- and the overall changes that the program will experience. [Register Now](#)



### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Save 10% on Fall PD Facilitated Courses

Grab your school supplies and take a professional development course! PBS TeacherLine provides facilitated and self-paced courses, so you can decide how, when, and where you want to complete your PD hours. Now through September 30, save 10% when you use promo code "BACK2SCHOOL2016".

[Learn More](#)



**Online Course: Enabling Students with Special Needs to Succeed in Math Class | Grades 4-8 | 30 Hours**

Make math accessible for all students! This course will help you to adapt your own curricula and work with special needs teachers to help your students succeed. [Enroll Now](#)



## **PBS TeacherLine®**

Dear Educator,

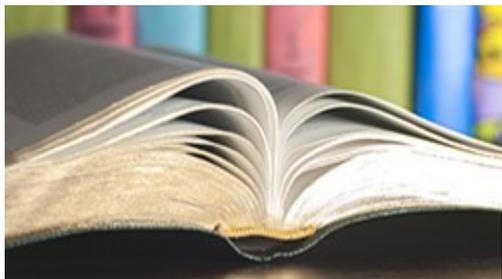
Did you know that PBS TeacherLine offers self-paced and facilitated professional development courses? PBS TeacherLine gives you the opportunity to learn new skills and enhance your career with course on math, science, reading, social studies, instructional strategies and more. [Check out the list of fall courses](#)



### **Structure of the Earth System**

Grade 5-12 | 30 hours

Develop content knowledge about landform processes, data sets, and mapping tools while you learn effective teaching methodologies, strategies, and tools for use in teaching earth and space science concepts. [Explore This Course](#)



### **Developing Passionate Readers in a Digital World**

Grade: K-6 | 30 hours

This course provides specific strategies and tools that will help your students understand and know the joy of reading. Learn how to ignite students' interest!

[Explore this Course](#)



### **Bridging World History: A Special Collection by Annenberg Learner**

Grade: 9-12 | 45 hours

Research and explore world history concepts that meet your curriculum and student learning needs.

[Explore this Course](#)

## Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

Arizona State University | School of Geographical Sciences & Urban Planning |

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<http://geoalliance.asu.edu/> | <https://www.facebook.com/geoalliance/>

976 S Forest Mall, Coor Bldg, Fifth Floor, Room 5677 (Zip 85281)

### New lesson! Featured at GeoConference 2016

## Go GeoWild with Pokemon GO!

**Description:** Learning how geospatial technologies enriches our understanding of the world is an important concept in the 21st Century. While much data that is available may not be interesting to middle school students, students can become not only data gatherers but analyzers by catching the Pokemon Go fever. In this lesson students will learn how to use geospatial technologies and Google Docs to gather, analyze and present information. Students will also answer a statistical question using a histogram.

**Author:** Karen Guerrero

**Grade Range:** 6

**Duration:** 2 class periods

### Teacher Instructions

### Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys

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

#### Vocabulary Cards

#### Vocabulary Test and Answer Key

#### Vintage WPA Posters from the Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/search/?st=grid&co=wpapos>

Over 900 digitized Works Progress Administration (WPA) posters for movies, parks, home safety, travel...

#### Space Posters from ASU's Ron Greeley Center for Planetary Studies

<http://rpif.asu.edu/wordpress/index.php/rgcps/downloads/posters>

From The NASA Regional Planetary Information Facility at ASU

Examples:

- The New Solar System, 2.0
- NASA'S Dawn Spacecraft Explores Ceres – Kerwan crater
- Volcanoes of Hawai'i and the Planets – 1
- Saturn backlit – NASA's Cassini Orbiter Explores Saturn
- Pluto & Charon – NASA's New Horizons Spacecraft Explores Pluto
- Galileo mission – Jupiter and moons
- LRO at the Moon
- Galileo Spacecraft Explores Io

#### GeoStories – Collection

<http://nationalgeographic.org/topics/geostories/>

GeoStories combine interactive maps, media, and narrative. This collection contains all GeoStories from NG Education. These stories are filterable by grades & ages, resources, and subjects.

#### Ocean Exploration

<http://nationalgeographic.org/media/ocean-exploration-geostory/>

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A Few Tools from **Google**

### Google for Education

<https://www.google.com/edu/>

Opportunities for teachers and students all over this site but you have to explore a little to determine what fits for you. **Example: Google Scholarships** | <https://www.google.com/edu/scholarships/>

### Google Lit Trips: Reading the World

<http://www.googlelittrips.org/index.php>

Lit Trips are **downloadable files** that **mark the journeys of characters from famous literature on the surface of Google Earth**. Along the way, place marks with pop-up windows contain "just in time" resources including relevant media, thought-provoking discussion starters, and links to supplementary information about "real world" references in that portion of the story. Lit Trips focus is on creating engaging and relevant literary experiences for students.

### Build your own Google Lit Trip

<http://www.googlelittrips.org/downloadResources/HowDoIBeginBuildingAGoogleLitTrip.pdf>

### Google Earth/Google Maps Download

<https://www.google.com/earth/download/ge/agree.html>

Google Earth lets you fly anywhere on Earth to view satellite imagery, maps, terrain, 3D ... Download the latest version of Google Earth for PC, Mac, or Linux

### Google Earth Tutorial

<https://support.google.com/earth/answer/176576?hl=en>

### Google Maps

<https://www.google.com/maps/@33.3075776,-111.6838075,15z>

Find local businesses, view maps and get driving directions in Google Maps. Earth view can give you a 2D or 3D view of an area. Be aware not all areas are available.

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### Technology Flashcards (iOS App from EiE (Free))

<http://www.eie.org/engineering-adventures/resources/technology-flashcards>

Many children (and some adults) believe that the term "technology" is reserved for things that are high-tech or electric. But the definition is much broader than that. This game uses flashcards to teach children that a technology is anything designed by human beings to help solve a problem or meet a need. This means that items such as cups, pencils, shoes, and even processes such as an assembly line, are just as much technologies as the high-tech examples. Things that are not technologies are items that are created by nature, such as trees, dirt, tomatoes, and waterfalls. A tool to help introduce the geographic idea of movement of ideas (technology) across space and through cultures.

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American Association of Geographers (AAG)

### K-12 and Teacher Education – GeoSTART

<http://www.aag.org/cs/education/>

[k12 and teacher education/](#)

[geostart teaching earth science](#)

For middle/high school students learn state-of-the-art approaches to geography, earth science, and spatial thinking skills using NASA Earth Observing Missions remote sensing imagery and related data. Teachers guide and 8 spatial thinking activities using hurricanes.

### National Geography Standards

From the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE)

<http://alliances.nationalgeographic.com/detail/the-national-geography-standards/edn7EBAD664C732EoD98>

NGS cheat sheet for the National Geography Standards

<http://nationalgeographic.org/standards/national-geography-standards/>

The Standard (all 18) with an expanded entries to explain the ideas for 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grades plus the Essential Element (like the 5 themes) the standard to which relates.

### 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/conference/>

### National Teachers of Mathematics

Fall 2016 Regional Conference in **Phoenix**

October 26th-28th

<http://www.nctm.org/Conferences-and-Professional-Development/Regional->

## Professional Development Save the Date

### State level -- Registration open now!

### Arizona Science Teachers Association (ASTA)

November 6-7, 2016 (Friday – Saturday)

NAU North Valley Phoenix Campus

<https://www.azsta.org/conferences>

### 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 the Social Studies

2016 Annual Conference – Washington, DC

December 2-4

<http://www.socialstudies.org/conference>

### National Council for History Education (NCHE)

2017 NCHE National Conference – Atlanta, GA  
March 30 – April 1, 2017

<http://www.nche.net/conference>

The **Arizona Memory Project** provides access to the wealth of primary sources in Arizona libraries, archives, museums and other cultural institutions. Visitors to the site will find some of the best examples of government documents, photographs, maps, and objects that chronicle Arizona's past and present. Visit AMP at <http://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/>

SAFFORD CITY  
GRAHAM COUNTY  
**LIBRARY**



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

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

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

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

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



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

Visit [www.saffordlibrary.org](http://www.saffordlibrary.org)

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

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

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

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

Visit the Gift Shop!

Safford City / Graham County Library

808 S. Seventh Ave.

Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-4165

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



*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.

## Center for the Future of Arizona

### CALLING ALL TEACHERS:

Every presidential election, [Arizona Foundation for Legal Services & Education](#) administers Kids Voting Arizona and Kids Voting USA. If you are interested in an awesome Mock Voting experience for your students for the upcoming election, visit [www.KidsVotingAZ.org](http://www.KidsVotingAZ.org). They offer free curriculum (aligned to state standards), highly interactive professional development for teachers (with lunch provided) and free resources. The Mock Election is online and they begin with early voting in October. Check it out!



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Charitable Donations Accepted: <https://www.azgives.org/c/GivesDay/a/seazworkforce>

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### **Graham County Business and Workforce Development Center**

1910 W Thatcher Blvd | Safford, AZ 85546

### **Greenlee County Business and Workforce Development Center**

300 N Coronado Blvd, PO Box 816 | Clifton, AZ 85533

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# United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

## Education Grant Opportunities

### **Goal Statement:**

*The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.*

### **Objectives:**

#### ***Improving school readiness for every child***

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

#### ***Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade***

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

#### ***Increasing student access to quality transitional programs***

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

#### ***Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment***

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

#### ***Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches***

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21<sup>st</sup> Century challenges.

### ***Partnerships:***

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

**Apply Now!**

Visit the United Way website at <http://www.uwgraham.com/about/>

Click on "How to Apply"

Applications will be reviewed each month except during December.

# Graham County P.O.W.W.O.W. Farmer's Market



2016—2017

Produce Distribution

Home Depot Parking Lot—Thatcher

To Pre-register and for information

Please Call—

928-792-5368

## Home Depot Parking Lot

Wednesday, November 30th - 11:00 a.m. to  
2:30 p.m.

The fourth Wednesday of every month  
starting in December.

December 21st - 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

January 25th - 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

February 22nd - 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

March 22nd - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

April 19th - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

May 24th - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

- \$10 contribution (Cash Only) to shop for 60 lbs. of fresh, nutritious produce.
- Pre-register for a P.O.W.W.O.W. ID card.
- ID Card required for participation. Can obtain day of P.O.W.W.O.W.
- No income qualifications.
- Not required to accept all produce but cannot substitute one variety for another.
- Boxes available to shop for your produce.
- Handicap Accessible.

## □ Distribution Site

**Home Depot  
Parking Lot**



## Produce On Wheels With Out Waste

A program of Borderlands Food Bank a Division of Diabetes Prevention and Aid Fund.

The original \$10 for 60 lbs. of fresh, nutritious produce program.

For more information: Hotline: 800-551-6764

[www.borderlandsfoodbank.org](http://www.borderlandsfoodbank.org) <http://facebook.borderlandsfoodbank.org>

Graham County Health Department—HAPI Program

Local Phone number 928-792-5368



# Make a Difference

Graham County

**Volunteer with us...**

*Save the Date!!*

**“Graham County Make a Difference Team”**

***Saturday, October 22***

***6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.***

Help clean-up our community !

Meet at Glenn Meadows Park—3001 S. 14th Ave. Safford at 6:30 a.m. for area assignments.

**For More Information Please Contact 928-792-5368**

Join friends, neighbors, city and county leaders and employees for a clean up day throughout the Gila Valley. Bring your family, garden tools, gloves, sunscreen, a hat, water, and your enthusiasm and “make a difference” at one of several designated sites nearby.



Town of Pima



**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/>

## Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

### 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 Donors Choose.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>

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

**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)

**Walt Disney Summer of Service Grants**

**Who:** Kids and families

**Amount:** \$500

**Deadline:** Sept. 30, 2016

<http://ysa.org/grants/youth-grants/disney/>

## Music Scholarship Opportunity!

Gila Valley Chorale will be awarding 1 scholarship at their annual Christmas concert:

### *Gila Valley Chorale Christmas Extravaganza*

*Monday, November 28th 7:00pm*

*David M. Player Center for the Arts*

#### **Qualifications:**

1. Graham county high school student currently in grades 9-12
2. Student must audition **October 4th** for a chance to be one of three (3) finalists who will perform at Gila Valley Chorale Christmas Extravaganza concert
3. Must audition with a Christmas song
4. Scholarship recipient must use monies within one year of concert date.
5. Scholarship must be used towards furthering the student's musical education. (piano lessons, voice lessons, regional/all-state audition fees, musical instrument purchase, music summer camps) The recipient may contact GVC if they desire to use the money for something other than listed. The request will be taken to GVC Board for approval.

**To Audition** for one of the 3 finalist spots in the concert, you must:

1. Email [gilavalleychorale@gmail.com](mailto:gilavalleychorale@gmail.com)
2. Please include: **Name, Current Grade, Cell Phone #, Song** you will be auditioning with, and **Instrument** (if any) you will be using
3. You will be notified via email of your assigned time slot for auditioning

#### **After Auditions:**

1. Three finalists will be chosen to perform at the Gila Valley Chorale Christmas Extravaganza
2. Those auditioning will be notified the following week with the decision
3. During the concert, a panel of judges will choose one finalist to receive the scholarship, and the decision will be announced after intermission
4. Scholarship amount is 25% of the concert proceeds, not to exceed \$500

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Open to all artists 14-18 years of age attending a local public, charter or home school.

For complete submission requirements, check with your high school art teacher, who has application forms.

For more information, contact Susan Syfert,  
Youth Artist Support Coordinator  
at 928-965-7242 or [susansyfert@gmail.com](mailto:susansyfert@gmail.com)  
or visit [www.colorsofcopper.com](http://www.colorsofcopper.com)

**EXHIBIT THEME:** THE COLORS OF COPPER  
Copper, an element sensitive to the atmosphere, produces a wide range of colors. This is your opportunity to express through your art the beauty of this color range.

**SELECTION PROCESS**  
Artwork is selected by a blind jury; selection jury will consist of artists from various disciplines. Criteria include:  
"Adherence to the Theme" • "Originality" • "Quality of Execution"

*Applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection by email.*

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