



# NEWSLETTER




## MESSAGE FROM YUMA COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TOM HURT

We are having great success with training for teachers and leaders in our community. A big reason we're having opportunities is because ADE has provided us a staff person to organize and create events.

A lot of businesses here in Yuma have helped too. We simply don't have the budget for new activities so we could not do this without their donations. Yuma International Airport sponsored the Spelling Bee and has come on board for several upcoming STEM events. Allo Fiber has donated for the Good Things in Education program. And Avenir Financial has recently agreed to a yearlong event sponsorship donation.

Yuma has such wonderful people and businesses and we can't thank them enough.

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## Attendance Works Arizona E-Learning Series

Learn proven, team-based strategies to promote attendance and student engagement in this highly-rated, three-part training series.



This opportunity is provided at no cost for administrators and educators at select schools/districts as part of Read On Arizona's strategic efforts to reduce rates of chronic absence in our state.

The Attendance Works Arizona E-Learning Series consists of three live, virtual 90-minute sessions:

**Session 1 Whole School Engagement Strategies for Reducing Student Absenteeism**

Participants will learn how to work as a team to take a multi-tiered approach to improve attendance in their schools by drawing on whole school strategies to create positive conditions for learning and strong relationships with students and families that prevent absenteeism. Participants will be introduced to the framework of multi-tiered attendance strategies that moves schools towards prevention and early intervention and learn effective strategies to communicate with families about attendance.

**Session 2 Early Intervention Strategies: Using Teams to Monitor and Identify Students in Need of Support**

Participants will learn which attendance measures to monitor in order to identify students in need of engagement and support. Participants will also learn about the key functions of a school team that addresses attendance and take stock of where they are in having a high-functioning team and gain understanding about the assets, barriers and strategies that affect attendance.

**Session 3 Partnering to Make a Difference**

Participants will learn strategies for mobilizing school staff and community agencies to partner with families to improve attendance and engagement and tools to determine if identified strategies and activities are making a difference.

Recordings of the live sessions will be available upon request for team members who miss a session, but active participation in each of the sessions is highly encouraged to maximize learning.

### Upcoming Cohorts | Spring 2024

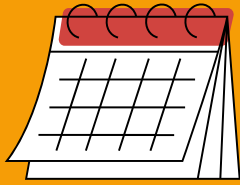
**Elementary Schools**

• April 18, April 25, and May 2; all sessions on Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m.

**Secondary Schools**

• Tuesday, April 16, 11 a.m.; Tuesday, April 23, 9 a.m.; and Monday, April 29, 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Susan Fry at [sfry@readonarizona.org](mailto:sfry@readonarizona.org)



April 25  
May 9  
May 15  
May 30

**Important Dates**  
2024 Teacher of the Year Banquet  
School Library Staff Training: Career Exploration  
County Math Training with ADE and CRR  
The Well-Managed Classroom for School Leaders: Yuma

## FREE ASU TRAINING RESOURCES

Check out <https://training.asuprepdigital.org/> to access a wide array of high quality trainings for teachers. You can take a single lesson or a full course, with topics like New Teacher Survival Kit, Student and Teacher Wellness, Math Teaching Methods, Student Engagement, and more.

Teachers can create a free account to access all materials as part of the Arizona Virtual Teacher Institute. Courses can be taken on your own schedule and there are completion certificates available.



High schoolers who earned **4+ arts credits** enrolled in a **4-year college** at a **higher rate** than those who earned fewer high school arts credits.



For more information, visit <https://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2021006>

PURCHASE TEACHER OF THE YEAR BANQUET TICKETS  
HERE FOR \$25 EACH

## FIRST ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY!

Friday March 8 marked the first Rural Educators Professional Development Day presented by the Yuma County School Superintendent's Office with support from the Arizona Department of Education. Funding for the event came from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Foundation for Community and Health Advancement, as well as the Arizona Business and Education Coalition (ABEC).

15 breakout sessions were offered covering everything from classroom management to assistive technology all free for educators all over Yuma County.

With the success of this year's event, plans are in the works for an expanded Saturday conference for next year. If you have ideas about what you'd like to see in 2025, please reach out to our office as we begin planning.

## FREE VIRTUAL TRAINING APRIL 23, 2024 4:00 PM



**Teaching  
Entrepreneurship  
Through  
Children's  
Literature**



**ACEE**

<https://azecon.org/teacher-program/entrepreneurship-through-childrens-lit/>

# VOICES FOR IMPACT TRAINING APRIL 20

Expand your understanding of the education system in Arizona and your ability to use your voice to impact change in education.

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of decision-making processes, educational funding, and storytelling.

Through the Voices for Impact Training, each participant will identify an advocacy goal and scenario that they would like to address. The training also aims to support teacher leaders in broadening their network through collaboration and relationship-building throughout the learning experience.

Participants will:

- Identify decision-makers, stakeholders, and influencers for a scenario related to their advocacy goal.
- Develop an understanding of where funding for education comes from at the state and federal levels and learn about and apply knowledge of regulations around each type of educational expenditure and funding source.
- Gain knowledge of what makes a story effective when connecting to an audience, apply techniques that build relationships through storytelling, identify their 'why', and create a story.



Takes place at the Arizona K12 Center  
Registration is \$30 at [azk12.org/VoicesforImpact](http://azk12.org/VoicesforImpact)



Calling all science and engineering teachers! YPG has developed STEM project kits that can be used in your classroom.

**STEM KITS:**



High school level, aligned with NGSS standards



All materials included



YPG Engineering staff will come present the lesson to your class

Come for an afternoon with Todd Hudson of YPG while he demonstrates a real lesson using one of the project kits.

Find out how to schedule YPG personnel to visit your classroom and make design processes come to life, with emphasis on careers using these skills.

For More Information

[eliana.osborn@azed.gov](mailto:eliana.osborn@azed.gov)



## REGIONAL HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE SUMMIT - YUMA COUNTY

We were able to attend the second Regional Healthcare Workforce Summit here in Yuma during March. You may not think of the Superintendent's Office as involved in healthcare, but we are dedicated to making sure our schools and students have opportunities for careers once they graduate from high school.

We were able to hear from partners from Yuma Regional Medical Center, the Greater Yuma Economic Development Corporation, and the Center for the Future of Arizona about where Yuma is succeeding and falling behind.

We would like to create an event about healthcare careers for sixth graders in the county--there are so many jobs outside of doctors and nurses that students often have no idea about. If you are interested in working on such a project with our office, please reach out to Eliana Osborn.





The Greater Yuma Arizona region is made up of four states and two countries, serving a population of over 1.5 million people.

Source: Greater Yuma Economic Development Corp

Read more in GYEDC's president's letter: <https://greateryuma.org/about/presidents-message/>

## THE RURAL SCOOP PODCAST



From the Arizona Rural Schools Association, the [Rural Scoop podcast](#) (available through Apple, Spotify or anywhere else you get your podcasts) "bring new ideas, innovative curriculum, and current rural school issues to the table and will highlight what is working in rural communities with guests that are teachers, administrators and educational professionals."

Twice a month guests include superintendents of rural districts, researchers, and others. One February episode features the new president of the Arizona Rural Schools Association about priorities for supporting these districts and sites.

Highly recommend this resource for different voices all involved in rural education.

Arizona Literacy Road Show

Holbrook 6/13  
Virtual 6/18  
Yuma 6/20  
6/27 Bullhead City

Main session and 3 breakout sessions based on the science of reading across K-12.

\*Limited space so sign up for this FREE PD opportunity today!  
Register on APLD  
<https://azed.geniussis.com/PublicWelcome.aspx>  
(search for "literacy road show" and select your location)

## SOME OF THE ADE STAFF SUPPORTING OUR PD DAY



## READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK, GADSDEN STYLE



**MATH FACT FLUENCY**

60+ Games and Assessment Tools to Support Learning and Retention

JENNIFER BAY-WILLIAMS and GINA KLING

INTERVENTIONS THAT MAKE SENSE FOR MATH FACT FLUENCY: APRIL 16, 4:00PM-5:00PM

[Register here](#)

## STEDY JOB OPENINGS

Several positions are in the hiring process for Southwest Technical Education District Yuma. These include:

- Executive Director of Program Management \$100,000 - \$120,000
- Director of Information Technology - \$75,875-97,375
- Central Campus Program Counselor - \$61,500 - \$82,000
- Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Specialist - \$56,375 - \$76,106
- Administrative Assistant - \$16.42 - \$21.63

For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.stedycte.org/employment>

