

EVERY GRADE ON PLOT



ARIZONA EDUCATION FACTS

BROOKE CURTIS IS DOING GREAT THINGS AT MOHAWK VALLEY SCHOOL

The Arizona Department of Education is a service organization committed to raising academic outcomes and empowering parents.

A few quick facts about Arizona's K-12 education system:

- The Arizona Department of Education supports 15 county-level education agencies, more than 200 public school districts, over 400 charter holders, and 14 Career & Technical Education Districts.
- Nearly **1,150,000 students** attend publicly funded K-12 schools in Arizona. Approximately 910,000 of those students attend one of more than 2000 district public schools, and approximately 240,000 students attend one of more than 700 charter schools in the state.
- Arizona is home to **57,643 K-12 teachers currently in the classroom.** 47,719 work in district K-12 schools and 9,924 work in charter schools. There are an additional 51,644 certified teachers in the state that are serving in positions outside of a classroom or may not be working within education.

Important Dates

February 13 - Yuma County Spelling Bee, Arizona Western College, 10 am February 15 - Yuma County Science and Engineering Expo Awards March 8 - Yuma County Rural Educators Professional Development Day



WELCOME TO TEACHING

February 6, 2024, the Arizona K12 Center is sharing a workshop for those newest to the education profession.

This comprehensive, visually engaging workshop for novice educators is packed with practical advice, proven learning strategies, and planning tools applicable to any subject or grade, including:

- How to plan powerful learning experiences that ensure student engagement
- 22 step-by-step learning strategies for any grade and any subject
- Detailed guidance for developing formative and summative assessments

This event is Tuesday, February 6, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM.

<u>Registration</u> deadline is January 23, 2024.



NOMINATE A STUDENT FOR DOING GOOD THINGS

SECONDARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming:

Ongoing Secondary OnDernand Courses

January 11 2024

Solar Tomorrows: Future Thinking in the 6-12 ELA Classroom

January 18 – February 22, 2024 Thinking Reading: What Every Secondary Teacher Needs to Know About Reading

January 30, 2024

Arizona's 6-12th Grade Writing Standards: Model, Practice, Reflect, Assess

Register at the <u>Arizona Professional</u> <u>Learning Site</u>

Arizona School Boards Association is giving back to teachers each quarter with \$500 **ASBA Classroom Grants** awarded to teachers to enhance classroom learning for their students.

Apply at: <u>https://azsba.org/awards/classroom-</u> <u>grants/</u>

ONLINE PLATFORM FOR MENTAL WELLBEING RESOURCES

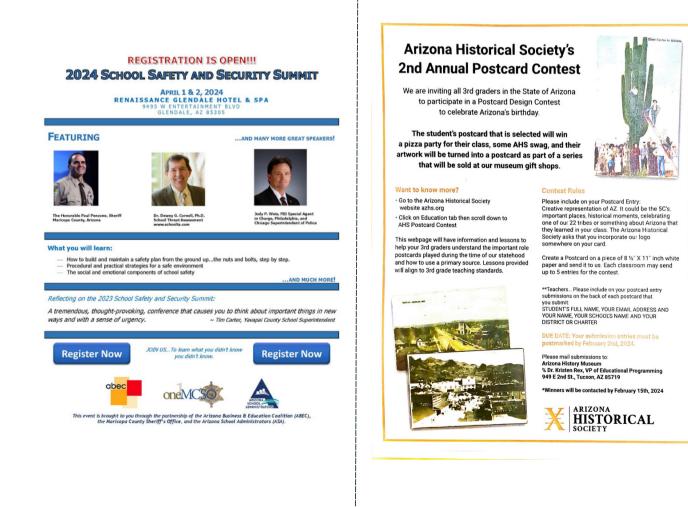
With the U.S. experiencing a demand for mental health services, combined with a shortage of mental health professionals, CredibleMind, in collaboration with the Yuma County Health District, has officially unveiled its comprehensive archive of mental health resources to the community.

The platform, available free of charge, offers confidential and anonymous access 24/7, allows users to explore, understand, and enhance their mental health. With an extensive library housing thousands of resources, users can access a wealth of information covering over 200 topics, including stress, burnout, anxiety, happiness, mindfulness, coping with medical diagnosis, and much more.



Visit <u>https://yumacountyaz.crediblemind.com/</u> to explore all of the free resources available for you , as a guest or by making an account.

Source: Yuma County Health District





FREE OPPORTUNITY!

RURAL SCHOOLS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Yuma County Education Service Agency will be hosting a professional development day on Friday March 8 at Arizona Western College from 8-3. Teachers will have an opportunity to learn actionable ideas for classroom management, insights into helping children with autism, strategies for English Language learners, and exciting math activities.

This conference is open to educators from the following school districts: Dateland, Gadsden, Hyder, Somerton, Wellton Elementary.

Other districts will be awarded seats as available.

To register, visit Eventbrite at <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rural-schools-</u> <u>professional-development-day-consistent-</u> <u>quality-tickets-774530470487</u>

This event is sponsored in part by



DECEMBER WRITING CONTEST WINNERS

Students from all over Yuma County wrote about their community for our December contest--the first of our monthly events. We were thrilled with their creativity and insights.

First Place winners for each grade received \$30, a free meal at Raising Cane's, and publication in the Yuma Daily Sun. These awards went to:

Stephanie Garcia

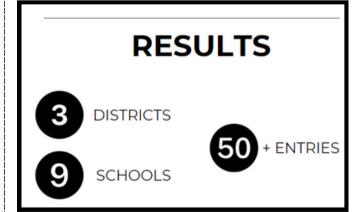
Valle del Encanto Learning Center, Somerton District **Zoe Vasquez** HL Suverkrup, Crane District **Anadenya Aguirre Fernandez**

Castle Dome Middle School, Yuma District 1 Jaime D. Chaoya III Fourth Avenue Junior High School, Yuma District 1

Second place winners at each grade received \$20. These awards went to:

Tiberius Ogas Gowan Science Academy, Crane District Zoey Essary

Yuma Lutheran School



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