



NEWSLETTER

YUMA COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT OFFICE
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

POSTER CONTEST

DUE JANUARY 31

Create a poster celebrating the theme "My Future" along with 50 words or less explaining your design.

Must be original student work.

PRIZE WINNERS FOR EVERY GRADE K-12

DESIGN DIGITALLY OR ON PAPER

Submit by email to: eliana.osborn@azed.gov or 210 S. First Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364

Congrats to our December Teacher!

Good Things in Education

BROOKE CURTIS IS DOING GREAT THINGS AT MOHAWK VALLEY SCHOOL

Sponsored by **children's dental**

YUMA COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT TOM HURT APPOINTS NEW AUHSD BOARD MEMBER, MICHELLE JONES



ARIZONA EDUCATION FACTS

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



SECONDARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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.

Registration deadline is January 23, 2024.



NOMINATE A STUDENT FOR DOING GOOD THINGS

Upcoming:
Ongoing Secondary OnDemand 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 Arizona Professional Learning Site

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

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

Source: Yuma County Health District

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!! 2024 SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY SUMMIT

APRIL 1 & 2, 2024
RENAISSANCE GLENDALE HOTEL & SPA
9495 W ENTERTAINMENT BLVD
GLENDALE, AZ 85305

FEATURING

...AND MANY MORE GREAT SPEAKERS!



The Honorable Paul Penzone, Sheriff Maricopa County, Arizona



Dr. Dewey G. Cornell, Ph.D. School Threat Assessment www.schoolta.com



Jody P. Weiss, FBI Special Agent in Charge, Philadelphia, and Chicago Superintendent of Police

What you will learn:

- How to build and maintain a safety plan from the ground up...the nuts and bolts, step by step.
- Procedural and practical strategies for a safe environment
- The social and emotional components of school safety

...AND MUCH MORE!

Reflecting on the 2023 School Safety and Security Summit:

A tremendous, thought-provoking, conference that causes you to think about important things in new ways and with a sense of urgency.

~ Tim Carter, Yavapai County School Superintendent

Register Now

JOIN US... To learn what you didn't know you didn't know.

Register Now



This event is brought to you through the partnership of the Arizona Business & Education Coalition (ABEC), the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, and the Arizona School Administrators (ASA).

Arizona Historical Society's 2nd Annual Postcard Contest

We are inviting all 3rd graders in the State of Arizona to participate in a Postcard Design Contest to celebrate Arizona's birthday.

The student's postcard that is selected will win a pizza party for their class, some AHS swag, and their artwork will be turned into a postcard as part of a series that will be sold at our museum gift shops.



Want to know more?

- Go to the Arizona Historical Society website ahs.org
- Click on Education tab then scroll down to AHS Postcard Contest

This webpage will have information and lessons to help your 3rd graders understand the important role postcards played during the time of our statehood and how to use a primary source. Lessons provided will align to 3rd grade teaching standards.

Contest Rules

Please include on your Postcard Entry: Creative representation of AZ. It could be the SC's, important places, historical moments, celebrating one of our 22 tribes or something about Arizona that they learned in your class. The Arizona Historical Society asks that you incorporate our logo somewhere on your card.

Create a Postcard on a piece of 8 1/2" X 11" inch white paper and send it to us. Each classroom may send up to 5 entries for the contest.

**Teachers... Please include on your postcard entry submissions on the back of each postcard that you submit: STUDENT'S FULL NAME, YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND YOUR NAME, YOUR SCHOOL'S NAME AND YOUR DISTRICT OR CHARTER

DUE DATE: Your submission entries must be postmarked by February 2nd, 2024.

Please mail submissions to: Arizona History Museum % Dr. Kristen Rex, VP of Educational Programming 949 E 2nd St., Tucson, AZ 85719

**Winners will be contacted by February 15th, 2024





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 <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rural-schools-professional-development-day-consistent-quality-tickets-774530470487>

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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SCHOOLS

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