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2009 Apache County Spelling Bee

The Apache County Spelling Bee was held on February 18, 2009 in St. Johns at the St. Johns Middle School, Mr. Burgoyne, Principal, hosted the event. Dr. Pauline M. Begay, Apache County Superintendent of Schools and Staff were on hand to register participants and assist in the event. The Judges for the event were Ms. Judith Pepple, Apache County Library Director, Ms. Leslie Welker, St. Johns School Board Member, and Ms. Debbie Neckel, St. Johns Police Department

The winner of the Spelling was Parker Greer of St. Johns. The state spelling Bee will be held March 28, 2009 in Tempe at KAET/PBS/ASU. Good Luck Mr. Greer!



Parker Greer, Winner of the 2009 Apache County Spelling Bee. Son of Mr. & Mrs. BJ Greer of St. Johns, Arizona



Spelling Bee Contestants: Kristen Edwards, Vernon; Meagan Metzger, Alpine; Trysha Mooney, Round Valley; Ronique Suttle, McNary; Rebecca Brown, St. Johns; Will Mauren, Concho; Jeremy Patton, Round Valley; Sam Bigelow, Round Valley; Parker Greer, St. Johns

Dr. Pauline M. Begay attends NAFIS Conference March 8-9, 2009 in Washington DC

Impact Aid FY 2010...Deal or No Deal? NAFIS is effective because of the tremendous grassroots efforts of its members. Members work to build an understanding at home and in Washington DC, making NAFIS one of the most effective means to ensure funding for students. NAFIS is committed to supporting students in their bid for education. Some of the items discussed were: Appropriations/Impact Aid Coalition Update, Economic Stimulus Package, Federal Relations Outreach, and the House and Senate Congressional Coalition.

Information was given on how NAFIS can be a resource to a school district as well as gathering input on how NAFIS might better serve a district's need. NAFIS also held a session on the Basics of Impact Aid. We were given the opportunity to ask questions, and interact with the NAFIS staff.

One of the highlights of the Conference was a video produced and directed by Red Mesa Unified School District. Congratulations Red Mesa School District, you did an excellent job!

*Dr. Pauline M. Begay, Apache County
Superintendent of Schools*



Professional Development Update

Our Professional Development Department has been busy this season. We are coordinating with the T.E.M.P. program to provide both on-site and video conferencing assistance to teachers in two districts who are preparing for their AEP tests (See next page). The video conferencing is a technology which will have many useful applications in the future, as more schools and districts come online with the necessary equipment and experience. It will even be possible for up to three sites to be 'on-screen' at once, allowing for several sites to meet together as if all participants are in the same room.

Our other effort is to complete the planning for this year's exciting Summer Academy (See page 4). There will be many unique and informative Math instruction workshops, from standards-based best practices to 'Outdoor Math,' offered by the staff of Lyman Lake State Park and the Canyon de Chelly National Monument, plus 'Workplace Math' in the construction and power generation industries. There is something for everyone this year from Elementary to High School Math instructors. "Be there or be²!"

Statewide Instructional Technology Project

AzTEA Way Out West Conference – Saturday May 2, 2009
Location: Glendale, AZ Raymond Kellis High School (Peoria USD)

Keynote: Dr. Howie DiBlasi, Digital Magic for the 21st Century Classroom.

The conference will include:

- 21st Century Classroom focus
 - 45 Sessions tailored to your professional needs
- Over 30 exhibitors that specialize in education technologies
Additional information can be found in AzTEA's conference flyer <http://aztea.org>.

Puget Sound Peer Coaching Information Session - April 14, 2009

Educators-Administrators-School Leaders working together utilizing existing human capital and technological resources to improve instruction to benefit students and creating a professional learning community. Please join us for an executive overview by Shelee King George, Program Manager, and Apache County Technology Integration Specialist, Barry Williams on Peer coaching, how it supports student achievement and 21st Century learning.

Chinle Unified School District Office – Board Room
9:30 – 10:00 Welcome and refreshments hosted by Chinle USD
10:00 Interactive Video Conference starts

National Educational Computing Conference

Take the knowledge and creativity from all who converge at NECC back to your classrooms, libraries, offices or labs, and continue to build on the energy that is the NECC conference. Come to the United States capitol, June 28—July 1, 2009, to meet colleagues from around the world as the vision for the future of Ed Tech is shared. <http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2009/>



Graduation 2008-2009

	Date	Time	Place
St. Johns			
St. Johns High School	22-May-09	8:00 PM	HS Auditorium
St. Middle School	21-May-09	7:00 PM	HS Auditorium
Concho	21-May-09	6:30 PM	Gym
Alpine	20-May-09	6:30 PM	Alpine Elementary
Window Rock			
WR High School	29-May-09	4:00 PM	Judd Avery FB Field
Tsehootsooi Mid Sch.	27-May-09	10:00 AM	Judd Avery FB Field
Tsehootsooi Dine Bi Olta	27-May-09		
Vernon	20-May-09	3:00 PM	Gym
Round Valley			
RV High School	21-May-09		RV Dome
RV Middle School	20-May-09	9:00 AM	RVHS Auditorium
Sanders			
Sanders HS	16-May-09	10:00 AM	HS Football field
Sanders MS	21-May-09	2:00 PM	MMS Gym
Ganado			
Ganado High Schools	29-May-09	4:00 PM	Pavilion/Ganado HS
Ganado Middle School	29-May-09	10:00 AM	Pavilion/Ganado HS
Chinle			
Chinle High School	19-May-09	2:00 PM	HS Football field
Many Farms Elem.	20-May	6:00 PM	Community Center
Tasile Elem. & Jr. High	20-May	6:00 PM	Tasile Gym
Chinle Jr. High	21-May	7:00 PM	Wildcat Den
McNary	20-May-09		Gym
Red Mesa			
Red Mesa Jr. High	19-May-09	6:00 PM	High School Gym
RedValley/Cove HS	15-May-09		
Red Mesa High	16-May-09	10:00 AM	Gym
RR Elem. & Jr High	20-May-09	6:00 pm	Jr. High Gym

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BRIEFING PAPER

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TEACHER TRAINING INITIATIVE GRANT

Teacher Excellence Mentorship Program (T.E.M.P.)

Apache County School Superintendent's Office in St. Johns, Arizona, known as an Education Service Agency (ESA) per ARS 15-301(c) and 15-302(b), is implementing a Teacher Excellence Mentorship Project (T.E.M.P.) for public school teachers who will become highly qualified, appropriately certified and SEI (Structured English Immersion) endorsed. Apache County is committed to maintaining a body of educators capable of enhancing student achievement and meeting the demands of expectations of the State's dynamic and diverse society.

In 2008, the Apache County Superintendent of Schools' office was awarded a one-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education in the amount of \$143,500 to implement a Teacher Excellence Mentorship Project for public school teachers who will become highly qualified, appropriately certified and SEI (Structured English Immersion) endorsed.

The T.E.M.P training model for fifty-five teachers is implemented in Apache County's rural public schools where isolation and lack of resources exist. The approach of the training model is based on scientifically based research models where mentors provide on-site coaching to the teachers. The project is not a research project, nor where a policy is established. The project is consistent with the Arizona Department of Education mandates on No Child Left Behind Act initiatives and the Arizona Revised Statutes 15-302, which allows the County School Superintendent to proceed with discretionary programs for public school teachers.

Funding is used for three initiatives:

1) Teachers will pass the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments;

2) Teachers will become Highly Qualified in subject areas. The AEPA trainings consist of Student Development and Learning, Instructional Planning and Management and the Professional Environment. The subject areas that they receive training are as follows: Science, Math, Language Arts and Social Studies. The highest need centers around the middle school teachers. There are constant reviews on how to take the test, content, subject and professional knowledge; and

3) Teachers will obtain the Structured English Immersion (SEI) endorsement. The teachers are mandated to obtain their Structured English Immersion (SEI) endorsements in the State of Arizona to coincide with the Arizona Law of Proposition 203 and Arizona Revised Statute 15-751. The trainings focus on K-12 teachers from elementary, middle and high schools in the Apache County Schools.

The project provides two mentor/coaches who offer assistance and guidance to the fifty-five teachers based on their needs for the three initiatives and additionally, offers workshops and/or coordinated with the local Colleges and Universities at the two focal sites.

This grant focused on two focal schools with a target of fifty-five (55) teachers participants. To this date, we have provided this service to 90+ teachers as more teacher's needs are identified at additional schools within our 11 School Districts.

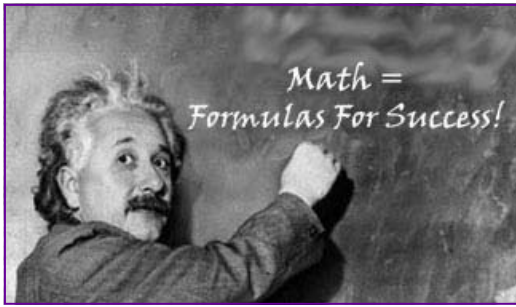
We currently have 150 teachers on Emergency Teaching Certificates (ETC's) who would also benefit from this training. Future funding is needed to continue the T.E.M.P. Project within our Apache County Schools.



Long Distance Learning, Susie Martin, Mentor/Coach for the T.E.M.P program working with Ganado Unified School District. AEPa Class. Class participants are Sandra Rice, Rosalind Tahy, Dawn Shirley, Shannon Begay, Janifer Booher, Geneva Curley, Sharon Hollifield, Shawn Manuelito, and LaVerne Mannie

Treasures 4 Teachers

Treasures 4 Teachers is the ONLY reusable resource center in Arizona for teachers. They actively seek out and collect unwanted, but reusable, materials throughout our community and make them available to teachers at very low cost. These materials come from various sources: Manufacturers, businesses, other non-profit agencies, and private donations. Treasures 4 Teachers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The website is: <http://www.treasures4teachers.org/>



The 2009 Annual Summer Academy

June 10th - 11th, 2009
St. Johns High School
St. Johns, AZ

June 17th - 18th, 2009
Chinle High School
Chinle, AZ

ADVANCED REGISTRATION DUE BY MAY 15, 2009

SARAH BAIRD, 2009 Arizona Teacher of the Year



Sarah is a National Board Certified Teacher and has been teaching for 10 years. She has been educating K-5 students in math for four years and taught first grade the six previous years. She attended (and loves!) Northern Arizona University where she earned a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education after receiving a Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis

in mathematics. She is more commonly known as the Crazy Math Lady. She is on a mission to change teacher and children's attitudes regarding math, believing that all students can be confident mathematical thinkers who love a good challenge.

JAN AMATOR , Deputy Associate Superintendent



Arizona Department of Education
Highly Qualified Professionals

Jan Amator spent 27 years as a classroom teacher, was a finalist for Arizona Teacher of the Year in 1990 and an Ambassador for Excellence in Education for two years. She has presented at the state and national levels on topics including Total Quality Management and Meeting the Needs of At-Risk Students. She is dedicated to the reality that the quality of the teacher in the classroom is the most significant factor in student achievement.

Open to All Apache County K-12 Educators

Two Locations to Choose From:

St. Johns, June 10 & 11

Chinle, June 17 & 18

This is a great opportunity to improve your level of Mathematics instruction and to benefit from a professional development opportunity leading to stronger math skills and achievement levels for your students.

Top-rated presenters will conduct workshops for one and a half to three hours, with high-impact Math instructional techniques specific to your grade levels: Elementary, Middle or Secondary. There will be door prizes, great speakers, exhibitors with the newest Math products and programs, an 'Ice Cream Social' and plenty of time to share ideas with your fellow Apache County teachers.

Who Should Be There

All teachers needing to improve their Math instruction skills and/or who need professional hours for their certification should plan on attending. The fee is \$100.00 if you register before May 15th and \$125.00 thereafter. You may qualify for the registration cost to be paid through your Title II or Career Ladder programs. Check with the appropriate department at your district. Save those dates and register early!

Summer Academy 2009 Registration Form

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip: _____</p> <p>Telephone: (_____) _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>ACADEMY WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Advanced Payment Required</p> <p>\$100.00 By May 15, 2009; \$125.00 After May 15, 2009</p> <p>NO REFUNDS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am registering for June 10th - 11th, a one and one half day workshop in St. Johns, AZ</p> <p>-OR-</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am registering for June 17th - 18th, a one and one half day workshop in Chinle, AZ</p> <p>Re-Certification Professional Development Hours will be awarded for session attendance</p>
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Professional Development Re-Certification Only

There is no fee for Re-Certification Only. Lunch will not be provided and you will be in-eligible for door prizes

-OR-

I am registering for June 10th Re-Certification only in St. Johns, AZ

I am registering for June 18th Re-Certification only in Chinle, AZ

Checks and PO's made payable to:
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