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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to all! As we go about 2009, we begin to build upon our commitment and dedication per our Vision and Mission Statement that we have set for ourselves.

Much has been accomplished over the last four years in providing educational and fiscal services to enhance student achievement in the 11 school districts of Apache County. Some of these accomplishments are:

- Provided professional development for teachers and administrators to become highly qualified and appropriately certified;
- Obtained grants from the State of Arizona and outside sources;
- Provided Distance Learning through the video conferencing equipment set up in my department;
- Communicated, collaborated and participated with ADE; ASBA; ASA; NIEA, AIEA; AASBO; AACo; AAESA; P-20 Council, etc.
- Communicated to local school districts and communities through various media - the radio, newspaper, newsletter, and emails;
- Completed a Process Analysis Manual to pinpoint the baseline of all needed programs and projects;
- Hired qualified staff for the department;
- Completed required fiscal services such as monthly reconciliations, close out projects, and reports to the State of Arizona;
- Sponsored County Spelling Bee each February;
- Sponsored Summer Academies every summer for teachers;
- Sponsored orientation/seminars for school boards, school administrators and business managers;
- Met with CSS Advisory Committee quarterly each year
- And many more!

Now, we look forward into the next four years, as I have taken my oath again as your County School Superintendent. We will continue to provide quality services to all the school districts, communities, and will include the parents, too. In spite of our state deficit and shortfall, we will continue to teach our students the best way we know how. Thank you for your support!

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE



Mr. Earlsen Tsinnijinnie, Virgil Brown, Jr., Rose Martinez, Ernest Tsosie, Chinle Unified School District #24



Mr. Steve Vital, Mrs. Mary Mills and Mr. Andy Wilhelm, Concho Elementary School District #6



Mr. Gary Davis and Mrs. Mary Nedrow, Round Valley Unified School District #10



Mr. Errol Valteau, Window Rock Unified School District #8



Mrs. Minnie John, Red Mesa Unified School District #27



Larry V. Stradling and R. Barry Williams, NAVIT School District #35

I, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States.....



Mr. Clifford Sagg and Mrs. Ruth Roessel, Red Mesa Unified School District #27



Mr. Irvin Jones, Mrs. Leona Smith, and Mrs. Shawna Shorty, McNary Elementary School District #23

Statewide Instructional Technology Project

Arizona Long-range Strategic Educational Technology Plan

The Arizona Department of Education is seeking feedback from Educators, Parents, Business People and Community Members regarding the Arizona Long-range Strategic Educational Technology Plan. You can access and respond by going to the website listed. <https://sites.google.com/a/ideal.azed.gov/az-edtech-plan/Home>

Annual ADE Technology Survey

Every district/charter school in Arizona must complete the ADE Technology Survey on an annual basis in order to be compliance with E-Rate and NCLB Enhancing Education Through Technology, Title IID requirements. The survey can be access by going to the website listed.

<http://www.ade.az.gov/technology/techsurvey.asp>

ETAN

Join the EdTechActionNetwork to unite with the growing numbers of educators who are actively supporting educational technology. You will find many resources and suggestions at the Ed Tech Action Network. Let your voice be heard! www.edtechactionnetwork.org/.

AzTEA Teaching and Technology Ed Tech Conference

Exclusively for administrators on January 30th:

12:30 Take the opportunity to walk through Vail's One-to-One Laptop program at Empire High School. Discussion of how the program was designed and what it has accomplished for students will be integrated into the walkthrough. RSVP to Laura at 745-4588.

1:30 School Administrators are invited to take part in an ***Intel Leadership Forum***: a four hour session led by former Tanque Verde Superintendent Denise Ryan and supported by State Instructional Technology Project Coordinator Lillian Hritz. See registration info below.

1:30 IT Directors and Coordinators who attended the walkthrough are encouraged to spend an hour with the Technical Support Staff from Vail as they present their methods to keep 800 laptops running. RSVP to Laura at 745-4588.

At 5:30 School Administrators, Superintendents, and State Officials may attend an ***AzTEA Leadership Dinner*** with Conference Keynote Speaker Howie DiBlasi. (Invitations were sent via snail mail in December.) RSVP to Laura at 745-4588.

For all educators on January 31, 2009, AzTEA's Teaching and Technology conference will be held in Tucson, AZ. The conference offers a wide range of presentations on strategies and tools for effectively integrating technology in schools. We encourage educators across the state to take advantage of this valuable professional development experience. Additional information can be found in AzTEA's conference flyer <http://aztea.org>.

SMART Day Conference

Holbrook USD, under the EETT Grant is hosting SMART Day Conference on February 28th. SMART Day is bringing all entities for a day of technology integration. Come and join us in separate tracks for everyone. Check out the schedule and the conference program.

http://www.holbrook.k12.az.us/OnlineResources/tech/Smart%20Day/smart_day.htm

Microcomputers in Education Conference

MEC 09 will be held at Arizona State University March 9-11, 2009. Go to <http://mec.asu.edu> for more information.

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/>

Vision Statement

Student success through building a stronger partnership with districts, federal and state agencies, local communities and parents.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Apache County Superintendent of Schools and staff is to provide educational and fiscal services that will enhance student achievement in partnership with districts and local communities, and to work cooperatively with federal and state agencies in identifying the changing educational needs of Apache County and the complex communities we serve.

TEACHER TRAINING INITIATIVE GRANT (T.E.M.P.) TEST DATES

The Teacher Excellence Mentorship Program has been able to support 90+ teachers in their quest to become highly qualified.

We have offered the Mentor program since last fall and have registered ninety teachers for Arizona Educators Proficiency Assessment (AEPA) testing as well as Structured English Immersion (SEI) instruction and certification.

If you are currently enrolled in this program, the test dates are as follows:

AEPA - Professional, Subject and Constitution Testing offered Jan 24, 2009 (Flagstaff & Phoenix)

SEI - U of Phx 502 Completion (45 seat hours, 3 credit hours) - Ganado School District offered January 9-11, 2009

You can still enroll in the TEMP program and sign up for the following tests (contact Chris Chiesl, Project Director at the ACSS office ASAP at (928)337-7541.)

AEPA - offered March 28 and June 6, 2009

SEI - 501 Initial and 502 Completion - dates to be determined.



Welcome New Employees! Melissa Siaocong, Clerk and Andy Marshall, Professional Development Coordinator.

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Arizona Education and Career Action Plan

Effective for the graduation class of 2013, schools will complete an Arizona Education and Career Action Plan for every student in grades 9-12.

The Arizona Department of Education is providing "ECAP 101" technical assistance around the implementation of the ECAP process.

If you are willing to host a 2 hour training event in a convenient location serving your region, the Arizona Department of Education will provide the ECAP overview and examples of tools and templates which reside on the ADE ECAP website.

Schools need to be prepared to work with freshmen in the fall of 2009 (Class of 2013).

Contact ADE Maxine Daly (602)542-5510 or Kay Schreiber at (602)542-5353 if you are able to host an ECAP training event for our county.

Professional Development Update

Through our Title II grant from the Arizona Department of Education, we are able to offer professional development for teachers in Apache County who need to become highly qualified and appropriately certified. We have begun to use our Distance Learning capabilities to work directly with teachers across the miles in preparing for their AEPA testing. Looking ahead, plans are under way for this year's Summer Academic Academy, on June 10th and 11th at the St. Johns High School, and at the Chinle School District on June 17th - 18th. Mark your calendars! We've got some great presentations lined up to help make math instruction exciting and effective for you and your students. We'll have demonstrations of Math instruction within Canyon de Chelly, presented by the National Park Service, and 'Teaching Outdoor Math at Lyman Lake State Park', presented by park staff.

I touch the future, I teach.

-Christa McAuliffe

January 28 Christa McAuliffe Day