



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY WRITING CONTEST
WHAT MAKES A GOOD CITIZEN?

 YUMA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

GRADE 3-5, 150-300 WORDS
GRADE 6-8, 250-400 WORDS
GRADE 9-12, 400-600 WORDS

DUE FEBRUARY 29

ENTRIES CAN BE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF AT 210 S. 1ST AVENUE OR EMAILED TO ELIANA.OSBORN@AZED.GOV

WINNERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE YUMA SUN AND RECEIVE \$25

New Contest

Good Things in Education



MYRIAM HURTADO IS DOING GREAT THINGS AT ARIZONA DESERT ELEMENTARY!



Mrs. Hurtado is committed to student achievement and ensures that she supports our school mission of meeting the needs of the whole child.

NEW AUHSD BOARD MEMBER NYDIA MONGE SWORN IN



GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS RELEASES PROP 123 PLAN

Governor Hobbs' plan extends Prop 123 for ten years increasing the State Land Trust Permanent Fund distribution to 8.9% with this dedicated split:

- 2.5% of the distribution will continue general school funding (\$257 million projected 10-year average distribution)
- 4.4% of the distribution will raise educator compensation (\$347 million projected 10-year average distribution)
- 1.5% of the distribution will increase support staff compensation (\$118 million projected 10-year average distribution)
- .5% of the distribution will invest in school capital for safety and security (\$39 million projected 10-year average distribution)

"We have a once in a decade opportunity to invest in a public education system that gives every child the opportunity to succeed," said Governor Katie Hobbs. "We can increase compensation for educators and make schools safer for our kids, all without raising taxes on Arizonans."

Source: January 16, 2024 News Release





Important Dates

February 13 - Yuma County Spelling Bee

February 15 - Yuma County Science and Engineering Expo Awards

March 8 - Rural Schools Professional Development Day

3 PS IN A POD PODCAST

Being an educator in the 21st century is indescribably complex. There's a constant pressure to meet standards and help students achieve, but there's also a need to allow learners to color outside the lines in an effort to prompt creativity. The Arizona K12 Center believes effective teaching and learning is grounded in quality teacher development and teacher leadership. To support educators along the continuum, the Center developed "3Ps in a Pod" to further dissect practice, policy, and passion in the field of education.



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<https://www.azk12.org/podcast/>

GOOD THINGS IN EDUCATION



We've highlighted two great students for our January Good Things in Education program. We want to celebrate students going above and beyond to serve their schools, families, and communities. But we can't do it without your nominations. Scan the above QR code or follow this link:
<https://forms.gle/oB3wwwysP6VR7VnM9>

MIGRANT EDUCATION



AI TOOLS THAT HELP TEACHERS WORK MORE EFFICIENTLY

Source: Edutopia

Our roles as educators have continued to change over the years. With technology comes a bit of hesitancy, especially with something as powerful as AI. In our schools, we have to provide opportunities for students to learn about changing technology because of the impact it may have on their future. Not only can AI tools enhance creativity and productivity, but also they can provide educators with valuable insights into student learning and assist with some of the time-consuming tasks that educators have.

Curipod: This website enables teachers to create interactive lessons in minutes using AI.

Eduaide.Ai: This is an AI-assisted lesson-development tool that provides educators with more than 100 resource types to choose from to create high-quality instructional materials.

Slidesgo: This tool provides access to free templates via Google Slides and now has the AI Presentation Maker.

Quizizz: With Quizizz, teachers can design quizzes that will create a personalized learning path based on each student's responses. Quizizz now has an AI enhancement that can adjust question difficulty, check grammar, and redesign questions to reflect real-world scenarios, with more features on the way.



SAVE THE DATE **JUNE 2024**



2024 Teachers Institute and Leading Change



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TOGETHER

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June 5th-7th, 2024

Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel & Spa

9495 W Entertainment Blvd, Glendale, AZ 85305

Registration information coming soon...

Please complete this short survey about how we can serve you!

<https://forms.gle/TyvhD5Rj5pBhcjfV8>

OPEN SCHOOL BOARD SEATS

Yuma Elementary

3 seats open each 4-year term

Somerton Elementary

3 seats open each 4-year term

Crane Elementary

3 seats open each 4-year term

1 seat open 2-year term

Hyder Elementary

3 seats open each 4-year term

1 seat open 2-year term

Mohawk Valley Elementary

3 seats open each 4-year term

Wellton Elementary

2 seats open each 4-year term

2 seats open each 2-year term

Gadsden Elementary

2 seats open each 4-year term

Antelope Union High School

3 seats open each 4-year term

Yuma Union High School

3 seats open each 4-year term

Southwest Technical Education District

1 seat open at large 4-year term

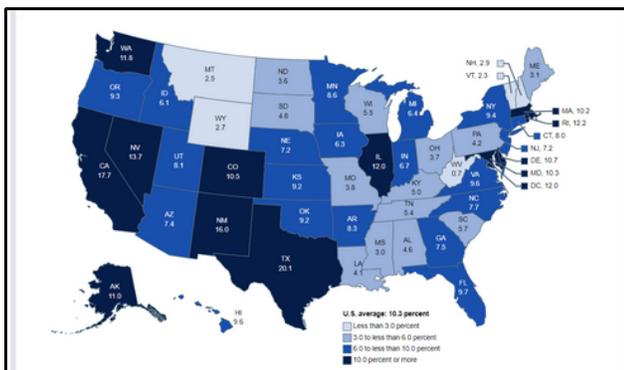
1 seat open for AUHSD 4-year term

1 seat open for YUHSD 2-year term

Pick up a packet at our office for details!

25% of pet owners give Valentine’s Day gifts to their pets.
 Consumers buy over 58 million pounds of chocolate and candy for Valentine’s Day.
 The Duke of Orleans wrote the first valentine in the early 15th century while he was imprisoned. He wrote a poem and sent it to his second wife.
 Thanks to We Are Teachers for these and other Valentine facts!

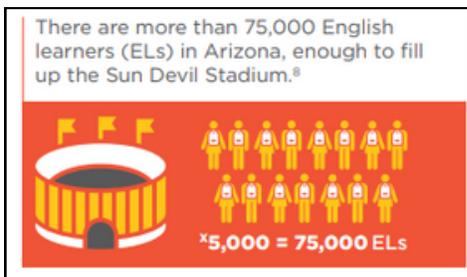
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER STATISTICS



States with more than 10% of students qualifying as English Language Learners include: Alaska, Washington, California, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Illinois, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware, and Maryland.

Spanish was the most commonly reported home language of EL public school students in fall 2020 (3.7 million students), representing 75.5 percent of all ELs and 7.8 percent of all public school students. Arabic was the second most commonly reported home language (128,600 students).

SOURCE: National Center for Education Statistics. (2023). English Learners in Public Schools. Condition of Education. U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences.



GADSDEN CELEBRATES SCHOOL BOARD MONTH

According to Brianda Reynoso, public relations coordinator for Gadsden Elementary School District, they used the January 8 board meeting to thank members of their governing boards. “We gave our board members ‘Appreciation’ Certificates thanking them for their extraordinary service to the board and our community.”



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION UPDATES

YUMA COUNTY 2024 Election STATEMENT OF INTEREST FILINGS	
<u>Yuma Elementary Dist. #1</u> • David Israel Ibarra • Jeff Stoner	<u>Wellton Elementary Dist. #24</u>
<u>Somerton Elementary Dist. #11</u> • Juan Castillo	<u>Gadsden Elementary Dist. #32</u> • Brian De La Hoya • Tadeo De La Hoya
<u>Crane Elementary Dist. #13</u> • Michael Richards	<u>Antelope High School Dist. #50</u> • Nydia Monge • Laura Noel
<u>Hyder Elementary Dist. #16</u>	<u>Yuma Union High School Dist. #70</u> • Rosalie Stafford • Edward Thomas • Chris Larson • David Lara • Shelley Mellon • Carlos Gonzalez
<u>Mohawk Valley Elementary Dist. #17</u>	<u>Southwest Technical Education</u>