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JUNE 2015

11-13 Summer Leadership Institute, Little America Resort, Flagstaff: [Info/register](#)

JULY 2015

3 Independence Day – ASBA Office closed

6 ASBA Law Conference Registration and Hotel open

AUGUST 2015

28 Deadline for RFP's, 2015 ASBA-ASA Annual Conference presentations:
[Information/form](#)

Do's and Don't with Bonds and Overrides' Webinar set for June 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

Join ASBA's Chris Thomas, director of legal & policy services and general counsel and Geoff Esposito, governmental relations analyst, for a presentation on what you can and can't do this upcoming election season. You'll get information on ARS 15-511, frequently asked questions and examples as well as the tools and resources that exist to help you: [Do's and Don't Webinar registration](#).

Friday last day to register for Summer Leadership Institute without late fees

It's finally here! Next week is ASBA's Summer Leadership Institute at Little America Resort in Flagstaff. In addition to Dr. Cile Chavez' motivational presentation on "The Power and Promise of Transformational Leadership," here are a few of the "extras" ASBA has scheduled for this year:

- An early bird session at 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, on the Top Ten Issues Faced by Boards followed by a no-host bar reception with light hors d'oeuvres
- Presentation of this year's Cactus Pin awards at the opening session
- A visit by State Superintendent Diane Douglas, who will be sharing feedback and insight gained from her state listening tour
- An ASBA County Director-Facilitated Dialogue, which will give you the chance to meet and discuss issues and concerns with your own county director

Meetings of the ASBA Hispanic Native-American Indian Caucus and the Black Caucus have also been scheduled. Complete [agenda and breakout sessions](#) are now online

District member registration is \$245, and includes all online materials for each session, complimentary wi-fi in all meeting rooms and meals (additional meals for guests will also be available for purchase). Printed conference materials will be an additional \$15 charge and must be requested at time of registration.

There is also still time to register for the one-day Board Secretary Track specially designed for board and/or superintendent secretaries on giving proper notice, agenda development, meeting minutes and record keeping. Registration fee is \$110: [ASBA Summer Leadership Institute](#) Rooms are still available at the following:

- Days Inn (on Butler, closest to Little America). \$80/Thursday and \$108/Friday. Call 928.779.6944 and identify yourself as a member of ASBA to get special rate.
- Drury Inn, rooms from \$165. Call 800.378.7946 to reserve.
- The Holiday Inn Express on Lucky Lane. \$159. Call 928.714.1000 to reserve rooms.

ASBA Law Conference-registration and hotel reservations open July 6

This conference sells out fast so be sure to mark your calendars and sign up. The conference will again be at the JW Marriott Camelback Inn, Scottsdale. There will be four pre-conference choices on Wednesday, Sept. 9, with the main conference running Sept. 10-11. This year's keynote speaker is national bestselling author Emily Bazelon, who will be presenting "Sticks and Stones: Defeating the Culture of Bullying and Rediscovering the Power of Character and Empathy." More information in upcoming Report Cards, but for a brief synopsis: [ASBA 39th Law Conference](#).

ASBA-ASA Annual Conference's breakout session RFP deadline is Aug. 28

We are now accepting proposals for breakout session presentations at our annual conference at the Biltmore Conference Center in Phoenix from Dec. 10-11. Breakout sessions are 50 minutes in length and will be scheduled either Thursday afternoon, Dec. 10, or Friday morning, Dec. 11.

Presenters should be school board members or district personnel who are comfortable speaking extemporaneously in front of groups and able to actively engage audiences by utilizing professional, quality materials, job aids and/or handouts. Your breakout session may be from any of these seven topic areas:

- Enhanced equity, inclusion & excellence
- Success stories using technology
- Improved student achievement
- Highly effective board practices
- Improved district operations
- Successful change or innovation
- Collaboration with students, staff, parents or the community

For requirements, details and to submit an RFP: [2015 ASBA-ASA Annual Conference Breakout Session Information/Submission Form](#)

AEF seeking nominations for 2016 Arizona Teacher of the Year

Do you know an exceptional teacher deserving recognition? Ten finalists will be selected by the Arizona Educational Foundation, all of whom will be honored at the annual luncheon at the Arizona Biltmore on Nov. 19, 2015. To nominate: [2016 Arizona Teacher of the Year](#). Teachers who wish to be considered may also self nominate by downloading the 2016 Teacher of the Year [TOY Application](#).

Association for Career Technical Education of Arizona announces 2015 Summer Conference

This year's conference, "CTE-A Revolution in Education," will be held July 17-22 in Tucson. There will be over 250 sessions spanning over 15 conference areas and exhibitors with all the latest products and information. Jaime Casap from Google will be keynote speaker presenting on "Innovation and Iteration in Education." This conference would benefit career, technical,

secondary and postsecondary educators, counselors, school board members and administrators. The advanced registration rate of \$499 is available until June 12. For more information: www.acteaz.org or contact Shelly York at 623.377.5118 or shellyyork@acteaz.org.

Arizona teachers awarded \$5,000 grants from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona in Walk On! challenge to combat childhood obesity

The 10th anniversary of this year's challenge included almost 25,000 fourth- and fifth-grade students from 198 classrooms in schools all over Arizona. This free program focuses on teaching children healthy habits to decrease the occurrence of childhood obesity by encouraging the eating of fruits and vegetables, exercise and the elimination of sweetened drinks. Teachers, the key component of the success of this program, were offered \$5,000 grants based on specific criteria including what they did to implement the challenge in their classroom and how they planned to use the grant money. Five Arizona teachers received grants. For a list of the winners and more information: [Walk On! Challenge](#).

Did you miss recent top stories from Arizona Education News Services (AZEdNews.com)?

- **U.S. CENSUS: Arizona's funding for students ranks bottom in the nation**
<http://azednews.com/2015/06/03/arizonas-per-pupil-funding-is-in-bottom-three-of-the-nation/>
Arizona provides less state funding per student than any state in the nation, according to national data released yesterday. The data from the U.S. Census Bureau's "Public Education Finances: 2013" also shows that Arizona has become more reliant over the past two decades on federal and local dollars for boosts to education funding. Today, Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey is expected to announce that he will ask the Legislature to put a measure on the ballot to direct new money from the state-land trust into classrooms.
- **Business, political leaders seek ways to increase Arizona's education funding**
<http://azednews.com/2015/06/03/business-political-leaders-seek-ways-to-increase-arizonas-per-pupil-state-funding/>
Arizona business and political leaders discussed the ways they're seeking to increase state funding for public K-12 education during the Arizona Business and Education Coalition's annual conference in Phoenix on May22. "Arizona has consistently been ranked as one of the lowest education systems in the country and the potential of students is being threatened by the failure to adequately invest in education and raise the bar for education standards," said Mike Huckins, vice president of public affairs for the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce.
- **Budget cuts move Arizona students to four-day weeks**
<http://azednews.com/2015/05/21/four-day-school-weeks-who-uses-them-and-why>
Forty-three Arizona school districts have moved from the traditional five-day school week to a four-day week in an effort to cut costs as state support for public education has decreased in the past several years. Today, Arizona districts make up one-third of all the four-day week districts in the nation. Some critics of the shortened school week say it passes costs on to parents in the form of increased childcare costs or the need to reduce hours at work.
- **Longfellow students receive books to remember principal**
<http://azednews.com/2015/05/22/longfellow-students-receive-books-to-remember-principal>
As Principal David Christensen retires this year, he leaves behind a literacy legacy for his Longfellow Elementary students. When David Christensen heard a committee had formed to plan his retirement party after 12 years as principal at Longfellow Elementary,

he had a brilliant idea. Christensen approached a committee member and requested that instead of retirement gifts, he'd like each of his students to be given a book of their own.

- **Grant connects students from Arizona to South Africa**

<http://azednews.com/2015/05/29/grant-connects-students-from-arizona-to-south-africa>

Kim Jones, a sixth-grade English/Language Arts and Social Studies teacher at Sky View Elementary School recently received a grant from the Peoria Education Foundation to fund a literary-based project for her class called "Across the Big Water: A Cultural Communication Project with South African Students."

- **New STEMAZing Project site connects teachers to STEM resources**

<http://azednews.com/2015/05/28/new-stemazing-project-site-connects-teachers-to-stem-resources>

STEMAZing.org houses a collection of educator-to-educator recommended resources for Pre-K through 12th grade educators. From videos to lessons to competitions and much more, it is the go-to place for educators to find science, technology, engineering and math resources.

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ASBA Executive Searches now open for online application:

SUPERINTENDENT – Valley Union High School District - Closes June 8 at 9 a.m.

To apply: [Superintendent, Valley UHSD](#)

ASBA Executive Searches

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