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“Develop a pas-
sion for learning.
If you do, you
will never cease to
grow.”

Anthony J.
D'Angelo



The County School Connection

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Hi All,

So who doesn't love all the excitement of school starting? Here in my office our excitement starts on July 1st, at the beginning of the fiscal year. All the budgets and the payroll for 21 school districts are rolled over into FY17, and we even survived (almost) all the summer runs for payroll that had to be processed in the correct year. Thank you to Carol Cowan, our new Accountant, for persevering and making it through without too many scars. We are still trying to move our Finance system and check processing from the county server to the Tyler Technologies server, (our software provider) but this seems to be a challenge.

In case you haven't noticed, elections are taking place all over the country. We are currently working on school board elections for 21 districts and have submitted agenda items to the Board of Supervisors to cancel all elections where the number of seats equals the number of candidates. These board-members-to-be will be sent Certificates of Election even though their names will not be on the ballot as a cost-saving measure permitted by statute. The contested elections will be on the November ballot and you can read all about the school board elections on page 2.

We have also had the pleasure of overseeing the Bond election in Sierra Vista, and the Override elections in San Simon and Willcox. I wish everyone good luck if you have an item on the ballot. Elections pamphlets for the budget increases will be sent out shortly. Thank you to voters who approved the Prop 123 funding in the March election. It has provided additional funds that were much needed. Be sure to research the candidates and other issues in the upcoming election. Do you know how your vote will impact education?

The tax rates for next year have been approved by the County Board of Supervisors and fortunately they have stabilized (See chart on page 3) but next year we'll be using a new formula for our calculations which was created by House Bill 2481. This law restricts the rate to either the state-set Qualifying Tax Rate or the amount required to cover the budget. Don't panic because add-ons will still be allowed such as the small school adjustment. Also, cash will not be included in the formulas and there is no limit on cash carry forward. School finance reform, which is the Governor's project to revise the way we calculate school budgets, has hit a roadblock. I think the process we use has proven to be too complicated to unravel.

Please consider being a speller in the countywide Celebrity Spelling Bee on Friday, November 18. We are hoping to introduce this new event which will serve to highlight the efforts of the Cochise Education Foundation. The CEF goals are to recruit, retain, and recognize teachers. We hope everyone will join us in support of teachers....and our celebrity spellers. (More info on page 2) If you have questions about any of our office activities, please feel free to contact me.

We are here to serve you!
Trudy

“One Great County - One Great Fair”

The 92nd Cochise County Fair, located at the Cochise County Fairgrounds on Leslie Canyon Road just north of Douglas. will be held September 21-25, 2016. All teachers (K-12) are invited to have their students participate in the Education Exhibit at the Fair. The entry instructions, and 2016 Education Department entry forms are available at www.cochise.az.gov/schools/home.



For further information about the Education Exhibit at the Fair, please contact Karen Enriquez, 520-432-8952 or kenriquez@cochise.az.gov.

2016 Ballot and Cancelled Elections for School District Governing Boards

The following schools will have School Board Elections on the November 8th ballot:

Apache Elementary

Frank Krentz
William Grossman

Benson Unified

Robert Bernal
Brett Barney
Ann Roberts
Pete Tamez

Bisbee Unified

Ann Littrell
Carol Loy
Prido Polanco
Audrey "Lucho" Giacomino
Alice Hamers

Sierra Vista Unified

Maudelynn "Connie" Johnson
Yulonda Boutte (Write In)
Hal Thomas (Write In)
Barbara Williams (Write In)

St. David Unified

Jay Davis
Bradley Haynie
Sharon Thomas
Damon Trejo (Write In)

Willcox Unified

William "Bill" Nolan
Dwayne Owen
Guy Nolan
Mark Hopkins

Schools having the same or less candidates as seats available will have their elections cancelled.
The following candidates will be appointed as though elected:

Ash Creek Elementary

Jessica Dilworth
Caroline Tolby
1 Vacant Seat

Bowie Unified

Nancy-Jean "NJ" Welker
Robin Ragan
1 Vacant Seat

Cochise Elementary

1 Vacant Seat

Cochise Tech. District

Robert Devere (Tombstone)
Joe Farmer (Sierra Vista)
Albert John Young (Douglas)
Angela Obergh (Benson)
Mark Goodman (St. David)
Christopher Lentz (San Simon)
1 Vacant Seat (Bowie)

Double Adobe Elementary

Pat English
1 Vacant Seat

Douglas Unified

Natalio "Nat" Sabal
Ray Borane
1 Vacant Seat

Elfrida Elementary

Pat Edie
Tim Frazier
James Fletcher

McNeal Elementary

Ronald James
1 Vacant Seat

Naco Elementary

1 Vacant Seat

Palominas Elementary

Marti Payne
Sheila Ritter

Pearce Elementary

Jennifer Casady
Mary Sztuk

Pomerene Elementary

Lianna Contreras
Donald Fenn
Dalen Edington

San Simon Unified

Dusty Pierce
Jason Sloan
Larry Parker

Tombstone Unified

Mike Hayhurst
Rick Shelley
Brian "Randy" Keeling

Valley Union High School

German Paz
Alma Garcia

Cochise College

Danny Ortega Jr. (Precinct 2)
Timothy Quinn (Precinct 4)

Have you heard the BUZZZZ???

The Cochise Education Foundation is hosting an Adult Celebrity Spelling Bee.

6:00 pm, Friday, November 18th, 2016
Windemere Hotel & Conference Center, Sierra Vista



General admission will be \$15.00 per person. Special "cheats" will be available for purchase by friends and family supporters in the audience, enabling all spellers an equal opportunity to win! Join us for light hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and unbeeelievable fun!

All proceeds will support CEF's "Mini-grants for Teachers" program. For more information, to sponsor, or participate as a speller, you may contact Karen at 520-432-8950.

The 2017 Cochise County Spelling Bee

is scheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2017 and will be held at the Cochise College Student Union, Community Room in Sierra Vista. Registration will begin at 9:30 am and the Bee will start promptly at 10:00 a.m.



Only students from schools that are enrolled with the Scripps National Spelling Bee will be eligible to participate in our County Bee and in the 2017 AEF™ Arizona Spelling Bee.

SCRIPPS ENROLLMENT:

General enrollment is open through October 14, 2016 and costs \$145. Late enrollment is between October 15 - December 12, 2016 and late enrollment costs \$220. Schools may pay the enrollment fee by credit card or by check, with a \$7.50 check processing fee being added for check payments. Scripps does not accept purchase orders. [Schools can enroll here.](#)

Links to both the rules and instructions may be found on AZ Education Foundation website, <http://azedfoundation.org/programs/arizona-spelling-bee/>.

Please contact Karen Enriquez with any questions at (520) 432-8952 or by email at kenriquez@cochise.az.gov.

School District Tax Rate Comparison

School District	2015-2016 Tax Rate	2016-2017 Tax Rate	Difference
Apache	\$5.6727	\$5.6518	(\$0.0209)
Ash Creek	\$5.4041	\$5.4041	\$0.0000
Benson (Secondary)	\$7.4329	\$7.0326	(\$0.4003)
Bisbee (Secondary)	\$4.6955	\$4.4407	(\$0.2548)
Bowie	\$11.1018	\$11.1018	\$0.0000
Cochise Elementary	\$4.4050	\$2.4245	(\$1.9805)
Cochise Technology	\$0.0500	\$0.0500	\$0.0000
Double Adobe	\$8.5783	\$8.5783	\$0.0000
Douglas (Secondary)	\$8.1779	\$8.4242	\$0.2463
Elfrida	\$4.5790	\$4.5790	\$0.0000
McNeal	\$8.0630	\$8.0630	\$0.0000
Naco	\$6.4751	\$6.4900	\$0.0149
Palominas	\$6.8185	\$5.4687	(\$1.3498)
Pearce	\$4.1597	\$4.1597	\$0.0000
Pomerene	\$7.3171	\$7.1702	(\$0.1469)
San Simon	\$8.9393	\$8.9393	\$0.0000
St. David (Secondary)	\$6.3360	\$6.0745	(\$0.2615)
Sierra Vista Elementary	\$2.4952	\$2.1732	(\$0.3220)
Sierra Vista H.S.	\$2.0608	\$2.1328	\$0.0720
Tombstone	\$6.9106	\$5.3691	(\$1.5415)
Valley Union(Secondary)	\$3.5082	\$3.5380	\$0.0298
Willcox (Secondary)	\$8.4591	\$7.6563	(\$0.8028)



Dates to Remember

- September 22-25 Cochise County Fair
- October 14 Deadline for Scripps Enrollment
- October 18 ASBA County Meeting (Coronado School)

SAREC Teaching Reading Effectively

Course Dates: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on October 5, 6, 7, 24, and 25.
 Cost: \$50 for all 5-days
 Audience: K-3rd grade teachers, K-5 ELL teachers, K-8 SPED teachers
 Location: Office of the Pima County School Superintendent, 200 N. Stone, Tucson

The course content includes current research and evidence based practices that are necessary for the development of the technical skills of reading along with academic vocabulary and deep comprehension. Important components of an effective comprehensive reading program designed to develop proficient readers, competent writers and critical thinkers are included in this material. Units to include:

To register, <http://pimaregionalsupport.org/event2296021>

Welcome Rose!



My name is Rose Martinez and I am very excited to serve as the Chief Deputy Cochise County School Superintendent. I've had the privilege of teaching/mentoring in the Palominas and SVUSD and look forward to building the same caliber of professional relationships with the other districts. Having 14 years of education experience has equipped me for the road ahead.

I am married to a Firefighter and have two kids, a married daughter who teaches Kindergarten, and a son who is a Junior in High School. Moving from the West Coast to the High Desert was a big change for my family, but we have benefited greatly from what this county has to offer.



**Integrating Economics into World History
A Half-Day Workshop
Middle and High School Teachers
Saturday Morning, October 1, 2016
Sierra Vista, Arizona**

Economics and world history overlap in countless ways. Fulfill Arizona Curriculum Standard Strand 5 (economics) as you help your students see economic concepts in their study of other civilizations and eras. Participatory lessons you can replicate in your classroom will be taught by a teacher of AP® Economics and AP® History.

This workshop is designed for middle and high school teachers of world history, world studies, and related courses such as human geography and global issues. We will provide materials with all lessons presented at the workshop, plus additional lessons integrating economics and world history.

Attendance will earn a certificate for 3.5 professional development hours. There is no fee for this workshop, but you must pre-register.

To Register online click [HERE](#) or go online to: <https://oe.e.eller.arizona.edu/programs/current>

If you would like to receive *The County School Connection* by email, contact Nikki Madden at kmadden@cochise.az.gov or 432-8950.



The CenturyLink Teachers and Technology Grant Program is a competitive grant open to PreK-12 public and private school teachers in CenturyLink's residential service areas. The program, funded by the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation, is designed to help teachers innovatively implement technology in their classrooms to increase student achievement.

The CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation will consider requests of up to \$5,000 submitted by full-time classroom teachers employed by a public or private school in a CenturyLink residential service area. Schools do not have to be a CenturyLink customer to apply but must be located in a CenturyLink service area where CenturyLink provides residential phone service.

Applications will be accepted from October 1, 2016 until January 12, 2017. For more information: <https://online.foundationsource.com/public/home/CenturyLinkGrant>

New Superintendents	
Bisbee Unified: Thomas Woody twoody@busd.k12.az.us	520-432-5381
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