

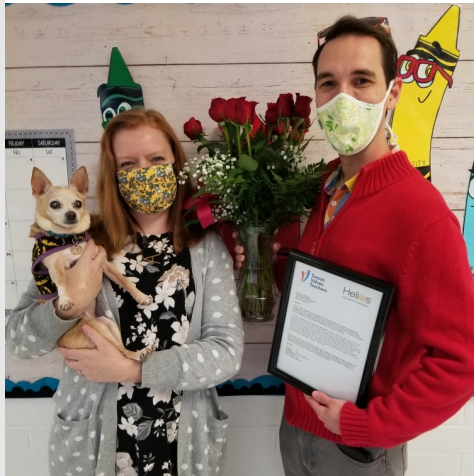


Great Teachers. Successful Students. Prosperous Community.

Mark Your Calendar:

- [Sign up](#) for Explore STEM!, a weekly STEM series hosted by the Tucson Festival of Books. Fridays at 10am.
- Register for TREC's February SEL webinar, [Building Resilience as a Protective Factor for Burnout](#), scheduled for Feb. 9 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.
- Submit [Teacher Excellence Award](#) nominations all year long to help us recognize outstanding PreK-12 Southern Arizona teachers with a monthly award presentation.

Meet our Teacher Excellence Award winner: Benjamin Collinsworth



Congratulations to our January Teacher Excellence Award winner, Benjamin Collinsworth!

Mister Ben is a first grade teacher at the Flowing Wells Digital Campus. He was nominated by his wife, Amy Collinsworth!

[Nominate a teacher!](#)

"For the 2020-2021 School year, Mister Ben has moved from in-person preschool to virtual first grade. This is a huge change. Learning new technology and a new grade level curriculum, all while missing the student interaction that is such an important part of a teacher's job. Ben has risen to meet the challenge, adjusting his teaching style and approach to connecting with his students. He has found a way to present the same story times, interactive music, opportunities to meet new people and learn about their lives, and more through videos, Zoom and Google Classroom. I am impressed by the flexibility and hard work put forth by all teachers during this pandemic, especially Mister Ben." - Amy Collinsworth

Share your vaccine selfies



Southern Arizona teachers and school staff are eligible to now register for the COVID-19 vaccination! Read the latest update on educator vaccination distribution from the Arizona Daily Star [here](#).

The University of Arizona and the Pima County School Superintendent's Office wants to spread the word that educators are getting their vaccines. Post your vaccine selfie on social using #BearDownVaxUp and tag both the [University of Arizona](#) and the [Pima County School Superintendent's Office](#). You can also email your photos to Matt Stamp at matthew.stamp@pima.gov.

Explore STEM! with Tucson Festival of Books

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Explore
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Looking for interactive ways to get your students excited about science? Tucson Festival of Books has partnered with Roche on a 7-week Explore STEM! series.

Kids, teachers and parents can join in on these sessions that will explore science and literacy. Listen in as actual scientists and others working at a life sciences company (and even a few of their kids), read aloud their favorite books, and then walk your class through a live experiment!

Explore STEM! happens on Fridays at 10am. Learn more [here](#).

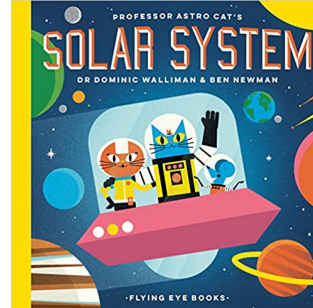
Schedule of Events:

February 5:

Professor Astro Cat's Solar System by
Dr. Dominic Walliman.

Listen is as Professor Astro Cat takes you on a solar system journey. After the reading with research scientist Kalpana, she'll walk you through what it's like to experience a solar eclipse!

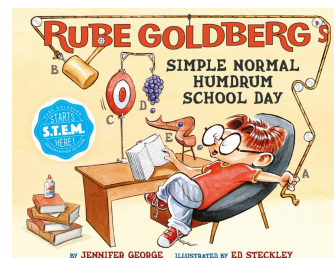
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February 12:
Rube Goldberg's Simple Normal Humdrum School Day by Jennifer George and Ed Steckley.

Follow Rube as he heads to school where he loves to complicate every task. This book is one of Chris's daughters' favorites - and they're excited to help you see the world like Rube by making their own Rube Goldberg machine with common household items.

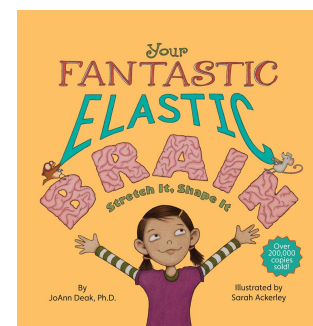
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February 19:
Your Fantastic Elastic Brain: Stretch It, Shape It by JoAnn Deak.

How does a brain actually grow? What happens when you make mistakes - does your brain shrink? Find out the answer to these questions and more when Ariel reads this fun and informative book and then helps you make your first ever brain hat!

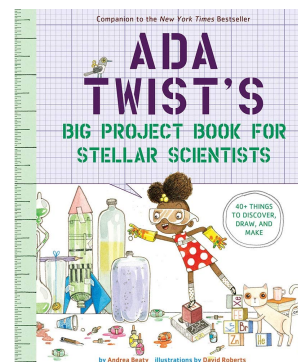
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February 26:
Ada Twist's Big Project Book for Stellar Scientists by Andrea Beaty.

Ada loves ALL science and your students will too after hearing Allison read this infectious (in a good way) book. Even though it was hard to decide on which science to focus on, together we'll watch demonstrations on chemistry and botany.

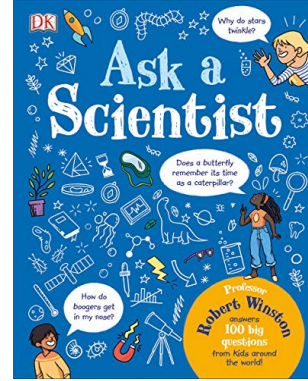
[Register](#)



March 5:
Ask a Scientist by Robert Winston.

This book answers 100 science-related questions from kids around the world. Of course, we won't have time to cover them all, but Judith will surprise us by reading from several different sections of this amazing book and then conducting corresponding experiments.

Register



Register for TREC's February SEL Webinar

Registration is now open for TREC's February SEL webinar, scheduled for Tuesday, February 9.

Learn about practices and tools that teachers can use to help self-regulate, protect themselves from burnout and compassion fatigue, and build up mental and physical resiliency. Special guest speakers include Gloria G. Irigoyen-Montijo and Kyla James from El Rio Health.

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TREC'S SPRING SEL WEBINAR #6

BUILDING RESILIENCE AS A PROTECTIVE FACTOR FOR BURNOUT

Tuesday, February 9th | 4 pm - 5:30 pm MST

GUEST SPEAKERS GLORIA G.
IRIGOYEN-MONTIJO & KYLA
JAMES FROM EL RIO HEALTH.

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Educators are facing extreme stress and upheaval to their own lives, routines, and classrooms as well as to the lives of all their students. The emotions coming from facing such challenges day in and day out can be very overwhelming and can have negative effects on our physical and mental wellbeing. While much in the current climate remains outside of our own control, there are practices and tools that we can use to help ourselves self-regulate, protect ourselves from burnout and compassion fatigue, and to build up our mental and physical resiliency. This webinar serves as part two in the TREC Stress Strategies for the Educator and Classroom webinar series, where the physiology of stress and trauma was explored. This follow-up webinar will be interactive with a strong focus on functional and practical skill-building.

Register Here: <http://bit.ly/38K1CZy>



Explore the Virtual Teacher Institute



Sign up for upcoming trainings and 24/7
online tools and resources

ASU Prep Digital has created the [Arizona Virtual Teacher Institute](#) to help teachers across the state with online instruction.

This training is provided at no cost to schools or teachers through the generous investment of the Arizona Department of Education, the Governor's Office, Helios Education Foundation, and Arizona State University.

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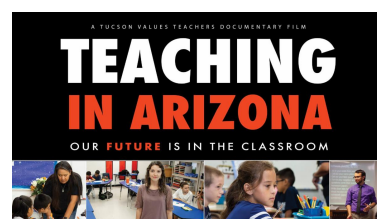
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We're looking for teachers, students, and parents to [submit](#) stories, photos, and videos that allow us to highlight the innovative work happening in local education. We'll share these stories on social media throughout the year.



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documentary short film, TEACHING IN ARIZONA

The film follows three Tucson educators, delivering an intimate portrait of what it's like to be a teacher today and the true impact of the teacher workforce crisis.

[WATCH NOW](#)

Vision:

*Great Teachers. Successful Students.
Prosperous Community.*

Mission:

*To inspire support of PreK-12 teachers in
Southern Arizona through community
collaborations that attract, retain, and
celebrate teacher excellence.*



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