May 2015
25 Memorial Day – ASBA Office Closed

June 2015
1 Deadline to submit points for 2015 Cactus Pin Award: Information/award form
11-13 Summer Leadership Institute, Little America Resort, Flagstaff: Info/register

Prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarships awarded to 55 Arizona students
Congratulations to this year’s graduating seniors who were chosen from as Gates Millennium Scholars. This prestigious award, funded by a $1.6 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding low-income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students with the opportunity to pursue a degree in any undergraduate major and selected graduate programs at accredited colleges or universities.
For a list: 2015 Arizona Gates Millennium Scholars
For more information: The Gates Millennium Scholarship Program

Save the date: ASBA county meetings start in September
Every fall, ASBA holds meetings in Arizona’s 15 counties to provide an opportunity for ASBA staff, officers and each county’s elected director (who also sits on ASBA’s board of directors) to meet and share issues and solutions to local challenges with other board members, superintendents and district personnel. Dinner is served, board member training accomplishments are celebrated with awards, certain counties will hold elections for new directors, and a program is presented. Locations are still being finalized, but here is the schedule of 2015 county meetings dates:

- Apache County, Tuesday, Oct. 6 (election for county director)
- Cochise County, Tuesday, Oct. 27 (election for county director)
- Coconino County, Thursday, Oct. 8
- Gila County, Wednesday, Sept. 30
- Graham & Greenlee (Joint) Tuesday, Sept. 29 (election for county directors in both counties)
- La Paz County, Wednesday, Oct. 14
- Maricopa County, Monday, Oct. 19 (election for one county director)
- Mohave County, Tuesday, Oct. 13
- Navajo County, Wednesday, Oct. 7 (election for county director)
- Pima County, Thursday, Oct. 29 (election for one county director)
- Pinal County, Tuesday, Oct. 20 (election for county director)
ASBA Summer Leadership Institute right around the corner, are you registered?
It is the end of the school year and board members, educators and parents are busy with graduations, summer vacations and planning for the next year. Take a quick break with a refreshing educational breather at Little America Resort in the cool pines of Flagstaff while attending ASBA’s Summer Leadership Institute. Complete agenda and breakout sessions are now online.

SLI will begin with an early bird session on June 11 at 3 p.m. and culminates the morning of Saturday, June 13 with a special session focusing on the teacher retention crisis. 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. Information/register

Don’t forget your board and/or superintendent secretaries! They are invited to attend a one-day track with special sessions on giving proper notice, agenda development, meeting minutes and record keeping. The one-day registration fee is $110.

For complete information and to register: 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.

Speak out on equity issues facing today’s schools at Chandler and Prescott Town Halls
The Arizona Department of Education has added these additional Town Hall sessions to help ensure that all students in Arizona, particularly those from low-income families and students of color, have access to our highest performing teachers.
- Chandler, Tuesday, May 19, 5-7 p.m. at Primavera Blended Learning Center, 2451 N. Arizona Ave., Chandler
- Prescott, Wednesday, May 20, 5-7 p.m. at Yavapai County Education Service Agency, 2970 Centerpointe East Drive
For questions or additional information, contact Mark McCall, mark.mccall@azed.gov or 602.364.2294.

Outstanding teachers and administrators needed for ADE’s 2015 Educator Talent Pool
If you know such a person serving grades 6-12, you are invited to submit recommendations to help the Arizona Department of Education build a cadre of distinguished teachers and principals to serve on advisory boards, task forces and as candidates for special recognition programs. Recommendations must be submitted by Friday, May 29.
For more information and to access the application form: ADE Educator Talent Pool webpage
Questions: contact program coordinator Karla Bravo at karla.bravo@azed.gov
ASBA’s Arizona Education News Services (AZEdNews.com) articles focus on students and summer issues

- **Active ‘brain breaks’ increase focus, learning, teachers say**
  
  [http://azednews.com/2015/05/13/active-brain-breaks-increase-focus-learning-teachers-say/](http://azednews.com/2015/05/13/active-brain-breaks-increase-focus-learning-teachers-say/)

  When students get antsy, what should a teacher do? Some Arizona teachers have found that giving their students a “brain break” of a few minutes of physical activity not only gets the wiggles out but also sharpens children’s focus and improves their behavior.

- **Challenge aims to eliminate kids’ summer hunger**
  

  For many Arizona students, leaving school for the summer also means losing their source of healthy meals. They don’t have to though, because this summer children up to 18 years old can receive free, nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks at over 1,100 Arizona schools and other community sites that participate in the Summer Food Service Program.

- **How to help teens make the most of summer’s freedom**
  
  [http://azednews.com/2015/05/18/how-to-keep-teens-busy-during-the-summer/](http://azednews.com/2015/05/18/how-to-keep-teens-busy-during-the-summer/)

  It seems as if the school year takes forever to end and then we parents are looking at what we have in mind to keep kids and teens occupied over the summer. What is especially important is that we realize that some of this short time off for kids is used to relax, wind down and re-energize.

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**SUPERINTENDENT – Camp Verde USD - Closes May 18 at 12 noon.**

To apply: Superintendent, Camp Verde USD

**DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR – Concho ESD - Closes May 29 at 12 noon**

To apply: District Administrator, Concho ESD

Looking for an interim superintendent? ASBA can help. We maintain a database of people interested in serving as interim superintendents. We will post your requirements and send to this list, then provide you with applications from those individuals interested in your position. There is no charge for this service. For assistance in this area, contact Steve Highlen, ASBA Executive Search Consultant, at shighlen@azsba.org.

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