

# THE FW INSIDER

POWERED BY FLOWING WELLS



## AMBASSADORS FOR EXCELLENCE



Nate Rios and Ben Collinsworth were honored as Top 5 Arizona Ambassadors for Excellence at the Arizona Educational Foundation Teacher of the Year Luncheon last week. Our District is incredibly proud to have Nate and Ben representing FW at the state level!

## SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Holly Marcott, Instructional Assistant at Flowing Wells Junior High. Holly has been selected as the Flowing Wells Support Staff Employee of the Month for her dedication to student achievement and her invaluable support of teachers at FWJHS.

## LEADER IN EDUCATION AWARD



Ellen Kirkbride, FWHS band teacher has been named a Raytheon Leaders in Education Award finalist! Ellen is part of a select group of exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers who inspire all students to learn and achieve. Congratulations, Ellen!



## ANNA HEYER EARNS 40 UNDER 40!

Each year Tucson recognizes 40 individuals who work to "make significant accomplishments in their profession and connect the Tucson community." It is as if this phrase was written with our own Anna Heyer in mind and now it's official! Congratulations, Anna!



## CHRIS PANKRATZ IS PUBLISHED!

*The Longest Day of April*, an original play written by Chris Pankratz, theater teacher at FWHS, has been published! Theater companies and schools across the nation will be able to buy and perform Chris's play. How awesome to have Chris's immense talent in FW!



## SARAH HITCHINGS HONORED BY ASTA!

Congratulations to Sarah Hitchings, 2nd grade teacher at Hendricks, who is the Arizona Science Teachers Association Elementary School Science Teacher of the Year! This is an incredible honor. We are so fortunate to have Sarah "The Cricket Whisperer" in FW!



## MRS. AMEE LEGARRA EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

We are so proud to announce that Mrs. Amee Legarra, 6th grade teacher at Richardson, has received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching! The PAEMST is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teaching. The award recognizes those teachers who have both deep content knowledge of the subjects they teach and the ability to motivate and enable students to be successful in those areas. Awardees reflect the expertise and dedication of the Nation's teaching corps, and they demonstrate the positive impact of excellent teachers on student achievement. Amee traveled to Washington DC to receive her award and represent the Flowing Wells School District at the national level. Congratulations, Amee ~ You make Flowing Wells proud!

## FEELING SICK? PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO ENTER YOUR ABSENCE/REQUEST SUB

We need your help! Unfortunately, we are seeing an increase in the number of teachers and staff who are calling in sick at the last minute which is creating a challenge in filling sub positions. Therefore, please enter your absences in Absence Management **before 6am**. If you must request a sub after 6am (emergencies only), please call Amy Collinsworth directly at 696-8824.

## BENEFIT ME

For employees enrolled in our Blue Cross/Blue Shield health plan, Blue365 is an online destination featuring healthy deals and discounts exclusively for Blue Cross/Blue Shield members including 20% off Fitbit devices, discounts on Skechers, Garmin, KIND snacks and bars, and much more.

Registration is quick and easy. Got to [Blue365Deals.com/BCBSAZ](http://Blue365Deals.com/BCBSAZ) and have your Blue Cross/Blue Shield member ID card handy. In a couple of minutes you will be registered and ready to shop. See special offers from top national brands in fitness, nutrition, personal care, and more. And each week, Blue Cross/Blue Shield will send a deal of the week straight to your email.

## LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS

All Flowing Wells employees should now have the ability to make long-distance calls from their work phones. To place a work-related long-distance call, simply dial 9, then 1, then the area code and phone number. If you are unable to place a long-distance call from your work phone, please email James Bond to resolve the issue.

## Professional Development POWERED

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*Are you interested in leading a PLC through a series of discussions on student outcomes?*

**WHAT:** Facilitate a recurring group in discussing student work, data, and research in order to adapt practice

**WHEN:** PLCs will be selected prior to Spring 2020 and will meet according to proposed timelines

**HOW:** Submit application available November 2019  
Download the application under "Quick Links"  
[@ flowingwellschools.org/our\\_district/professional\\_development](http://flowingwellschools.org/our_district/professional_development)

Be selected to participate as a PLC Lead by committee prior to January 2020

Participate in a training on fundamentals of PLC facilitation and discussion protocols

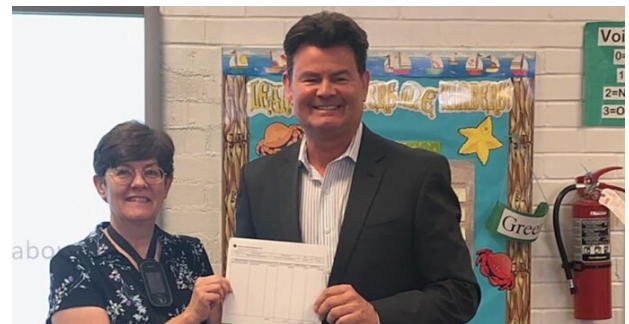
Lead the approved number of PLC sessions

Participate in exit interview to reflect on outcomes of PLC for group members and student impact

**WHY:** Flowing Wells values the leadership and knowledge of our staff and seeks continued growth as a community of skilled practitioners

## BUSINESS OFFICE HIRING PAYROLL ASSOCIATE

The Business Office is hoping you can help them find our next Payroll Services Associate! Do you know someone with the appropriate skills who wants to work in a fun and friendly office? Encourage him or her to apply today!



## JAN AUTENREITH HONORED

Congratulations to Jan Autenreith, 3rd grade teacher at Homer Davis, on being awarded a \$250 California Casualty Music and Art Grant!

## PRESCHOOL LOTTERY

Today is the LAST DAY to apply for your child to be a part of the staff tuition program lottery drawing at EMELC. The drawing will take place on Monday. If you have questions or need more information, please call the Preschool at 696-8909.

