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**Matching Grants Available
for "Bridging Possibilities"
programs!**

The Arizona Department of
Education recognized Release
the Fear's "Bridging
Possibilities" program as a
Character Education program
and

will make matching grants

The @fterschool advisor

May 15, 2014

Dear Melanie,

Phoenix Union High School District
Superintendent Dr. Kent Scribner has been
named the 2014 Out-of-School Time
Champion by Arizona Center for Afterschool
Excellence.



He will receive the award at the annual Statewide Out-of-School
Time Awards of Excellence Luncheon, Saturday, November 15 at
the Phoenix Convention Center. Innovative out-of-school time
programs and staff from around the state will be also recognized
for their exemplary work in delivering quality youth development
programmin.

Scribner has been superintendent of the largest high school district
in Arizona, serving more than 27,000 students in grades 9 through
12, since 2008. During his tenure, Scribner has led several
successful educational initiatives. Among the most notable are
Phoenix Union becoming the only district in Arizona to offer

available to interested youth programs!

Release the Fear's "Bridging Possibilities" program provides evidence-based Character Education workshops for vulnerable youth, ages 12-17, at middle and high schools. These 3-day workshops are designed to deter delinquency and show neglected youth they can be a positive force in their communities, their families and for themselves.

The application period for the matching grants is May 12 through June 12, 2014.

If you are interested in applying for a matching grant, call Robert at (480)-221-2370.

VEX Robotics Competition and Grant Opportunity Available!

Vex Robotics team registration for the 2014-15 season is **now** open!

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in these exciting, affordable, curriculum-based robotics programs, designed for students in elementary school through college.

Grants will be available to support new VEX Robotics Competition teams this season.

For more information regarding VEX Robotics Competition, [**click here**](#).

Interested schools/orgs should complete & return this [Grant Survey](#) & [Grant Interest Form](#) to Patty Smith at this [**e-mail**](#).

International Baccalaureate programs at two schools and the first-ever Montessori High School program in Arizona established at Camelback High School in 2012.

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Sign the Make It Count Pledge for Out-of-School Time Programs!

Out-of-school time programs statewide are invited and encouraged to sign the Make It Count Pledge, representing their commitment to using the Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs to deliver increasing quality out-of-school time programming for Arizona's youth.

Implementation of the new Arizona Quality Standards enable to LIFT - Learn, Implement, Fine-Tune and Teach - their programs to new heights of quality.

Pledging to Make It Count is Easy!

1. [Review and download the Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs here](#) and demonstrate your commitment to utilizing best practices in quality improvement to funders, families and other stakeholders.
2. [Sign the Make It Count Pledge Now](#) to demonstrate your program's commitment to utilizing best practices in quality improvement to the families you serve, funders, and other stakeholders.

Programs signing the Make it Count pledge will be tracked on the AzCASE website and will be searchable by the city in which the program operates.

3. Programs that sign the Make It Count Pledge will receive posters in both English and Spanish to demonstrate your Commitment to Quality to families, school leaders and community members.

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School's Out, Make It Count!

Join Us in Asking Congress to Support Afterschool

On May 22nd, afterschool leaders from around the country will be in Washington D.C., to meet face to face with Members of Congress to urge them to co-sponsor the *Afterschool for America's Children Act*.

We need your help to amplify their voices.

Afterschool programs keep kids safe, inspire learning and help working families. All students should have access to these life-changing opportunities. Yet 18 million children who would like to participate don't have a program available in their community.

The *Afterschool for America's Children Act* will strengthen the 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative - the only federal funding stream dedicated to supporting out-of-school time programs nationwide.

Members of Congress **need to hear from constituents like you** who care about making afterschool a reality.

Click [here](#) to learn how to take action!

Thank you for your support of AzCASE happenings and all you do for Arizona's youth!

Sincerely,

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