

### Science Newsblast: Setting up for this year's Young Scientists!

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Hello Corinn,

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- Looking for program information, lesson resources, or something else to enliven your science teaching? Make a Request!

As you prepare to welcome your students to your classroom, building relationships and establishing routines, we're here to help you make sure that science comes back to class this Fall too!

To get the year off to a great start, check out this <u>Setting up Your Classroom Science "Lab"</u> resource page to plan for:

- 1. Safety in the STEM Lab & Behaving Like Scientists
- 2. Equipment & Tools
- 3. Teamwork everyone on the lab team has an important job to do!

<u>Student Science Notebooks</u> are an essential tool in science for sharing ideas and observations, sketching, collecting data, reflecting, writing, and to support student sense-making discussions.

## **Funding Your Class Projects**

Looking for funding to pay for exciting learning experiences, engaging class projects, or eye-opening field trips you have planned for the coming year? Here

are a few upcoming grant opportunities. Pro tip: remember to bookmark this page and check back often: Science Education Grants webpage.

 <u>DonorsChoose</u> continues to help teachers get funded for materials to send home to their students. It seems like daily this time of year there are different matching grants available. Hint: You may be most successful in getting two or more small projects funded than one project with all the same things.

<u>Philanthropic Ventures</u> opens their Teacher Resource Grants applications every fall (not yet, but keep checking). Their applications are short and sweet, and they get the funding to you quickly. Examples of grants are: Environmental Science and Science Resource Grants, Excursion Grants, and many more

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# **Upcoming STEM Education Conferences**

Conferences can be a great time to immerse yourself in the best practices of STEM education at all levels. Here are some conferences that are coming up that you may want to attend.

September 18-22, 2024 - Online Wild Wonder Nature Journaling Conference Sharpen your pencils!. Hear from John Muir Laws and Amy Tan during this conference that focuses on nature journaling at all levels. Early bird pricing ends July 1, 2024.

October 17-18, 2024 - STEM for ALL Leadership Symposium in San Diego hosted by STEM4Real - Create Access and Opportunities for High Quality STEM Instruction for Every Student.

November 8-10, 2024 - 2024 California Science Education Conference in Sacramento hosted by California Association of Science Educators. CRS will be presenting! Come by and say hi! Join our workshop on Joyful Math and Science. The themes of this year's conference are "Igniting Curiosity, Inspiring Discovery, and Illuminating Minds." Early bird pricing ends July 1, 2024.

November 6-9, 2024 - 2024 New Orleans National Conference hosted by National Science Teaching Association. This year's theme is "Spark Creativity in Science and STEM Education."

February 7-8, 2025 - California STEAM Symposium 2025 in San Diego hosted by the CDE Foundation. The focus will be on equity and student engagement with STEM in the classroom.

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### July is Teacher Appreciation Month at the Tech Interactive

Every Tuesday in July, educators can enjoy free admission to The Tech Interactive (including free admission for one guest).

You're also invited to attend their Educator Open House, on Thursday, July 25. Here's what's in store for you on this special day:

- Free admission (up to three guests) to The Interactive for the day
- Drop-in demos of the Science Labs and The Tech Challenge
- Resource fair from educational partners all around the Bay Area

#### Find out more!

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