

The  
**Amplify** Science  
Newsletter

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The month of February is dedicated to celebrating Black History Month!

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**Amplify** Science celebrates Black scientists and engineers in its materials throughout the year, but we want to highlight a few resources that you can review with your students to honor and discuss this important month:

- Grade K, Sunlight and Weather: [Tornado! Predicting Severe Weather](#)
  - Grade 5, Ecosystem Restoration: [Walk in the Woods](#)
  - Grade 5, Patterns of Earth and Sky: [Star Scientist](#)
  - Grades 6-8, Magnetic Fields: [Meet a Scientist Who Studied Magnets](#)
  - Grades 6-8: [Who Becomes a Space Scientist?](#)
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## NYC Professional Learning Highlights

This month, we want to highlight some past and upcoming professional learning offerings focused on differentiation. Differentiation has only gotten more important as many of our city's teachers conduct classes remotely. Thankfully, Amplify Science provides avenues to

differentiate for the unique needs your students may have. Materials for these sessions are all housed on our [NYC Resources site](#).

Webinars:

- Reaching All Learners: [Grades 2-3](#), and [Grades 4-5](#)
- Supporting Multilingual Learners: [Grade 6](#), [Grade 7](#), [Grade 8](#)

Print Materials:

- Supporting Diverse Learner Needs: [K-5](#)
- Supporting Students with Special Needs in Remote Learning: [Grades 6-8](#)

## Coming up...

Unit 4: Focusing on Evidence of Learning sessions for Grades 3-5 in March - register [here!](#)

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## Amplify Science @Home Unit releases

- English @Home Unit materials are now available on the Program Hub for:
  - Environments and Survival (Grade 3)
  - Earth's Features (Grade 4)
  - The Earth System (Grade 5)
  - Ocean, Atmosphere, and Climate (Grade 6)
  - Chemical Reactions (Grade 7)
  - Earth, Moon, Sun (Grade 8)
- Spanish @Home Unit materials are now available on the Program Hub for:
  - Pushes and Pulls (Grade K)
  - The Earth System (Grade 5)
  - Phase Change (Grade 7)
  - Ocean, Atmosphere, and Climate (Grade 6)
- Spanish @Home Videos are now available on the Program Hub for:
  - Environments and Survival (Grade 3)
  - The Earth System (Grade 5)
  - Weather Patterns (Grade 6)
  - Natural Selection (Grade 8)

English @Home Units **to come**:

- Grade 2: Changing Landforms - February 20th
- Grade 5: Ecosystem Restoration - February 28th
- Grade 6: Weather Patterns - February 19th
- Grade 6: Populations and Resources - February 20th
- Grade 8: Natural Selection: - February 25th

Reference Amplify Science @Home Schedule [here](#).

# Calendar



## JUST FOR AMPLIFY CUSTOMERS

An exclusive evening with Afrika Afeni Mills

March 3, 2021

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. PST.

[Register Here](#) to join Afrika Afeni Mills—Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion with BetterLesson—as she discusses reimagining learning in a post-COVID world.

- Holding space for recovery, reflection, and dreaming
- What do we mean when we say learning loss?
- How can we acknowledge COVID-related losses and honor student learning experiences?
- How do we make sure to ground our work in relevant instructional practices as we move forward?

## Additional Events and Announcements

- **Amplify K-8 Assessment Survey:** Do you have thoughts and feedback on the Amplify Science assessment system? Our product team has open ears! These surveys are especially important because they will directly inform future product development.
  - [K-5 Assessment Survey](#)
  - [6-8 Assessment Survey](#)
- **Math Teacher Lounge:** Join and share our [Facebook group](#) with your teachers, where we share exclusive content and prizes. Be sure to watch [the latest episode](#).
- **Math storytelling and narrative webinar:** Sunil Singh will be hosting a webinar on 2/24 to discuss three steps educators can take to weave storytelling into the classroom. Share the [registration page](#) with your teachers to attend live or receive the recording.
- **Free eBook download for K-5 Science Engineers!** ["How To Train Your Robot"](#)
- **Administrator Reports summary usage downloads:** This new feature allows administrators to keep track of student engagement during periods of remote learning with a downloadable report on daily student participation in online activities. (*Help article [Amplify Science](#)*)

# Spotlight

**Chris Martin, Skinner Middle School, Denver Public Schools, CO**

“Chris is an incredible and thoughtful educator who leads a team of science teachers for Skinner MS in Denver, Colorado. Chris is deeply intentional in how he approaches Amplify, and has worked tirelessly to adapt its use in a virtual and soon hybrid environment. His leadership and approach influence his students and colleagues, and he is also always willing to share his resources and expertise around the district, impacting many of our schools. He is deeply appreciated!”



— Renee Belisle, Science Curriculum Specialist

[We want to spotlight you next!](#)

*Each featured educator will receive a special gift from us.*

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## Advice and Connections

Did you know we have a help website to share information with you about new and updated features? [Visit the website and search for help articles.](#)

Have you checked out the [Amplify Science Facebook group](#)? Join the conversations with other educators about the best ways to accurately assess students in a remote environment and share your best practices!

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## Product highlights

National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman captivated the world with her Inauguration Day poem, “*The Hill We Climb*.” Amplify and Poetry in America are proud to announce a new set of lessons teaching this amazing poem.

[Download the poem now.](#)



## Try Amplify Reading Free

Access Amplify Reading free through the end of the year. This K–5 digital literacy program helps reduce the stress of teaching during this pandemic, re-engages students with captivating SEL-based learning, and provides families at home with insights into the most critical area of their child’s education—early reading.

[Register for a webinar to learn more](#) and [apply for a free trial.](#)

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