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# **Amplify** Science

## Newsletter



We hope you're embracing spring in your classrooms this month! The season is a time of growth, so we're eager to continue helping you make the most of your experience with our programs. Have you been keeping up with our <a href="Seeds of Knowledge">Seeds of Knowledge</a>? Every week, we post tips and tricks for using the curriculum across various topics, including pacing, differentiation, instructional practices, and more! <a href="Check out the complete list of resources">Check out the complete list of resources</a>.

Teacher Appreciation Week is just around the corner, and we're so thankful that you continue to show up every day to shape and inspire the minds of new generations. If you'd like to send a positive note to a colleague or plan a fun activity for your students, **download these printable cards** to get the creativity and gratitude flowing!

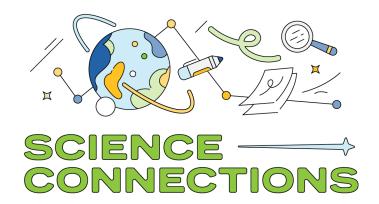
## **Announcements**

## **Exciting updates are coming!**

Did you know there are several new and exciting features that will be released for the upcoming school year? Check out what's new for Amplify Science customers.

#### Teacher Appreciation Week: A celebration for all that you do!

To commemorate Teacher Appreciation Week this year, we at Amplify want to show our gratitude for the work that you do. Every day from May 2–6, we'll be giving away special prizes ranging from Amplify swag to Little Free Libraries to special treats for your school! You can check out the schedule of all the exciting new things to come on our <u>Teacher Appreciation Week page</u>, and <u>enter for any and all of the giveaways</u> that interest you. Winners will be posted on the website daily beginning May 2—and don't forget to continue the celebration on our Facebook groups!



#### **Science Connections: The Podcast**

Check out the latest episode of our podcast as our host, Eric Cross, is joined by Kentucky Teacher of the Year, Shad Lacefield. Together, they discuss ways in which educators can engage students and teach them to love science content. Visit the <a href="main podcast page">main podcast page</a> to listen to this episode (or catch up on previous episodes)!



## Earth Day 2022

It's time to celebrate Earth Day! We're here to help your classroom count down to Earth Day with a <u>free</u> <u>downloadable</u> poster. Check it out now so your students can pledge to protect the Earth.

#### Let us know what you think!

We need your opinions about what to improve in Amplify Science. Please help us make these materials better meet your needs and the needs of your students by completing this <u>5-minute survey</u>.

#### **Field Trips**

With the advent of spring, it's also the most popular time of year for field trips. Check out our <a href="NYC-specific field trip guide">NYC-specific field trip guide</a> to find options for trips that coordinate with and complement your Amplify Science content. Got other ideas? Consider sharing on our Facebook page, highlighted at the end of this newsletter.

## Calendar

## Integrating Code-to-Learn Experiences in Middle School Science Classrooms

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April 21 | 4-5 p.m. ET



Webinar

Join us April 21 as Leslie Stenger, Professional Learning Associate from UC Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science, takes a deep dive into integrating code-to-learn experiences in middle school science classrooms.

#### **REGISTER HERE >**

### The Power of High Quality Instructional Materials in Middle School



May 12 | 7-8 p.m. ET



Webinar

Tune in May 12 as Rebecca Abbott from UC Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science discusses the power of high-quality instructional materials in middle school classrooms.

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# Spotlight



**Shad Lacefield**Fayette County Public Schools, KY

We wanted to take a moment to shine a bright light on the 2021 Outstanding Elementary Teacher Award recipient, chosen by the Kentucky Science Teachers Association. On the subject of his philosophy as an educator, Lacefield said, "I want my students to experience fun and memorable activities that enrich their educational experience." We encourage you to join our Amplify Science Facebook group to see the creative images Shad shares, and listen in on the latest Science Connections podcast to hear more about his experiences as an educator!

Congratulations to Shad Lacefield!

We want to spotlight you next!

Each featured educator will receive a special gift from us.

Submit a nomination!

## Advice and answers

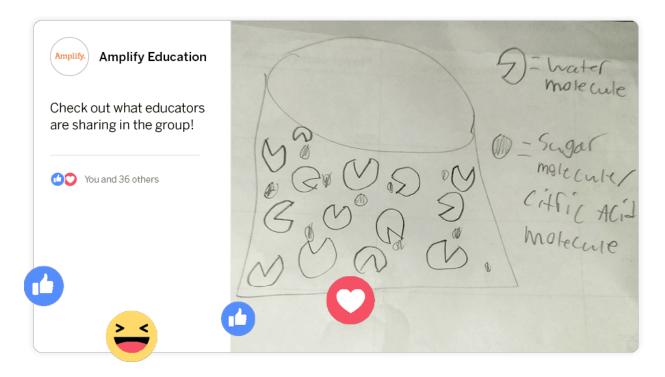


**TEACHER TIP**Insight from an Amplify Ambassador

We all love teacher tips! Renee Wilcox is an Amplify Ambassador and grade 8 Instructional Coach. She shared the following advice about Amplify Science: "I like to hang some of the work that students complete, or pieces of hands-on activities, on our bulletin board next to the key concepts that they go with as a visual reminder of what we did when we learned them."

## Let's connect

Cyndi, a member of our <u>Amplify Science Facebook group</u>, recently shared a creative moment from her classroom following the Modeling Matter unit. After asking her class, "What do you think is happening when the sugar mixes with the water," a student modeled little "Pac-Man" water molecules eating up the sugar molecules to demonstrate conceptual thinking in action.



#### JOIN THE GROUP AND SHARE THE MOMENTS HAPPENING IN YOUR CLASSROOM >

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