

Amy Archer, Garden Elementary School

Fishing for TIME

A principal pursues hands-on learning to lead instructional initiatives that will inspire students to learn more about the wonders of nature and the impact of our actions on water resources and marine life.

Clay Burton, Venice High School

A Personal Journey: Exploring the Western Balkan Peninsula

A history teacher examines how the Bosnian/Croatian area of the Balkans is tied to significant global and regional historical events by visiting infamous landmarks, with learning at each location used to enrich future instruction.

Charles Carney, Pine View School

Rededication to Lifelong Learning: Exploring Macroeconomics in Japan

A social studies teacher explores Japan through the lens of macroeconomics, with dual goals of reigniting a personal passion for learning and developing real-world educational examples to share with his AP Macroeconomic students.

Joanna Davis-Lanum, Garden Elementary School

Rome Where You Want To, Rome Around the World

An art teacher explores culture-rich Italy, taking small-group tours in several historical cities to better understand the country's influence on modern art and architecture and then connect this new knowledge to her curriculum.

Thomas Austin Dunk, Sarasota High School

Icelandic Journey: Investigation and Exploration of Geophysical Forces and Their Relationship to Culture

An immersive examination of Iceland's unique geological sites, history, and culture, including how their relationship to each other has shaped the country's civilization, population, and conservation, with plans to develop relevant critical-thinking assignments based on what's learned.

Chad Erickson, Bay Haven School of Basics Plus

Recharging Educational Leadership with a Journey Through Historical England

A principal's immersion in the history of England with a particular focus on the country's educational system and educational leadership principles.



Hali Flahavan, Pine View School

[Recharging in the Great Outdoors: Alaska Land/Sea Adventure](#)

A land-and-sea expedition in Alaska to enrich a science teacher's understanding of its unique ecosystem and the role that thermodynamics and glacial melt play in environments as far away as Florida.

Allison Foster, Southside Elementary School

[Southside's Centennial Celebration – Mediterranean Revival Style](#)

A principal journeys across the Mediterranean Sea to examine the Italian and Spanish Renaissance architecture that inspired the design of Southside Elementary, the district's oldest school, as she prepares to lead the community celebration of its centennial in January 2026.

Amy Gerlt, Heron Creek Middle School

[Roots and Research: Jamaican Adventures to Inspire Classroom Lessons](#)

A blended-family journey to Jamaica to connect with personal heritage and explore the island's rich scientific landscape, bringing back a unique perspective for students and experiences to inspire future scientists.

Kimberly Hall, Alta Vista Elementary School

[Immersive Spanish: A Journey Through Language and Culture in Spain](#)

A transformative educational experience combining language learning with cultural exploration by attending an intensive, two-week Spanish-language school in Barcelona and visiting historic sites in Barcelona, Madrid, and surrounding cities.

Andrew Harshman, Sarasota High School

Kristina Harshman, Sarasota High School

[Math, Science, History: Unraveling the Mystery](#)

Science teachers with additional interdisciplinary responsibilities will explore the historical, scientific, and mathematical significance of key sites in three European countries, providing a deeper understanding of the world and the interdisciplinary connections we all have to it.

Andrew Jaffee, Alta Vista Elementary School

[The Wandering Scientist: A Summer of Learning and Adventure](#)

A science teacher's transformative, 4,500-mile road trip from Sarasota to his childhood home in Vermont and back, exploring science museums and natural wonders along the way to reinvigorate a passion for natural history and renew his store of stories about the world to share with students.



Jennifer Kaskiw, Tuttle Elementary School

[Odyssey Through Antiquity: Journey the Mediterranean to Uncover Roman and Greek Legacies](#)

An immersive journey across the Mediterranean to explore the legacies of Roman and Greek civilizations through their ancient sites, cultures, and histories and examine their influence on modern education.

Alevtina Lazareva, Pine View School

[From Parisian Charm to Coastal Wonders of Normandy and Southern UK and Cornwall](#)

An Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teacher explores cultural and historic sites in France and England, developing specific lessons on creative expression, sustainability and entrepreneurship, resilience, and nature-based experiential learning from the various locations.

Denise Milliken, Toledo Blade Elementary School

[Yearning for Yellowstone](#)

A dream exploration of Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding area to learn more about the landscape and wildlife and share new knowledge with students.

James Minor, Riverview High School

[Redeeming the Time with My Sons](#)

An English teacher and International Baccalaureate program coordinator explores the United Kingdom and Ireland with his sons, reconnecting and making memories with them while gaining comprehensive new understanding of British and Irish cultures, literature, and languages.

Jason Mocherman, Riverview High School

[Celestial Footsteps: Exploring Italy's Astronomical Heritage](#)

A science teacher's journey to the heart of modern astronomy in Italy to bring back inspiring stories of Galileo and Cassini for visitors to Riverview's Planetarium, igniting passion for the wonders of the universe.

Margaret Novello, Glenallen Elementary School

[Making an Impact: A Transformative Journey Including a Life-long Commitment to Being Healthy](#)

A physical education teacher journeys through the Netherlands to experience the culture of a global front-runner in exercise and happiness, seeking to gain innovative ideas to facilitate active lifestyles and promote positive mental health back home, and then explores her own heritage in Italy.



Kathryn O'Hare, Oak Park School

[Once Upon a Time in Alaska](#)

A self-directed practicum in nature journaling, using Glacier Bay National Park as a subject, to explore how to bring nature journaling into the classroom to enrich student experience.

Katerina Peltier, Booker High School

[Journey of Renewal and Inspiration](#)

An immersion in cultural, historical, and scientific experiences across three diverse European countries, providing rich content to link math concepts and practical applications to real-world contexts.

Chad Smith, Riverview High School

[From Ancient Wonders to Wild Horizons: A Journey to Inspire and Reinvigorate Education](#)

A trek through Egypt and Africa blending expert instruction in wildlife photography with exploration of ancient history and natural wonders, ultimately aiming to inspire students and enrich their learning with real-world connections and creativity.

Michaela Stockhill, Riverview High School

[Journey Across Japan: An Exploration of Cutting-Edge Technology and Scientific Advancement](#)

A science teacher sets out to discover Japan's cutting-edge scientific technology and advancement while visiting the country's leading science and tech centers and deepen her knowledge of biology by exploring its natural landscapes and diverse ecosystems.

Liz Storino, Heron Creek Middle School

[Mi Experiencia en España](#)

A Spanish teacher seeks to experience Spanish culture firsthand and explore her own ancestry and the nuances of the language, bringing a more authentic perspective to her classroom.

Felice Tannen, Bay Haven School of Basics Plus

[A Journey to a Melting Pot of Endemic and Adaptive Animals!](#)

Fulfilling a passion for adventure and love of animals while learning the importance of conservation from expert naturalists on an expedition to the Galapagos Islands, then using what's learned to create a new unit on the Galapagos for the classroom.

