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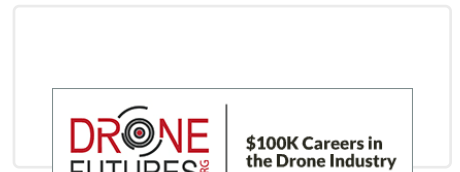
# What Impact Will Drones Have on Our Childrens' Future?

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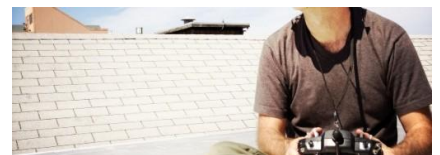
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You might be surprised to hear this, but I've never piloted a UAV. In fact, other than the odd mention of military drones in the news, I've never paid much attention to UAVs at all — that is, until this past summer. Quite suddenly, it seemed that drones were **everywhere**. They were popping up on Amazon's



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front page, buzzing around mall kiosks, hovering above the pavement in my cul de sac, and taking over the news.

It wasn't possible for me to relegate drones the "new toy" category of my mind and carry on living as if they didn't exist; something was clearly happening. So, I did what I always do in these cases — I put on my research pants and got to work. Lo and behold, there was far more to drones than I had ever imagined. And, like so many new technologies before them (calculators, personal computers, handheld tablets), I found that drones touched a place very close to my heart — the classroom.

## Drones in the Classroom?

As a former preschool teacher, I have an intense love for all things STEM. There's nothing more magical than seeing a child light up at the wonders of science, master the newest technology, engineer a magnificent structure out of blocks, or work through a math equation as if it were second nature.

These subjects are incredibly important as they have a [major impact on our lives](#). From the science of our natural world and to the engineering of our infrastructure — STEM is everywhere. Furthermore, our children will need these skills to compete in the job market. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, [STEM occupations are growing at 17%](#),