



Tanque Verde District News & Views

The latest news and information from TVUSD!

REMINDER! IT'S WINTER BREAK

No School

Grading Day - Dec. 17th

Winter Break December - 20th - 31st

As a reminder, our schools and District Offices are closed during the break.

Wishing our TVUSD community a safe and wonderful Winter Break!

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Editor's Note ~ In this Winter 2021 Edition of the Tanque Verde District News & Views, we are pleased to present messages from the Governing Board and Superintendent Hagerman, as well as the latest news and information from TVUSD. Returning to our quarterly electronic News & Views format this year gives us the opportunity to highlight our schools, teachers and students, and bring special interest stories from around the district. In this issue, we are focusing on the Student Services Department, notable staff achievements, and construction updates. Thank you for your continued support and interest in TVUSD!

2021 Year End Note From the Governing Board ~

As we take a break for the holiday season, we wanted to reflect on the last semester.

Looking back, we are so appreciative of the...

- Parents for their unending support of their children, and the contributions they share with the classrooms and schools.
- Administrators for their efforts to ensure smooth day to day operations of our schools, especially with the construction and work-arounds that must be developed as related challenges arise.
- Staff members for making sure food is served, facilities cleaned, students and staff are healthy, and people where they need to be.
- Teachers for sharing their hearts and minds to foster a love of learning in their students, as well as their efforts to provide a quality educational experience.
- Students for asking questions, doing the work - especially in the subjects they least like, and growing in their knowledge and confidence.

With all these efforts, we are excited to imagine what we can accomplish as we move into the next semester.

We wish everyone in our Tanque Verde community a relaxing, restorative holiday season full of love and laughter.

Kind regards,

Susan Fry & Anne Velosa
TVUSD Governing Board Members

Superintendent's Message ~ Wishing you a peaceful, joyful holiday with family and friends!

Dear Tanque Verde Unified School District Students, Staff and Community,

We would like to thank our teachers, administrators, and staff members for all the great work they have done this school year to ensure students are learning at high levels. Despite the pandemic period which has challenged students, staff and families, their collaboration and dedication have enabled student progress and increased achievement levels at all grade levels.



*Image - TVES Professional Learning Community
Team Collaboration.*

Construction Update

The school construction projects continue to progress rapidly at all school sites. Once the site preparations are complete, the buildings quickly start to take form. Please see photo gallery for current images of the work in progress!

- The EGJH building steel arrived on time and has gone up rapidly. We have three pre-engineered steel buildings - EGJH Fine Arts, TVHS Commons, and TVHS Science. The steel building portion of the projects is going quite well, considering current construction supply chain issues.
- The TVHS Admin building renovation is experiencing some delays due to delays with doors and lighting. The TVHS Commons will likely be the last building completed due to the site complications and mediation of some issues there (rerouting gas lines, relocating solar conduit, steel contracting for cost containment, etc.).
- At TVES, a retaining wall is being installed currently to mitigate a 4.5 ft. difference in elevation at the new building site. The building itself is not what is visible there, as of yet.
- At ACES, EGJH and TVHS, we now have a much deeper knowledge of the utilities and building foundations than we have in the past, as a result of the amount of work that has been necessary at those sites. This site preparation work is nearing completion district-wide.

In conjunction with the new construction projects, the IT network is being completely updated over break, bringing teachers and students greatly improved internet functionality. With the network replacement, all new switch hardware, and new wifi in the summer, we will greatly improve our network stability.

Congratulations to all!

We are very fortunate to have talented, dedicated individuals on our TVUSD team and we would like to take a moment to congratulate some of those who have recently been recognized in the community for their work: (in alphabetical order)

- Mrs. Emma Batty, TVES Principal - 2021 Forty Under Forty Award Winner
- Mrs. Kristen Kvaran, TVCP Director and Special Education Teacher - 2021 Raytheon Leaders in Education Award Winner AND 2021 United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona Literacy Champion Award Winner
- Mr. Jeremy Samoy, TVHS Social Studies Teacher - 2021 Arizona Outstanding Teacher of American History, AZ State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

In addition to these award winners, we have many staff members who participate on regional boards, and with local committees and organizations. With too many to name here, we extend our thanks to our staff as a group for their continued dedication and leadership in the ever-changing, and all-important, field of Education.

Have a wonderfully peaceful and joyful holiday with family and friends ~

All my best,

Scott Hagerman, Ed.D.
Superintendent



Pictured (L-R) Tiffany Hodge, Chandler Hybiak, Yvonne Olivas

The Student Services Department provides programs and support services for students. They strive to enrich the educational experience of each student through supporting students, teachers, parents, and the community. With this highlight of their department, we would like to introduce you to the team members and the services they provide.

Tiffany Hodge, Director

Tiffany began her career in education in 1994 as an Early Childhood Educator. At an early age, she worked as a preschool teacher and later as Preschool Assistant Director. Through this experience she helped develop a new childcare center along with its DES and DHS licensing. Her preschool experience allowed her the opportunity to work through the process of accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Her work in preschool helped her realize her passion for the learning process and how teaching could help shape that process for children. Tiffany then went on to the University of Arizona and Prescott College where she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with a Minor in Early Childhood Education.

Tiffany went on to teach in the elementary classroom for 13 years in both public and charter schools in the Tucson community. In 2016, she completed her certification in Reading Recovery and spent four years

eight years before moving to Continental Elementary School District, a small school district in Green Valley, AZ. Working in different districts has required her to wear many hats, which allowed her to gain experience in the administrative side of special education as well as addressing students' academic and mental health needs. These work experiences have allowed her to work with diverse populations in southern Arizona and learn about the different needs across communities.

Ivonne is currently serving as a Southern Regional Director for the Arizona Association of School Psychologists (AASP). Here she strives to serve as an agent of progress in the recognition of the school psychology profession. As a member of TVUSD's Student Services Department, Ivonne works with special education staff to ensure that federal law and state regulations are being followed. She collaborates with staff and provides guidance so that they can navigate all that special education documentation requires. Ivonne also works with students and staff at Emily Gray Junior High School. The thing she enjoys most about her job is working directly with students. "I love seeing their faces light up when they problem solve or tell me a funny story."

This team of dynamic women keeps busy working on various projects for the district

working as a Tier 3 Interventionist and Literacy Coach and Mentor. With her long-standing love of education and aspiration to be a school leader, she obtained an Educational Administration Degree and Principal Certification. In June 2019, Tiffany was chosen to take on the new role of Director of Student Services. An active member in the Tucson education community, Tiffany is a member of the Southern Arizona Special Education Administrators and the Tucson Regional Educator Collaborative, and she is a Pima County Superintendent's Office Energize Advisory Board Member.

Tiffany has taken an active role with the Pima County Superintendent's Office Energize project. Led by Director of Special Education for Pima County, Diane Kent, Energize is a professional development series designed to connect and inspire emerging, new, and continuing Special Education Leaders. Alongside former Special Education Directors Maura Clark-Engle of Tucson Unified School District and Kathleen McNaboe of Vail Unified School District, Tiffany and the team created a curriculum for participants to engage in an interactive series of lessons to prepare them for the Special Education leadership role in Pima County. The success of the Year One Cohort launched into a continuation for a second year as well as a much larger group for the Year Two Cohort. The success and impact of this program continues to grow in Pima County. Tiffany says, "Being able to work with this powerhouse of leaders has been so supportive in my role as a new leader. They each have so much to offer young and aspiring leaders in the community. Each time we get together there is so much shared among the group; everyone has something meaningful to offer. Energize is a place to connect with people who are doing the same work with the same goals and struggles. The best part is that we work together on solutions and leave feeling energized. We often reflect on how we named the program so appropriately."

Chandler Hybiak, Student Services Secretary

Tanque Verde recently welcomed Chandler

in partnership with Superintendent Dr. Scott Hagerman, Student Services facilitates Professional Development opportunities for teachers in the district. Special Education teachers will be participating in an onsite day of training with *Yes We Can!* author Julie Schmidt, on Friday, January 28th. Teachers will focus on the collaborative partnership between general and special education educators in the PLC process.

This coming February, 10 teachers from the district will attend the Summit on PLC at Work in Phoenix, gaining a deeper understanding of the PLC process. An additional group of 11 teachers and several administrators will attend an online training in February with Doug Fisher and Nancy Frey around the Success Criteria Playbook. Back by popular demand, Tanque Verde High School Teacher, Emily McIntosh (Profe) and Samantha Doyle, 3rd Grade Tanque Verde Elementary Teacher, will be facilitating Teacher Clarity training in February. Along with IT Director, Tony Blackwell, Student Services is working with Campus IT Leads to train staff on ViewSonic boards.

As the Winter turns to Spring Tiffany, Ivonne and Chandler will continue their focus on supporting student learning in TVUSD. The recent addition of Chandler Hybiak, Student Services Secretary, has added more positive energy to this small but mighty group. Tiffany says, "Chandler is everything we could ask for in a team member. She is a quick learner, action oriented, and always willing to help out. Having her as part of Student Services has allowed us to be more efficient and take on more responsibilities. With the additional work of online learning

Hybiak to the Student Services department this past summer. Chandler graduated in 2018 from the University of Arizona with degrees in Psychology and Communications. One of her areas of interest for research in college was dementia and how aging affects the brain. After graduating from the university, she went to work at a retirement community, collecting data on resident's cognition and participation in activities. This experience led her to her current position at TVUSD as the Student Services Secretary. Chandler is guided by Director Tiffany Hodge and Lead Psychologist Ivonne Olivas in managing student information and data on special education, open enrollment, student needs, and much more.

Ivonne Olivas, Lead School Psychologist

Ivonne Olivas is in her third year as Lead School Psychologist at TVUSD, and completing her 13th year as a practicing school psychologist. She attended the University of Arizona, where she received her Bachelors' in Psychology. Then she returned to the University of Arizona for graduate school where she obtained an Education Specialist Degree (Ed.S.) in school psychology and began working at Tucson Unified School District. She worked there for

and the ELA adoption she has been instrumental in the functioning of our department. We are so fortunate to have her!"

In the Spring, they will prepare the district for state testing, begin to plan summer professional development, move to the new district office at the high school, continue to monitor grants, support intervention and enrichment programs, and support TVUSD teachers, students and staff wherever they are needed!



Members of the Pima County Superintendent's Office Energize project - Pictured (L-R) Diane Kent, Tiffany Hodge, Kathleen McNaboe, Maura Clark-Engle

Congratulations, Dr. Scott Hagerman! ASA 2021 All AZ Superintendent of the Year for Medium Districts -

We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Hagerman has been selected as the ASA 2021 All Arizona Superintendent of the Year for Medium Districts.

Dr. Hagerman was presented with his award at the 2021 ASA/ASBA Annual Conference in Scottsdale on December 16th. We hope you'll join us in wishing him congratulations on this very well-deserved recognition. In case you missed it, please see our official media release [here](#).



Photo credit: ASBA



Open Enrollment Information - Please share with interested families!

Pathways to college and career start at Tanque Verde Unified School District! We are a top-ranked public school district with a reputation for educational excellence, individualized support, and a strong school community.

Tanque Verde High School

The Pathways at Tanque Verde High School provide advanced academics, exceptional instructors, and opportunities for all students, including Advanced Placement (AP®) and dual enrollment courses, CTE Programs, JTED Precision Manufacturing, and Arts education (Art, Marching Band, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Percussion, Orchestra, Choir, Guitar and Theatre), as well as a wide offering of competitive athletic programs coached by the largest number of Coaches of the Year awardees in Southern Arizona. Dedicated, highly-qualified teachers prepare students with personalized learning and the integration of school-to-work and career opportunities.

Our TVHS Pathways Program offers these exciting opportunities for our students:

- Science and Technology Pathway (STEM)
- Performance and Design Pathway
- University of Arizona Honors College Pathway
- Liberal Arts Pathway

Agua Caliente and Tanque Verde Elementary Schools

Our A-Rated Elementary Schools offer students PreK-6th Grade outstanding academics, experienced, compassionate teachers, character education, and specialized instruction in Art, Music, Library, Physical Education and Gifted Education. TVUSD offers FREE Full-Day Kindergarten!

Please see next section for Kindergarten Roundup Information!

Tanque Verde Community Preschool

We are pleased to offer a unique preschool program which provides growth and learning opportunities for both children with disabilities and their 'typical peers' or students without disabilities. We provide Special Education services for preschool-aged children in an up-to-date preschool facility for district residents who have a preschool-aged child receiving services designated in his/her Individualized Education Plan (IEP). The district offers a developmentally appropriate, fee-based, district preschool program, affording an opportunity for an enriching preschool experience as part of our district programs.

Limited space is also available in the *Tanque Verde Community Preschool* program for additional out-of-district preschool students depending on capacity.

[Click here for TVCP Information](#)

Find your path to success! Join our Tanque Verde Schools community! Our online open enrollment application can be found at: <https://www.tanqueverdeschools.org/OpenEnrollment.aspx>

APPLICATION DEADLINE January 30th!

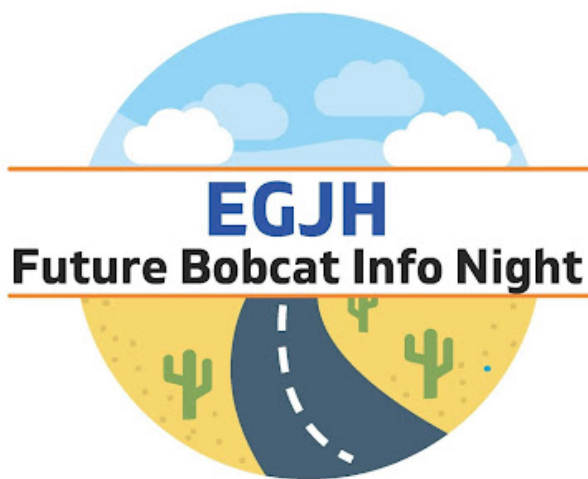
[TVUSD Open Enrollment Information](#)

**Open Enrollment Application Window for the 2022-23 School Year :
November 1, 2021 - January 30, 2022**

For more detailed information: [The Pathways at Tanque Verde High School](#)



Emily Gray Jr. High School -
Join us for our Future Bobcat Info Night!
December 16th from 5:00-6:30 PM. Meet our Teachers. Tour our Campus. Explore Pathways to Success & Extracurricular Activities! All are welcome, and we are excited to meet our current ACES/TVES 6th graders and their families!



January 6th
5:00-6:30 PM

Emily Gray
Junior High

11150 E. Tanque
Verde Road

Welcome 2022-2023

Open Enrollment &
Prospective Bobcats



Meet the Teachers 🐾 Tour the Campus 🐾 Creating
Pathways to Success 🐾 Extracurricular Activities

It's Kindergarten Roundup Time!!

For District Residents and Prospective Open Enrollment Families:
If your child will be age 5 before September 1, 2022, it's time to enroll for Kindergarten for the 22-23 school year! Join us for Kinder Roundup to learn about our free, full day kindergarten program. We'll have brand new kinder classrooms for SY 22-23! We can't wait for you to join us!! Learn more here:

[Kindergarten Information Page](#)

Please see flyer below for dates and RSVP information.



Kindergarten Roundup 2022!

Tanque Verde Elementary School

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

2600 N. Fennimore Ave., Tucson
Contact: Dawn Wilson, TVES Office
(520) 749-4244

Agua Caliente Elementary School

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

11420 E. Limberlost Rd., Tucson
Contact: Dana Martin, ACES Office
(520) 749-2235

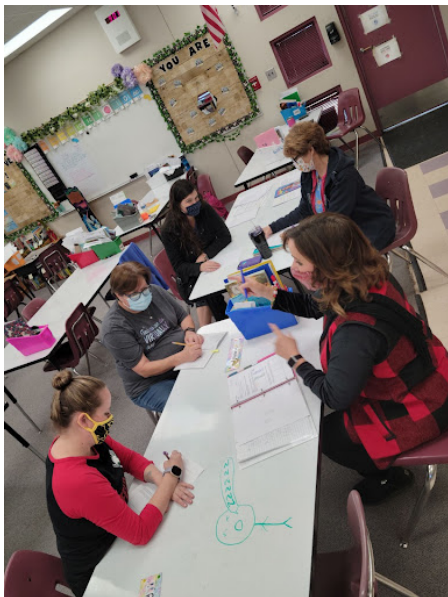
Please call for more information and to RSVP!



Free All-Day Kindergarten!



ACES Professional Learning Community Team Collaboration



TVES Professional Learning Community Team Collaboration



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New Construction Photo Gallery - December '21



Tanque Verde High School - Science Building framing begins.



Emily Gray Jr. High School - Fine and Performing Arts Building steel framing continues.



Tanque Verde Elementary School Kindergarten Building site preparation continues.



Agua Caliente Elementary School - Kindergarten Building site preparation continues.

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