



Thank You To All TVUSD School Leaders, Teachers And Staff Members

*For your dedication and perseverance through
this tremendously challenging pandemic
period. We appreciate you more than words
can express ~*



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Governing Board Meeting Summary January 26, 2022

Elizabeth Egan is named new Emily Gray Junior High School Principal

The Tanque Verde Unified School District is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Elizabeth Egan as the new Principal of Emily Gray Junior High School. She will succeed EGJH Principal Greg Miller who has been promoted to the position of Director of Operations. Mrs. Egan, currently the school's Assistant Principal, will begin her new role on July 1, 2022, with the start of the SY 2022-23 academic year.

Mrs. Egan brings a wealth of experience which includes being the current Emily Gray JHS Assistant Principal since 2019, where she has been dedicated to building trust and positive relationships with students, staff, and families. She values the collaborative process and the importance of having a team to support and encourage teaching and learning. She provides students support by fostering their academic and personal excellence. She is a teaching and learning expert with a passion for the vision, mission and goals of the Tanque Verde Unified School District, *"ensuring high levels of learning for ALL students."*

Mrs. Egan's experience encompasses over 25 years of classroom and



administrative experience. She is skilled in classroom management, PLC training, PBIS and MTSS systems. While in the Tucson Unified School District, she assisted in Curriculum and Development through creating and writing math standards, and supporting best practices in mathematics instruction. Mrs. Egan was selected as a Rodel Exemplary Teacher Semi-Finalist for her role in improving Pueblo Gardens Elementary School's achievement level. She then served as a Curriculum Service Provider prior to her transition to the Tanque Verde Unified School District. Mrs. Egan holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bilingual and Multicultural Education, a Master of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership, and endorsements in Early Childhood Education and Spanish.

In a survey conducted by the district, the qualities identified as being most important to the Emily Gray Junior High School community were: focus on relationship-building, collaboration and teamwork - with staff, students, parents and community members; a passion for education and supporting student success; strong communication skills; student-centered decision making; and experience in school leadership, operations and budgeting.

The interview committee, consisting of parents, teachers, and members of the district administrative leadership team, considered a group of finalists for the position from a large pool of candidates, and enthusiastically selected Mrs. Egan to recommend to the board. The TVUSD Governing Board voted to approve their recommendation on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

"It was clear Beth has already made strong positive relationships with students and the community," stated Superintendent Dr. Scott Hagerman. "She has deep knowledge of the work we are doing to ensure all students learn at high levels, and we look forward to her continued contributions to that work in her new role as the Emily Gray JHS Principal."

"My aspiration to be principal of Emily Gray Jr. High School is inspired by my continuous commitment to families, teachers and the community," stated Mrs. Egan. "I believe in supporting high levels of achievement for all students. I am committed to fostering academic and personal excellence for all our students. The time spent in junior high school may be the most important point in a young adolescent's life. One of our primary goals is to prepare students to transition smoothly to high school, and while developing their independence and identifying their pathway to success. I am so excited to continue this work in a new capacity as principal, in partnership with our wonderful community of students, educators and families."

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Elizabeth Egan! We wish her continued success in her new leadership position at Emily Gray Junior High School.

Student Learning Update

Dr. Scott Hagerman provided detailed information to the board regarding the following topics:

K-6 ELA Adoption Update

The Scholastic Curriculum Materials were selected for recommended adoption by the majority of TVUSD teachers in the survey. There are two concerns which still need to be addressed, before bringing this for final recommendation to the board, including:

- Grades K-1 concerns about the need for a separate phonics program.
- Ensuring there is proper support and training for teachers with the adoption.

Next steps include additional presentations on phonics, and staff representatives will meet to outline support and training. The planned Board Vote on the K-6 ELA Adoption is scheduled for February 23, 2022.

Benchmark Assessments

The district-wide benchmark testing period was completed this week. The desired outcomes from using Benchmark Testing include the following:

- Reassess the test questions and structure for next year.
- Balance between meaningful information and viable test size.
- Reassess the targeted standards.
- Definition of mastery.

Professional Learning Calendar

A calendar of upcoming professional development (PD) opportunities was shared in the presentation. The first PD of 2022 was with Luis Cruz who looked at Extension and Intervention, and developing strategies to support student achievement. The next PD is with Janel Keating on Leading the PLC Process.

See full presentation [here](#).

TVHS Community Beautification Committee - Recycling Education Presentation, Brett Lewis

At the **January 12, 2022** Board Meeting, TVHS Junior Brett Lewis, gave an engaging and informative presentation about the TVHS Recycling Education Program, and their goals to expand the program district-wide. Thank you Brett Lewis and TVHS Beautification Committee!

The full presentation is now available [here](#).

Rethinking Recycling



Educate

Inform students and staff on proper recycling practices



Evaluate

Check students' performance when bins are collected



Reinforce and Improve

Continually remind students how to properly recycle



"There is no such thing as 'away'... when we throw anything away, it must go somewhere." -Annie Leonard

Non-recyclable Items in Tucson v. Student Answer

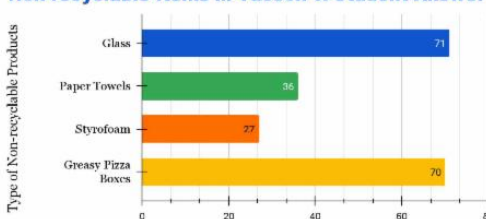


Chart 1

Number of Students Who Answered "Yes" (%)

Chart 1: This Chart shows the results of a recycling survey taken at the inception of the program. Students were asked to state whether or not these products, non-recyclable in Tucson, could be recycled. This chart shows the percentage of students who said that these non-recyclable products were recyclable.

Note: Students were **not** informed of the recycling status of these products before the survey

Recycling Everywhere



Implement similar recycling programs across the school district



Incorporate lessons about recycling into the classroom



Use the schools as a drop off site for special recyclable items:

- Oral care products, ink cartridges, stationary, and more...
- Special recycling generates money for the schools
- Our district acts as a recycling resource for the community

School Recycling Average During Experimental Program

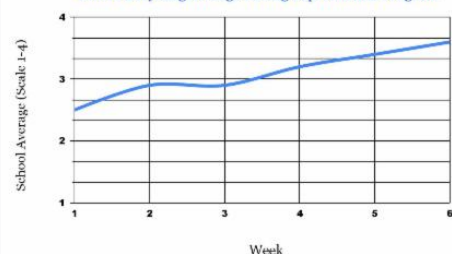


Chart 2: This Chart shows the average school recycling scores for the first collection of the experimental program to the last collection

In celebration of National School Choice Week, January 23-29, 2022 ~ Thank you to the families of our students for choosing TVUSD!



Important Dates & Information

- Wed., February 9th - Interim Grading Day K-8 EARLY RELEASE
- Wed., February 9th - Governing Board Meeting 6:00-7:30 PM
- Wed., February 23rd - Governing Board Meeting 6:00-7:30 PM
- Wed., February 24th - Thursday, February 25th - Rodeo Break NO SCHOOL
- Thu. March 3rd - Fri. March 4th K-6 Parent Teacher Conferences K-6 EARLY RELEASE
- Wed., March 9th - Governing Board Meeting 6PM
- Fri., March 11th - End of 3rd Quarter/Grading Day K-8 EARLY RELEASE
- Mon., March 14th - Fri. March 18th Spring Break NO SCHOOL

Updated January Events Calendar

Next Governing Board Meeting Date:

The next Regular Meeting of the TVUSD Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, **February 9th at 6:00 p.m. (May be held virtually - TBD)** A Call to the Public is held at the first Regular Meeting of each month.

- [TVUSD Virtual Call to the Public Form](#)
- [Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#)
- [TVUSD Board Meeting Livestream Link](#)



Student, Staff & Community Acknowledgments

Dr. Hagerman read an extensive list of examples of staff throughout the district who have gone above and beyond to meet the needs of our schools and students during this pandemic period, and especially since the Winter Break, when schools have been inundated with issues related to COVID-19. Students invited to the High School Regional Band, Choir and Orchestra Festivals were also recognized for their achievement.



Student, Staff & Community Acknowledgements

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Congratulations to the following TVHS students and staff members for their accomplishments~

Regional Band

Winds

Will Basler - Clarinet
Kristy Hudgins - Clarinet
Lainie Radomsky - Bassoon
Austin Weigel - Trumpet
Nolan Radomsky - Horn
Roger Palmenberg - Trombone

Regional Orchestra

Strings

Sydney Hagerman - Violin I

Winds

Maggie Basler - Trombone

Regional Choir

Michael Lamb - Bass
Julia Snook - Alto, Alternate

Directors ~

Mr. Ben Johnson
Ms. Colleen Johnson
Ms. Londa Hopkins



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