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EDUCATION RECOVERY SCORECARD

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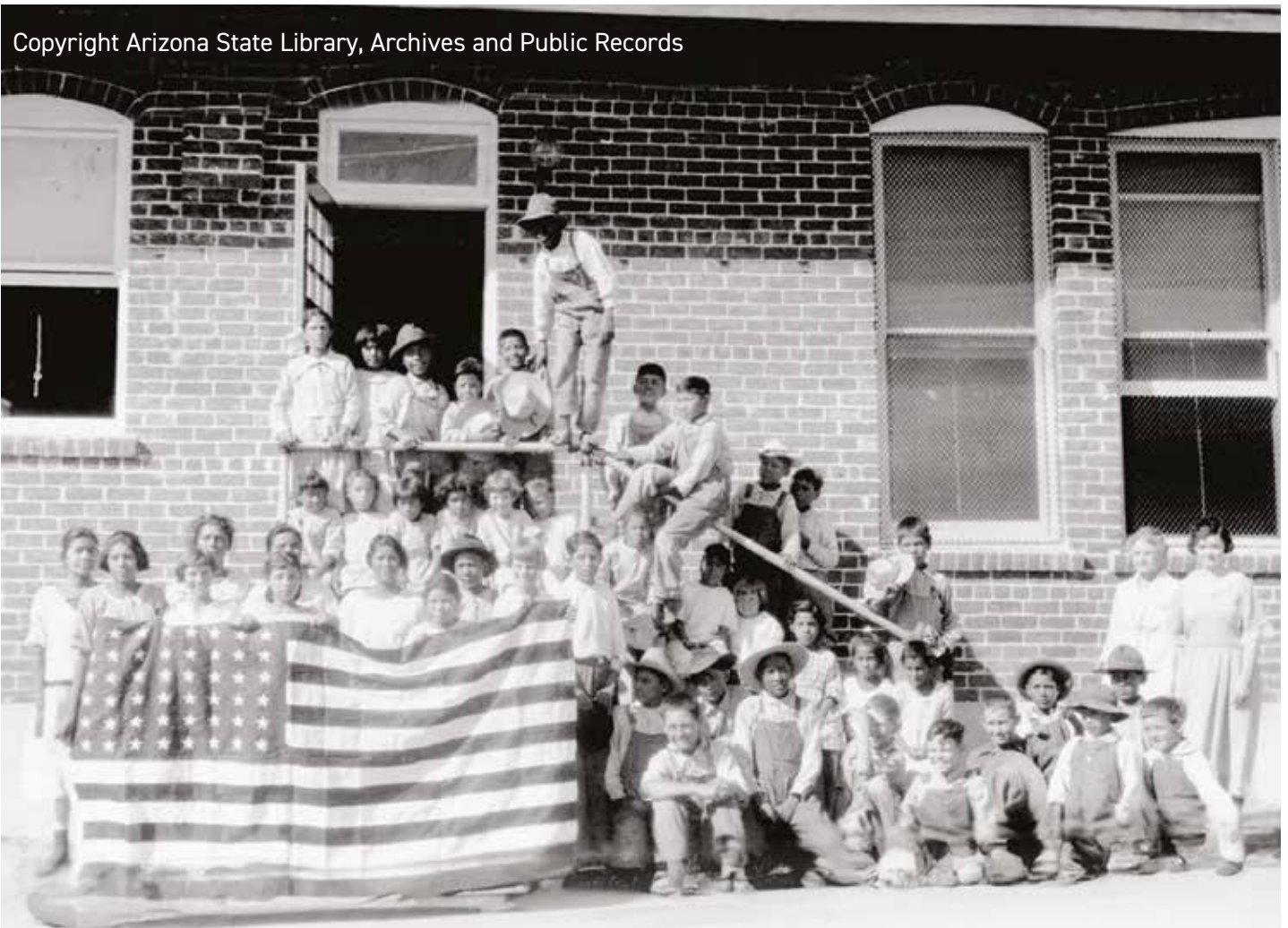
WALK THROUGH HISTORY

A timeline of Tanque Verde Schools from 1886 to Present Day.

VOLUNTEERS, A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

Proudly working together to support our students, staff and community. TVUSD appreciates our volunteers.

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CELEBRATING 140 YEARS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we reflect on the upcoming anniversary of 140 years of public education in Tanque Verde, we know we can deliver a high-quality education because of the support of our community.

From ranchers, residents, business owners, volunteers, faith-based partners, and, most importantly, the families of our current and former students, we have partnered together for over a century to build and maintain the proud reputation of the Tanque Verde schools and shared vision for our students.

Families of students who previously attended our schools remain actively engaged, continuing to support the next generations. This rich tradition of involvement has created an educational environment where students excel academically and develop a strong sense of belonging and purpose.

The support of our local businesses has been instrumental in providing resources, sponsorships, and mentorship opportunities that enhance the learning experience for our students. From financial contributions to hands-on vocational training, these partnerships help bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world applications, preparing our students for future success.

Volunteers, including parents, retired educators, and community members, bring invaluable experience and passion to our classrooms and extracurricular programs. Their time and effort help enrich our students' education, offering mentorship, tutoring, and extracurricular opportunities that would not be possible without their selfless contributions.

Our faith-based partners play a crucial role in fostering a culture of kindness and service. They instill in our students the values of compassion and community support. Their involvement allows students to give back and develop a strong sense of civic responsibility.

Tanque Verde is more than a school district; it is a place that many call home. For example, when our students chose to return to Tanque Verde as teachers and staff, eagerly giving back to the very schools that shaped them, their journeys came full circle as they passed on knowledge, wisdom, and encouragement to the next generation, reinforcing the spirit of continuity and excellence in our district.

The collective investment of our community in education continues to make TVUSD the standard for academic achievement and personal growth. We are deeply grateful for each individual's support and commitment, which ensures that our schools remain places where students thrive, and traditions endure.

Sincerely,

Beth Peterson, TVUSD President



**WEEKEND EATS
Food Donation
Drive**

If you are interested in donating to the Weekend Eats program, monetary donations can be made to Tanque Verde Foundation, tanqueverde.org

Food donations can be dropped off in the office at any of the TVUSD schools. Please see the following list of food for items that will be most useful for the program:

- Ramen cups or packages
- Macaroni and Cheese - individual cups
- Soup
- Ravioli or other individual serving pasta
- Canned chicken or tuna packets
- Oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Cereal and fruit bars
- Individual cereal boxes
- Fruit cups
- Individual applesauce cups or pouches
- Small plastic jars of nut butters
- Cheese or peanut butter crackers
- Individual jerky sticks
- Individual cookie or dessert packages
- Juice boxes
- Individual milk boxes

Any questions can be sent to Susan Fry, susan@spconsulting.org

140 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT HAGERMAN UPDATE

Our district will celebrate its 140th anniversary in 2026. As we reflect on our rich history, we are proud of our student's academic and personal achievements and grateful for the unwavering support of our community.

Our mission is to provide a world-class education that empowers all students to reach their full potential. Our vision is to equip graduates for mastery founded upon excellence and integrity.

How Are We Doing?

We are pleased to share that Tanque Verde Unified School District is one of only 1% of districts nationwide where students are learning at higher levels now than before the pandemic started, according to the Education Recovery Scorecard, a research project from Harvard and Stanford. In their most recent report (March 2025), the Education Recovery Scorecard concluded that "Relative to 2019, students in your district are 0.80-grade equivalents ahead in math and 0.07-grade equivalents ahead in reading."

The data indicates our students started the 2024-2025 school year with 13 days of learning ahead in English Language Arts (ELA,) and 144 days ahead in math from where they started in 2019.

This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and staff. We are proud of our progress, but we know there is still more work to be done.

Goals for 2030

The Governing Board has set ambitious goals for 2030, which will guide and lead our students to a passing rate above 80% on state achievement assessments. All students can demonstrate mastery at high proficiency levels, and we are committed to providing the resources and support necessary to make that happen.

We are confident that, by working together, we can continue to build on our success and ensure that all Tanque Verde Unified School District students receive the high-quality education they deserve.

All my best,

Scott Hagerman



From then... Graduation Class of 1956



To now... Graduation Class of 2024



HISTORY OF THE TANQUE VERDE SCHOOLS

The Tanque Verde Unified School District (TVUSD) has a rich history dating back to the late 19th century. Established in 1886, the district was founded to serve the educational needs of a rural ranching community.

In 1900, the "Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction" recorded Tanque Verde with one teacher for 44 students and an annual budget of \$857. Over the decades, as the region developed and the population grew, the district expanded to meet the evolving needs of the community. By 1986, TVUSD proudly celebrated 100 years of public education, marking a century of commitment to student learning and achievement. Today, TVUSD is thriving with 2,200 students, 180 teachers, and an annual budget of \$18 million. What began as a one-room schoolhouse has now grown to four school sites educating students from preschool through 12th grade.

Emily Gray Junior High for grades 7-9 opens on the property at Melpomene Way and the school at Tanque Verde Road becomes Tanque Verde Elementary



Tanque Verde registered as a Public School District in Pima County.



Two-room schoolhouse built at the site on Tanque Verde Road and Tanque Verde Loop



1886 1900 1929 1956 1974 1980

Tanque Verde District reorganized as Tanque Verde Elementary District #13



Buildings added to the front of the original two-room schoolhouse at Tanque Verde Road and Tanque Verde Loop

Agua Caliente Elementary built on Limberlost Road



As TVUSD approaches its 140th anniversary in 2026, the school community is evermore invested in serving students and families with a public education which fosters a tradition of high-quality education. From its humble beginnings as a one-room schoolhouse to a modern, thriving district, the legacy of the Tanque Verde Schools endures, embracing innovation and progress while honoring its deep-rooted history.

Contact Kristie Stevens, Director of Communications, for more information our 140th Anniversary Celebration in 2026 at kstevens@tanq.org or 520-749-5751.



New Tanque Verde Elementary School built on Fennimore site. Original TVES becomes District Office and Lew Sorensen Educational Resource Center.



Tanque Verde High School completes the expansion of the former EGJH site to accommodate grades 9-12 and increasing enrollment.

1997 2005 2010 2012 2023 2026

Tanque Verde High School opens for 9th and 10th grade and operates on the same campus as Emily Gray Junior High



Emily Gray Junior High moves to the newly rebuilt school on the site of the original Tanque Verde School, and TVHS remains at the site on Melpomene Way.



Tanque Verde School demolished to prepare for new Emily Gray Campus



The Press Box Crew: Glenn Loflin, Jacob Scott, and John Maciulla

VOLUNTEERS MAKE AN IMPACT

Tanque Verde Unified School District (TVUSD) schools flourish not only because of dedicated educators and students but also because of the passionate volunteers who generously give their time and energy.

Volunteers in TVUSD contribute in numerous ways, including assisting teachers, serving as members of the Parent Teacher Groups (PTG), organizing school programs, campus beautification projects, and supporting extracurricular activities. Their commitment helps create a tight-knit school community and supportive educational environment.

Susan Fry, a parent and former Governing Board member, finds volunteering to be a way to foster community engagement. "When I stepped off the Governing Board, I wanted to find ways to rebuild the sense of community after COVID. Add a desire to serve students, teachers, and staff who needed help, and Weekend Eats was born. It's been a gratifying experience to see the community

step up with food, monetary, and packing support".

Susan Fry visits each campus weekly, delivering bags of food for students and staff as part of the Weekend Eats program.

"Nothing makes me happier than spending time in the TVUSD schools and seeing masterful teachers captivate their students, hearing giggles on the playground, and listening to the raucous noise in the cafeteria," says Fry. "Children bring a curiosity and love of learning that is inspiring to be around."

Many TVUSD volunteers get involved because they have a child or grandchild at a school. Rick Meyers dedicates his time to the Garden at ACES. "My grandson attended ACES about five years ago," said Meyers. "They started a Garden Club, and my grandson was interested, so we joined! Even after my grandson moved schools, I decided to stay and help out because it seemed the extra help was needed."

Known as the Press Box Crew, John Maciulla, Glenn Loflin, and Jacob Scott meet weekly during the football season to run the clock and scoreboard and handle the announcing in the press box.

"My son started playing football for TVHS as a freshman. I'm a huge football fan, but I recognized that the current announcer didn't provide enough





Debra DeLong, Neighbor and Volunteer at Tanque Verde Elementary



Jon Moody, Volunteer for the ACES Odyssey of the Mind Team

information for those who weren't as big of a fan to follow the game," explained Glenn.

"I love giving back to the community and district I live in," said John Maciulla. "Being a high school football fan, I love watching the boys compete, play as a team, and learn to rely on their teammates to achieve the goal."

The district recognizes volunteers' countless hours and dedication and deeply values their contributions. "We couldn't do what we do without them," said Superintendent Dr. Scott Hagerman, "Their kindness, dedication, and generosity set an incredible example for our students."

Reflecting on his experience, Rick Meyers said, "I would encourage anyone to volunteer at any of the schools in TVUSD. There is a sense of belonging to a community that helps us all to show we care about our children and make a small difference in making our schools the best they can be. I feel it is a privilege to be a part of the energy a school provides."

"Find a place you're passionate about. There is a place for everyone", encouraged Glen Loflin. "Get involved. As a small district, we don't have the budgets of the larger school districts, so volunteering allows the district to use its resources in other more important areas," explained John Macculia.

"Just do it!", says Fry, "There are many ways to be involved in the schools and the district as a whole. Whether you donate money, spend time as a classroom volunteer, or offer expertise, now more than ever, schools can use resources. Knowing that you are making a difference for your kids, your

grandkids, or your neighborhood's kids is gratifying. And what you get back will be far more than what you give!"

To our countless volunteers, TVUSD extends our gratitude to each individual who donates their time to making TVUSD a better place. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and the impact you make is truly inspiring. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community!

Interested in volunteering at one of our schools? Contact the District Office at 520-749-5751 and we will get you connected.

Weekend Eats Program

serving TVUSD Families and Staff

TVUSD, in partnership with the Tanque Verde Foundation, is pleased to announce the launch of our Weekend Eats Program.

Each school will have bags of food (two breakfasts, two dinners, & snacks) available every Friday for students/families who can use a little extra food over the weekend.

For more information or any questions, contact:

Susan Fry at susan@spfconsulting.org



TANQUE VERDE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

There is no eligibility requirement to receive food. Parents are asked to complete a confidential google form to ensure enough bags of food are available.

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Want to help ...

Weekend Eats Program is accepting monetary donations via the Tanque Verde Foundation.



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 ✓ Art, Orchestra, Theater or Athletics
 ✓ Math, Science and Technology

Tanque Verde High School
 ✓ Athletics and Band
 ✓ Orchestra, FFA, Mock Trial and Theater