

October 2021 ~ Fall is in the air!

Dear TVUSD Families,

Fall is finally in the air, and the Tanque Verde area is showing signs of the changing seasons! We were very happy to welcome families for our Open House events at our schools in August, and the Parent Teacher Conferences held in September allowed families a time to meet with teachers one on one to stay informed about their child's progress. The high school and junior high school athletics programs are now in full swing, and the elementary schools are gearing up for their fall family events. We invite you to support your children and their schools by participating in the many school events that are held throughout the fall and into the holiday season.



### **Student learning**

We are approaching the 2021-22 school year with our focus directly on student learning with urgency and intention. All educators are working as collaborative teams to support and respond to student learning needs, as identified by the AzM2 assessments and additional student achievement information assessed by classroom teachers.

AzM2 is Arizona's statewide achievement assessment for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Notably, TVUSD was the only district which showed an increase in ELA scores, and achieved the second highest ELA scores in the state of Arizona. We have identified a need for more focus in mathematics as our priority for the current school year.

The AzM2 assessments are done in the spring for grades 3-8. Each district has Test Coordinators who manage the administration of the tests at their school sites. Individual student scores are assessed and Family Score Reports are then sent to the families of individual students. The student, school and district achievement levels are reported to the district, generally at the beginning of the next school year.

### **Safety**

We continue to take measures to support student and staff safety on campus. To help protect unvaccinated children, we continue to strongly recommend that masks are worn when indoors on our school campuses. More detailed information is available on the [TVUSD Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan](#) webpage.

The current CDC recommendation is for the universal wearing of masks indoors by teachers, students, staff members and visitors in K-12 schools, frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer, and continued social distancing to the extent possible. It is strongly recommended that all eligible individuals be vaccinated against COVID-19.

Weekly updates on the status of COVID-19 in our schools appear on the district's dashboard, located on the [COVID-19 Information Page](#). Notices are sent in instances where individuals may have been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person, and quarantine recommendations continue under the direction of the Pima County Health Department.

### **Construction Updates**

A district groundbreaking ceremony was held in September, in celebration of the construction starts at all campuses! The District Offices and High School Administrative Offices have moved into temporary locations for the fall, and site preparations are underway at all four schools. More detail is provided in the Fall issue of the Tanque Verde News and Views.

In closing, we look forward to seeing you at our schools this fall, where we continue working to support students in safe, welcoming and supportive learning environments.

~ Working *TOGETHER* to create pathways to success for all students.

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Hagerman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "n".

Dr. Scott Hagerman