



## Tanque Verde District News & Views

### We are pleased to introduce our newest TVUSD Governing Board Member, Ms. Anne Velosa!

In 2009, my husband and I moved our family to the Tanque Verde Valley because of the highly regarded Tanque Verde schools. It became clear to us that parent and community support greatly enhanced our children's educational experience, so I began volunteering in the classroom to do my part. It didn't take long before I began serving within school support organizations, as well as substitute teaching in the classrooms, allowing me to develop relationships with staff, students, and fellow parents. When I learned of the availability of a TVUSD Governing Board member position, I viewed this as an opportunity to continue serving my community and volunteered for this advocacy role.



The TVUSD Governing Board has weathered various challenges since I moved into the area, yet has kept students and their education the focus and priority of their decisions. As a Board member, I will continue this practice, while leveraging my background to collaborate with fellow Board members and District administration and staff to provide a pathway for educational success for each student.

By listening to and working with parents, teachers, staff, and students to understand their challenges and celebrate their successes, I will partner with my fellow Board members to develop policies and strategies that support a robust and thriving educational environment; making our Tanque Verde schools a standard to measure against.

*Photo collage above courtesy of Anne Velosa Photography!*

Read more about Anne here: <http://www.tanqueverdeschools.org/BoardMembers.aspx>

**Tanque Verde High School senior Simon Field selected as**



### **Flinn Scholarship Finalist**

We are pleased to announce our very first Tanque Verde High School Flinn Scholarship Finalist. TVHS senior Simon Field has been selected as a 2020 Flinn Scholarship Finalist. Students are evaluated for their academic achievement, leadership and involvement, service to the community, ability to communicate, and personal characteristics. As a Senior at Tanque Verde High School, Field was appointed as a Student Governing Board Member, serving as a representative to the board of the district's student body. He is also the Vice President of the TVHS chapter of The National Honor Society, an active member of The Chemistry Club and, along with several classmates, a World Champion "Molympian." Field works in-season as a middle school head basketball coach. He also performs as an acoustic musician at various Tucson venues along with his older sister. Simon will have his final interview in Phoenix in early March. We wish Simon all the best as he continues the interview and selection process!

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### **Former Wildcat Jay Dobyms named head coach of Tanque Verde High School football program**

Former University of Arizona Wildcats All-PAC-10 wide receiver, Jay Dobyms, has been named head coach of the Tanque Verde High School football program. Coach Dobyms knows his way around the football, having played for the U of A, the Canadian Football League, and the USFL, and working for the past ten years as an assistant coach in the respected Salpointe Football program.



Tanque Verde High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, Mr. Gary Lewis, says he is "very pleased with the addition of Jay Dobyms to the Tanque Verde High School coaching staff. Jay brings with him a vast amount of football coaching and life experience and is eager to impact the mindset of our football program."

There is a buzz surrounding the announcement of Coach Dobyms' hiring. He is well respected in our Tanque Verde community, where he has been a long-time resident, and among fellow coaches and former U of A players whose ties run strong in the Tucson community. In his professional career, Jay Dobyms was an undercover federal agent for twenty-seven years before retiring in 2014, and he is now a nationally acclaimed public speaker.

"Coach Dobyms understands the importance of community involvement in the education of our student-athletes, says TVHS AD Gary Lewis. "He continues to surround himself with other high-caliber individuals; coaches who all bring the same infectious positive attitude he exhibits on a consistent basis. We are excited to have Jay Dobyms as our new Head Football Coach."

"My objective as the Head Football Coach at TVHS," stated Coach Dobyms, "is to promote excellence in our student-athletes by building trusted relationships between coaches, players and teammates that will impact and influence them for a lifetime."

Tanque Verde High School's student population has grown considerably over the past several years, and with it has grown the TVHS Boys and Girls Athletics program. Notably, TVHS was awarded the AIA Division 1A-3A Tony Komadina Award for Outstanding Girls' Athletic Programs in 2019, and the AIA Glen Treadaway Sportsmanship Award in 2018.

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### **It's Kindergarten Round-up Time in TVUSD!**

Tanque Verde and Agua Caliente Elementary Schools in the Tanque Verde Unified School District are hosting kindergarten open houses for prospective kindergarten families for the 2020-2021 school year. Children who will be 5 years of age by September 1, 2020 are eligible to enroll in kindergarten.

Tanque Verde Elementary School, at 2600 N. Fennimore Ave., held their Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. Interested parents should call (520) 749-4244 for registration information. Agua Caliente Elementary School, at 11420 E. Limberlost Rd, will hold their Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday,

January 29th, at 2:00 p.m. Interested parents should call (520) 749-2235 for registration information.

For information about other kindergarten events and registration, contact individual schools or visit our Kindergarten page on the district website: [Welcome Class of 2034!](#)



## Neighborhood Parking and Traffic Control Changes

The Pima County Transportation division will be installing new no parking signs along Limberlost Road that borders the south end of the Tanque Verde High School Property in the next week or two. The signs will read 'No Parking During School Hours'. We are asking all students and visitors to please adhere to the new parking restrictions.

In addition, a new "Yield" sign will be installed on Fennimore Road at the entrance to Tanque Verde Elementary School to assist with traffic control concerns there.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our campus and bordering neighborhoods safe and secure.

## January 15, 2020 Governing Board Meeting Highlights

### New Teacher Evaluation Framework

Director of Student Services, Ms. Tiffany Hodge, and Superintendent, Dr. Scott Hagerman, presented information regarding the new teacher evaluation tool which will be implemented beginning with the fall semester of school year 2020-2021. After evaluation and review by a committee of teachers and district administration, a modified version of Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching has been selected as the new TVUSD teacher evaluation rubric. In the selection process used to choose the Danielson model, the effect on student learning was the focus, while viability and value to teachers and administrators was also a priority. The modified Danielson model encompasses four domains and eight evaluation components. It is a very flexible model which is aligned with the district's curriculum objectives, and is well suited to the Professional Learning Community (PLC) model recently implemented in TVUSD. The next steps toward implementation will be professional development planning and getting feedback from our school leadership teams, prior to full implementation in the fall.

For more detailed information on the Danielson Rubric, please click here [Danielson Teacher Evaluation Rubric, Tanque Verde USD](#)

### Student Presentation - ACES STEAM Team

Agua Caliente Elementary School classroom teacher, Ms. Solvej Kristensen, and students from the ACES STEAM Teams: Kira Anderson, Beckett Jensen, Tyler Drummond, Garrett Fry, James Pyle, Rachel Thomas, Bo Spilotro, Alex Provenzano, Calvin Taylor and Dean Taylor presented to the board. Each student spoke briefly to the Governing Board about their own personal experience with the STEAM Team. A brief video was played from a recent competition. Students shared a common theme of learning life skills from their STEAM Team experiences: time management, communication, problem solving, research, respecting others and their ideas, and learning how to prioritize. Some hard skills they learned are coding and building. The students expressed their desire to have a STEAM focus in their classrooms. They feel all students would benefit from the experience. Ms. Fry thanked the students and the parents for all of their time and effort, and extended a special thank you to Ms. Kristensen.



# Tanque Verde Gifted Education Seminar

## Topics include:

- Gifted Education and Arizona law
- Characteristics of Gifted Students
  - Academic
  - Social Emotional

**Teachers, parents, counselors, and gifted high school students are encouraged to attend.**

## Event Details

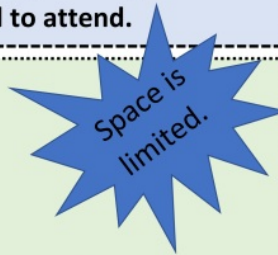
Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

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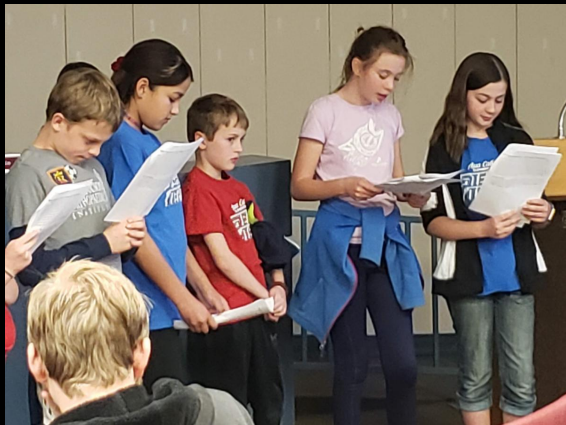
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