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Superintendent's Letter to the Community
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Dear Tanque Verde Unified School District Community,

As we quickly approach the Thanksgiving holiday, many of us are reminded of the importance of taking pause, and giving thanks for the many reasons we count ourselves as fortunate. Indeed, we do not for a moment take for granted how fortunate we are as a school district, to belong to a community of caring and engaged people. Thank you, for your continued partnership and support of our school district.

In this issue of the News and Views, you will have the opportunity to see a number of photos from our successful Career Day presentations. With over 50 volunteer presenters, our students were exposed to a diversity of career choices with stories from real people who work in a wide variety of fields. A heartfelt thank you to each and every Career Day presenter! These members of our community touched our students' minds and hearts, as they spoke with passion about their chosen vocations.

The challenge today in educating young minds and hearts is to best prepare students for a world we know, and simultaneously, for one which we can hardly imagine.

The educators in Tanque Verde Unified School District are amazing, and they bring a level of care and expertise that our former students report they remember for many years after leaving this educational experience. We do care about student academic success. We work diligently toward ensuring students are prepared to do well in class and in the testing experience.

We also care that our students are well prepared for success in life and career. In order to succeed in our rapidly changing world, and to be prepared for work experiences we can barely imagine, our educational community teaches our students to think, question, ponder, and problem-solve. We are proud of our ability to continue educational offerings that stimulate imagination and creativity – with robust programs in art, music, and theater (to name a few).

I am so proud of our school district. Our students and our employees continually demonstrate the truth to the adage: "There is nothing so powerful as an idea." I would only add, there is nothing so energizing as the dedication and passion that are so much a part of a learning community.

Thank you for your support and participation with our students as they learn about the world around them. We wouldn't be the school district we are without the partnership of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kimberly C. Sharp'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kimberly C. Sharp
Superintendent