



Tanque Verde Unified School District #13

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Dear Tanque Verde Unified School District Community,

As a highly performing school district, our work puts the focus on students first. By creating rewarding pathways to student success, we continue to meet our district goal of excellence in student and staff performance and achievement.

Many measures reflect student success – not only academic achievement, but also participation and competitive performance in athletics, fine and performing arts, academic competitions, and extracurricular activities. Our public school district develops and supports the “whole child” by providing comprehensive, quality curriculum from Kindergarten through High School. Many examples of these achievements are featured weekly in the District News on our website.

We also invite you to watch the video vignettes with reflections from our high school students and staff on their experiences and goals as members of the Tanque Verde High School community. Families and students interested in knowing more about the rewarding experiences available at TVHS are encouraged to attend ***Incoming Hawks Night*** on February 18th. Click here to view: [About TVHS - Academics, Athletics, Campus Culture and Student Focus.](#)

Recently, our School Principals and the District’s Assessment Coordinator presented to the TVUSD Governing Board an overview of results from the 2014-15 AZ MERIT (Arizona’s Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching) assessment. The AZ MERIT was given for the first time last spring to students in grades 3 through 12 in the areas of English language arts, and mathematics. District-wide, our percent passing (proficient and highly proficient) in both ELA and math far surpassed the statewide averages. Our school principals have been working with their teaching staffs to conduct targeted instruction in areas needing reinforcement in preparation for this year’s tests. One area in which families can provide support, is providing practice time at home in the use of technology skills, such as the use of a keyboard and mouse.

The Arizona Legislature is currently in session, and it appears there will be a successful bill reinstating the JTED funding which was cut in last year’s legislation. In addition, Prop 123, a K-12 funding measure that would settle a long-running lawsuit, continues to receive much attention. Please take the time to educate yourself and vote on this proposal, which goes to the voters in the May 17th special election. In addition to these issues, the requirement for districts to move to current year funding still awaits implementation. If continued as scheduled, it will require conservative budgeting for the upcoming 2016-17 school year by public school districts, which have historically developed budgets based on prior year student counts. These are all significant issues for our district.

As we continue to pave the path for our students’ success, we look forward to highlighting their achievements in our next *District News and Views* in early April.

Thank you for your continued support of the Tanque Verde Unified School District!

Sincerely,

Kimberly C. Sharp, M.Ed., Superintendent