



# TANQUE VERDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 13

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Dear Tanque Verde Community,

The second quarter is complete and students and staff are looking forward to a well-earned winter break. This fall, the public experienced a high level of attention directed toward the issues of educational standards, student and school achievement, and educational funding priorities in our state. We remain aware of these issues, and direct our energy toward continuing the excellence in education we have long delivered in our TVUSD schools.

The Arizona State Board of Education (SBE) is in the process of annual review of the Arizona College and Career Ready Standards (ACCRS). The standards may be reviewed on the Arizona Department of Education website at <http://www.azed.gov/standards-practices/>. In the Tanque Verde Unified School District, we continue to deliver an educational program which meets or exceeds the current Arizona standards.

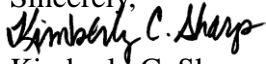
AzMERIT is the statewide achievement assessment for English language arts and mathematics. TVUSD school and district results were released on November 30th. For additional information, please visit the Question and Answer page on our district website. As we anticipated, the TVUSD achievement results remain above the state average as was the case with the former AIMS assessment.

It is Tax Credit Season! You can help Tanque Verde Unified School District students and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your taxes when you make a donation. Your contribution helps our district in many ways. We fund projects and programs in the schools that qualify for this assistance, which helps maintain quality programming during tough budgetary times. The state tax credit is available to ALL qualifying Arizona state taxpayers. Consult a tax advisor for information about how making this contribution will benefit you financially. If you have questions about tax credit donations, please call the district's administrative office at 749-5751, extension 4301. There is a convenient donation portal on the district website. Information and a link to donate online may be found here: <http://www.tanqueverdeschools.org/TaxCreditDonations.aspx>.

We have added opportunities to receive district information through social media. We are now using Twitter to communicate district related updates and information. Please follow us at @TVUSDschools or <https://twitter.com/TVUSDschools>. Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TanqueVerdeUSD/](http://www.facebook.com/TanqueVerdeUSD/).

You are our community partners. We appreciate you, and we thank you for your support of our schools. Please join us at the many school athletic events and fine arts performances in the New Year. I am confident you will enjoy your experience with us, and we would love to showcase the educational and extracurricular endeavors of our students, teachers and coaches.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,  
  
Kimberly C. Sharp, M.Ed.  
Superintendent