

December 17, 2021

Dear Tanque Verde Unified School District Community and Staff,

We would like to thank our teachers, administrators, and staff members for all the great work they have done this school year to ensure students are learning at high levels. Despite the pandemic period which has challenged students, staff and families, their collaboration and dedication have enabled student progress and increased achievement levels at all grade levels.

Construction Update

The school construction projects continue to progress rapidly at all school sites. Once the site preparations are complete, the buildings quickly start to take form.

- The EGJH building steel arrived on time and has gone up rapidly. We have three pre-engineered steel buildings - EGJH Fine Arts, TVHS Commons, and TVHS Science. The steel building portion of the projects is going quite well, considering current construction supply chain issues.
- The TVHS Admin building renovation is experiencing some delays due to delays with doors and lighting. The TVHS Commons will likely be the last building completed due to the site complications and mediation of some issues there (rerouting gas lines, relocating solar conduit, steel contracting for cost containment, etc.).
- At TVES, a retaining wall is being installed currently to mitigate a 4.5 ft. difference in elevation at the new building site. The building itself is not what is visible there, as of yet.
- At ACES, EGJH and TVHS, we now have a much deeper knowledge of the utilities and building foundations than we have in the past, as a result of the amount of work that has been necessary at those sites. This site preparation work is nearing completion district-wide.

In conjunction with the new construction projects, the IT network is being completely updated over break, bringing teachers and students greatly improved internet functionality. With the network replacement, all new switch hardware, and new wifi in the summer, we will greatly improve our network stability.

Congratulations to all!

We are very fortunate to have talented, dedicated individuals on our TVUSD team and we would like to take a moment to congratulate some of those who have recently been recognized in the community for their work: (in alphabetical order)

- Mrs. Emma Batty, TVES Principal - 2021 Forty Under Forty Award Winner

- Mrs. Kristen Kvaran, TVCP Director and Special Education Teacher - 2021 Raytheon Leaders in Education Award Winner AND 2021 United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona Literacy Champion Award Winner
- Mr. Jeremy Samoy, TVHS Social Studies Teacher - 2021 Arizona Outstanding Teacher of American History, AZ State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

In addition to these award winners, we have many staff members who participate on regional boards, and with local committees and organizations. With too many to name here, we extend our thanks to our staff as a group for their continued dedication and leadership in the ever-changing, and all-important, field of Education.

Have a wonderfully peaceful and joyful holiday with family and friends ~

All my best,
Scott Hagerman, Ed.D.
Superintendent