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Welcome Back TVUSD Students, Families, Teachers, and Staff Members!

We are so pleased to have our staff and students returning for the 2021-22 school year. We look forward to a year of positive changes and a safe return to in-person learning. As we enter the new school year, we have the opportunity to focus on and be intentional as a school community with all actions taken to ensure the highest levels of learning for all students.

Student learning

Recognizing that students have lost educational opportunities during the two preceding school years, we will be approaching the 2021-22 school year with our focus directly on student learning with urgency and intention. This means we must fully participate in work that will support every student learning at high levels. We will avoid wasting time on variables we cannot control or which have little effect on student learning. All educators will support and respond to student learning as collaborative teams.

Although we will continue to have challenges due to COVID-19, we must continue to bring our focus back to student learning.

Safety

We will continue to take measures to support student and staff safety on campus. To help protect unvaccinated children, we will continue to support the recommendations of the Pima County Health Department, the CDC, and Tanque Verde Pediatrics, our consulting partner in our COVID-19 health and safety efforts. More detailed information is available on the [TVUSD Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan](#) webpage.

The current CDC recommendation is for the universal wearing of masks indoors by teachers, students, staff members and visitors in K-12 schools, frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer, and continued social distancing to the extent possible. It is strongly recommended that all eligible individuals be vaccinated against COVID-19.

We will continue to update our community with the status of COVID-19 in our schools weekly on the district's dashboard, located on the [COVID-19 Information Page](#).

New Construction

With TVUSD Voters' support of the 2020 Bond Initiative, and \$11,958,364 of AZ School Facilities Board funds, we have started construction on the following new facilities:

- [Tanque Verde High School Commons](#)

The new TVHS Student Commons building will be the site of four new flexible classroom spaces, student collaborative space, the Athletic Department, the Counseling & Guidance Center, and the High School Administrative Offices.

- Tanque Verde High School New Science Labs

The new Science Labs will feature state-of-the-art equipment allowing students to practice higher-level scientific inquiry in well-equipped classrooms.

- Emily Gray Jr. High School Fine & Performing Arts Building

The new EGJHS Fine & Performing Arts Building will provide more functional space for arts instruction, as well as improved acoustics and rehearsal, performance, and storage spaces for the performing arts. The new building will be located at the west end of the campus and will be entered through the EGJH courtyard, with additional access from the west parking lots for performances.

- Agua Caliente Elementary School Kindergarten Building

The ACES Kindergarten Building will house three new classrooms with restroom facilities and appropriately outfitted indoor and outdoor learning environments for our young learners.

- Tanque Verde Elementary School Kindergarten Building

The new TVES Kindergarten Building will house four new classrooms with restroom facilities and appropriately outfitted indoor and outdoor learning environments for our young learners.

We continue to report the progress of our 2020 Bond and SFB funded projects to the TVUSD Bond Oversight Committee, and on the [2020 Bond Information](#) webpage.

In closing, we look forward to working with our families and community to provide a safe, welcoming, and supportive learning environment for our students and teachers.

~ Working *TOGETHER* to create pathways to success for all students.

All my best,



Dr. Scott Hagerman



**MASKS ARE WELCOMED
AND ENCOURAGED.**



Masks are strongly recommended for all teachers, staff, students and visitors when indoors at K-12 schools.

Thank you for practicing social distancing while visiting our school.

This helps promote the health of our students and staff. Thank you for helping us protect unvaccinated children.

More info at :
www.tanqueverdeschools.org/SafeReturnToLearning



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