

Great Teachers. Successful Students. Prosperous Community.

#### Mark Your Calendar:

- Teacher Appreciation Night at FC Tucson on August 7.
- Apply for the <u>Raytheon Leaders in Education Award</u> by September 13. PreK teachers are eligible this year to apply!
- Sign up for the <u>Tucson Supplies Teachers</u> campaign by September 30.
- Participate in Arizona State Retirement System professional development on October 21 and October 27.
- Celebrate education champions at Stand Up 4 Teachers on November 3 at the University of Arizona.

#### Dear Teachers.

The start of a new school year brings new opportunities and new challenges—especially now. Through it all, we want you to remember that **you are making a difference in our community**.

Right now, children throughout Southern Arizona are filled with excitement to meet their new teacher. Whether they're entering kindergarten or wrapping things up in high school, all students rely on one thing: great teachers.

Tucson Values Teachers is here to help you have a successful school year. We encourage you to participate in our programming and engage with services designed to support our local educators.

Thank you teachers and have a great 2021-2022 school year!

Sincerely,

Andy Heinemann CEO

Terresa Tauzin Director of Development



**Register for Tucson Supplies Teachers** 



<u>Tucson Supplies Teachers</u> is in full swing! More than 500 teachers have already received a \$50 gift certificate to <u>Jonathan's Educational Resources</u>, with more to come!

We're stopping by Jonathan's every Friday to draw new winners and posting the results on our <u>Facebook page</u>. If you haven't yet signed up, go to our website to register for a chance to win. All Southern Arizona PreK-12 teachers are eligible to participate. Tucson Supplies Teachers runs through September.

Register

Tucson Supplies Teachers is made possible thanks to our generous community partners. Please join us in thanking the William and Mary Ross Foundation for donating \$100,000 to the campaignallowing us to support an additional 2,000 teachers!

# Special thanks to community members and businesses who contributed to Tucson Supplies Teachers in July:

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Janet Stein
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Jan Dowling
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Terresa Tauzin
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Christine Markson
William Fry

Donate for teachers!

Helpful Tip We'll email all teachers who are selected to receive a \$50 gift certificate.

Haven't heard from us? Be sure to check your spam folder so you don't miss out!

### Applications now open for the

## **Raytheon Leaders in Education Award**



Applications are now open for the <u>Raytheon Leaders in Education</u> <u>Award!</u> This honor is designed to recognize the contributions of exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers in Pima County.

# We're excited to announce that for the first time the Raytheon Leaders in Education Award will have a PreK category!

Eligible PreK-12 teachers in Pima County need to submit the completed application packet via <a href="mailto:e

Winning teachers will be recognized with the award at our annual Stand Up 4 Teachers event on Nov. 3 at the University of Arizona and will receive \$2,500 cash each. The winning teachers' schools will also receive \$2,500. Finalists will receive \$500 each.

View the Application

### **Teacher Appreciation Night at FC Tucson**



<u>FC Tucson</u> is kicking off the start of the school year with a special Teacher Appreciation Night at Kino North Stadium.

Teachers are eligible to purchase discounted tickets to the game between FC Tucson and North Texas Soccer Club on Saturday, August 7. Game starts at 7pm. Teachers must show credentials at the box office on the day of the match to receive \$5 off grandstand seating.

# **Submit a nomination for the Teacher Excellence Award**



Help us honor Southern Arizona teachers with the Teacher Excellence Award!

Each month we select one teacher who will receive the award, \$250 cash courtesy of <u>Helios Education Foundation</u>, a \$100 gift card for classroom supplies, and a surprise presentation.

All PreK-12 Southern Arizona teachers can be nominated for the award by students, parents, colleagues, and community members.

Nominate a teacher

#### TREC celebrates a successful launch



Tucson Regional Educator Collaborative (TREC) had a successful Launch last week—they connected educators with professional development resources, celebrated teachers with #WhylTeach #TRECarizona, and came together both virtually and in-person to think big picture about the state of education in Arizona.

TREC is getting ready to begin work with Communities of Practice (CoPs) in the fall. These CoPs will reach across districts and bring together educators to broaden their professional learning and build upon their knowledge and expertise.

TREC's efforts are to build from the ground up based on the need of teachers. Educators are invited to be a part of *all* TREC committees and retreats. Please reach out to TREC Director, Dr. Jen Kinser-Traut, <u>jkinser@arizona.edu</u>, if you would like to participate in the upcoming retreat or join one of the working committees.



Tucson Values
Teachers visited
the Amphitheater
Effective Teaching
Conference to
welcome new
teachers!

## **Explore the Virtual Teacher Institute**





Sign up for upcoming trainings and 24/7 online tools and resources

ASU Prep Digital has created the Arizona Virtual Teacher Institute to help teachers across the state with online instruction.

This training is provided at no cost to schools or teachers through the generous investment of the Arizona Department of Education, the Governor's Office, Helios Education Foundation, and Arizona State University.



Save at more than 80 local businesses with the Teacher Discount Card



Stream the award-winning documentary short film, TEACHING IN ARIZONA

Visit the Teacher Discount Card page to sign up for the 2021 card and to learn more about our business partners and the special discounts they offer for educators.

**LEARN MORE** 

The film follows three Tucson educators, delivering an intimate portrait of what it's like to be a teacher today and the true impact of the teacher workforce crisis.

**WATCH NOW** 

#### Vision:

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#### Mission:

To inspire support of PreK-12 teachers in Southern Arizona through community collaborations that attract, retain, and celebrate teacher excellence.



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