



AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

Great Teachers.
Successful Students.
Prosperous Community.

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Dear teachers,

As former educators ourselves, we understand the unique challenges and opportunities that you face with the start of a new school year. It is our goal to make you all feel valued and supported along the way.

We invite you to learn more about [Tucson Values Teachers](#) and what we offer Southern Arizona educators. From helping fund classroom materials through our [Tucson Supplies Teachers](#) campaign, to providing [mentorships](#) and [professional development scholarships](#), we are here for you.

We're excited to welcome new teachers to the profession and reconnect with returning educators. You all are part of the Tucson Values Teachers family and we wish you a successful 2023-2024 school year!

Sincerely,

Andy Heinemann
CEO

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Director of
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PR Consultant



Register for Tucson Supplies Teachers by August 31



Register today for Tucson Supplies Teachers! All Southern Arizona PreK-12 teachers are eligible to register for a chance to receive a \$100 gift certificate to [Jonathan's Educational Resources](#). We're committed to supporting our community and we're proud to once again exclusively support a local business through this campaign.

Register today!

We have already drawn more than 200 winners so far this year! Be sure to check your email to see if you were a winner (don't forget your spam folder!). **Thanks to a \$10,000 contribution from Rincon Rotary Club, we will be drawing more winners soon!**

Thank you to all community members and businesses who have contributed to Tucson Supplies Teachers this year:

Allen Kinnison

Brenda Glass

Charles Goorman

NOVA Home Loans

Rincon Rotary Club

Tierra Antigua Realty

Donate for teachers

**Raytheon Leaders in Education Award
applications due Sept. 11**



Teachers, don't miss out on this amazing opportunity! The [Raytheon Leaders in Education Award](#) recognizes the contributions of exceptionally skilled and dedicated teachers. **Winning teachers receive \$2,500! Finalists receive \$500 each!** PreK-12 teachers in Pima County are eligible to apply.

Raytheon Leaders in Education Award winners and finalists will be recognized at our annual Stand Up 4 Teachers event on Nov. 16 at the Westin La Paloma.

Applications are due by midnight on September 11.

[View the application](#)

Meet our newest board members



Please join us in welcoming two new members to the Tucson Values Teachers Board of Directors. **Raul Gonzalez** is the director of Arizona Teachers Academy and Tucson Regional Educator Collaborative at the University of Arizona, College of Education. **Ken Hutson** is owner and real estate advisor at KHRADVISORS.

[Full list of TVT Board of Directors](#)

Governor Hobbs wants to hear from current and former Arizona educators



One of the Governor's top priorities is to support Arizona's educators. The Governor has prioritized educator retention and created the Educator Retention Task Force to make recommendations to improve retention.

As a part of this work, the Governor and Task Force have made it a priority to hear from Arizona educators, education support professionals, and former educators about your experiences and what could be done to improve them.

Your feedback is important and will inform the Task Force's recommendations and the Governor's priorities. The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete and is anonymous.

[Take the survey!](#)

The survey will be live until August 31. Please submit your feedback today.

REMINDER: TREC Communities of Practice Meet & Greet on August 17



TREC

Communities of Practice

Meet & Greet

In Person!

TREC CoPs

"It was a unique PD opportunity,
and it helped me think about
bringing... choice and exploration to
my classroom..."

- CoP member and educator

Learn more about TREC's
offered CoPs, meet
facilitators, network and
enjoy food!

Thursday,
August 17th
5:00-6:30 PM



THE UNIVERSITY
OF ARIZONA

Register
Here:

<http://bit.ly/44nXkRr>



Join TREC for an **in-person** "Meet and Greet" event at the University of Arizona to learn more about the different Communities of Practice (CoPs) TREC is offering for 2023-2024. You'll have a chance to meet with CoP facilitators, enjoy some great food, and connect with other like-minded educators!

We encourage all birth-12th grade teachers (both new and experienced), support staff, leadership, and all other educators, as well as Teach AZ graduates participating in the COPTA program, to attend!

The Meet and Greet will be held on **Thursday, August 17, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm at the University of Arizona.**

TREC 2023-2024 Communities of Practice

- Educator Emotional Resilience
- Early Childhood Math Literacy (Project Echo)
- Equitable Grading
- Mentoring

At the Meet and Greet you will have an opportunity to learn more about and select which CoP(s) you would like to participate in. Teachers are also welcome to sign up for a CoP by visiting <http://bit.ly/3NsSc7P>, whether they attend the Meet and Greet or not.

Register for the Meet and Greet

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- [Tucson Supplies Teachers](#) runs from July 1 through August 31.

- Register for the [TREC Communities of Practice Meet and Greet](#) scheduled for **August 17** from 5pm to 6:30pm at the University of Arizona.
- Go to [Teacher Appreciation Night](#) at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum on **August 26** from 6pm to 9pm.
- Applications for the [Raytheon Leaders in Education Award](#) are due by **September 11**.
- Purchase tickets to see the [Bored Teachers Comedy Tour](#) at the Rialto Theatre on **September 15**.
- Celebrate [Legendary Teacher Day](#) on **September 28**.
- Save the date for Stand Up 4 Teachers on **November 16, 2023** at the Westin La Paloma.



Save with the Teacher Discount Card

Visit the Teacher Discount Card page to sign up for the 2023 card and to learn more about our business partners and the special discounts they offer for educators.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Professional Development Scholarships Available

Southern Arizona Pre-K teachers may apply for a scholarship of up to \$250 to help pay tuition, registration fees, or materials related to a PD conference or workshop.

[APPLY NOW](#)

Vision:

*Great Teachers. Successful Students.
Prosperous Community.*

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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