



Great Teachers. Successful Students. Prosperous Community.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3 - May 7! Share a message of thanks on the [Gratitude Wall](#).
- Attend the [Laffs Comedy Club](#) fundraiser for Tucson Values Teachers on June 13 at 6pm, featuring the comedy of Southern Arizona teachers.

Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

Tucson Values Teachers wishes all educators a very happy Teacher Appreciation Week!

In fact, we're so appreciative that we'll say it one more time, a little louder, for those in the back of the classroom: **HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!**

This past year has been filled with uncertainty and on-your-toes thinking as you've navigated remote instruction to in-person learning to everything in between. But once again, our Southern Arizona teachers have impressed us with their creativity, dedication, and ingenuity.

We hope you know how valued you are and how important you are to your students, their families, and our community. This week, and every week, we're excited to celebrate our teachers!

Here are some ways we're honoring teachers this week:

Teacher Appreciation Day at Arizona Baseball

We were excited to offer a limited number of free Arizona Baseball tickets to teachers to yesterday's Teacher Appreciation game at Hi Corbett Field.

Special thanks to BFL Construction and Mister Car Wash for sponsoring the free teacher tickets!



Teacher Excellence Award

In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, we're going big by surprising FIVE Southern Arizona teachers with the

Teacher Excellence Award!

Winning teachers will receive flowers, \$250 cash courtesy of [Helios Education Foundation](#), a \$100 gift card for school supplies, and more!

Check our [Facebook page](#) for daily winner announcements!



Proud to be a Teacher

Members of our Teacher Advisory Council are proud to be teachers and they're letting our community know!

Video messages will be shared all week long on our social accounts. Add your own by posting why you're proud to be a teacher or why you're proud to support our local educators!

Watch Innovation Academy teacher Niki Tilicki's [video](#).



Share a message of gratitude



Ben's Bells, TREC, SAZAEYC, and Tucson Values Teachers have teamed up to create a virtual [Gratitude Wall](#)!

Share a message of thanks or gratitude during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3 to May 7) to let educators, staff, or colleagues know the community appreciates their vital work.

[Share your message](#)

Meet our April Teacher Excellence Award

winner: Janet Varela



Congratulations to our April Teacher Excellence Award winner, Janet Varela!

Ms. Varela is a special education preschool teacher at Tully Magnet Elementary School. She was nominated by Yvette Rodriguez, a parent of two of her former students!

[Read more](#)

"Ms. Janet is a true advocate and huge asset to the early childhood special needs community. She taught my twins the early childhood skills needed to help their development! She taught me how to advocate and to not be afraid to speak up to ensure my twins are always given the support to meet their full potential like everyone else. My twins are now in 1st grade, so we have not been in Janet's class for over two years, but we have stayed in contact. If you were to ask any family that has ever had her as a teacher you will get 100% positive feedback and hear countless stories of how much of a blessing she is. If I were in charge of exceptional education programs I would model Ms. Janet's class and teachings. She is simply an amazing educator." - Yvette Rodriguez

Laugh Out Loud for Teachers

Attention teachers: Want to try your hand at comedy? Looking for a night out on the town?

We've teamed up with Laffs Comedy Club for a special fundraising night of laughs that features the comedy of Southern Arizona teachers! Join us on June 13 at 6pm at Laff's Comedy Club.

Teachers can do their own stand-up segment for the show or share their stories for one of the comedians to present. Nancy Stanley is hosting special teacher workshops to help you prepare for the big night!

Tickets to be in the audience are \$12 each with a two item minimum at Laff's Food or Drink.

Please direct questions to Golda Velez at Laff's Comedy Club. [Email](#) her or give her a call at 520-440-1420.

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JUNE 13, 2021
6PM
\$12 TICKETS

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LAFF'S-FOOD OR DRINK

LAFF'S COMEDY CLUB

Come join us to laugh with some Tucson Teachers who are going to be on stage as Comedy Virgins- along with experienced comics including Nancy Stanley of the Estrogen Hour- all while raising money for Tucson Teachers.



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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.

Special thanks to our new **Teacher Discount Card** business partners:

- [Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum](#)

[Learn more](#) about the Teacher Discount Card, including a full listing of partnering businesses and special discounts.

**Submit your
teaching
success story!**

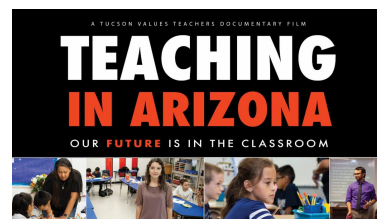
We're looking for teachers, students, and parents to [submit](#) stories, photos, and videos that allow us to highlight the innovative work happening in local education. We'll share these stories on social media throughout the year.



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

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](#)



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

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:

*Great Teachers. Successful Students.
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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.*

