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Introducing Lumia: a New Digital Platform for Teachers, By Teachers!



LUMIA

Tucson Values Teachers is proud to announce the beta launch of Lumia, a new digital platform designed to empower educators through collaboration, inspiration, and support. Created with direct input from teachers across Southern Arizona, Lumia brings together the best features of professional networking and content sharing—all in one easy-to-use space designed specifically for the teaching profession. Lumia is more than a platform—it's a community.

KOLD News 13 wrote an article and aired a segment, which you can view [here](#).

On Lumia, teachers can:

- Share lesson plans, classroom resources, and teaching strategies
- Ask questions and start discussion threads with fellow educators
- Post videos, photos, and curriculum tools
- Connect with mentors and support each other across grade levels and subjects
- Discover professional development opportunities and classroom ideas
- Join groups for specialized content matching their grade level and subject

Lumia is currently in beta testing and available to a select group of districts in Southern Arizona. We're gathering valuable feedback during this phase to make sure Lumia meets the real needs of educators before our wider launch.

As we prepare to expand, we're inviting teachers to join the waiting list for early access when Lumia goes live later this year.

Sign up now to join the waiting list and be among the first to experience Lumia!

Join the Waiting List

Tucson Supplies Teachers is Now LIVE!



TVT is proud to announce the launch of this year's Tucson Supplies Teachers supply drive, the largest community-wide effort in Southern Arizona to provide essential classroom supplies to local educators. This annual initiative helps ensure teachers have the resources they need to create engaging and effective learning environments without having to spend their own money on supplies.

Each year, generous community members and businesses contribute donations, which are then distributed to teachers across the region as gift cards. With educators often spending hundreds of dollars out of pocket for basic classroom necessities, this program offers much-needed support to those shaping the future of our students.

The drive is now open for contributions, and Tucson Values Teachers encourages individuals, businesses, and organizations to participate. Donations can be made online or via check.

Teachers: Please use the "sign up" button below by August 31 to register for your chance to receive a gift card for classroom supplies!

Donate

Teacher Sign Up

Old Pueblo Pickleball Palooza



Thank you to all who attended the first ever Old Pueblo Pickleball Palooza. Thanks to your support, and the support of our generous sponsors, we were able to raise over \$10,000 to support our upcoming Lumia digital platform!

Special thanks to:

- CarePatrol for hosting the event
- Tucson Electric Power, our presenting sponsor
- KHR Real Estate Advisors, Pioneer Title, and V.I.P. Mortgage for sponsoring food
- iCode for sponsoring beverages
- The County Line for providing live entertainment
- Omni Pool Builders & Design for sponsoring the entertainment
- Done Rite Services for sponsoring the pickleball play
- Seniors Helping Seniors, JW Marriott Starr Pass, and ICCU for sponsoring tables

We look forward to the opportunity to plan more events like this in the future!

Join Us at Dave & Busters Teacher Appreciation Night



YOU'RE THE APPLE OF OUR A+ APPRECIATION!

Sunday, August 17th from 4-7PM

KICK OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH A WELL-DESERVED EVENING OF FUN, FOOD, GAMES, AND APPRECIATION!

Join us for a special afternoon dedicated to **YOU - our incredible educators!** As a heartfelt thank-you for the impact you make every day, Dave & Buster's Tucson is hosting a celebration just for teachers, school staff, and their families. **RSVP today** to enjoy exclusive perks, giveaways, and a fun-filled day made with you in mind!



**RSVP
HERE**

Questions?
Contact AMY at amy.ramos@daveandbusters.com
or call/text 520-330-3408

Join us as we celebrate and appreciate teachers at Dave & Busters on Sunday, August 17 from 4:00-7:00pm. Be sure to RSVP below and visit our table at the event!

RSVP

Purchase Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle Tickets from TVT

WIN ONE
OF THREE GREAT PRIZES!

TICKET PRICE
\$25 EACH OR
5 FOR \$100

Raffle benefiting Tucson charities
100% of funds raised stays
here.

GRAND PRIZE
NEW 2025 KIA CARNIVAL
HYBRID SX PRESTIGE

2ND PRIZE
TWO ROUND-TRIP, FIRST CLASS
AIRLINE TICKETS TO ANYWHERE
IN THE WORLD!*

3RD PRIZE
\$5,000 CASH!

TVT is excited to participate in the Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle, and we need your support! When you purchase a raffle ticket from TVT, 100% of the proceeds go directly to supporting teachers in Southern Arizona — helping us provide resources, recognition, and professional development for the educators who shape our future.

Tickets are just \$25 each or 5 for \$100 — and your purchase enters you to win incredible prizes, including a brand-new 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige, two first-class airline tickets, or \$5,000 in cash!

Every ticket purchased through Tucson Values Teachers makes a difference. Help us uplift and support our educators while getting a chance to win big!

Get Your Tickets

Save the Date: Stand Up 4 Teachers 2025



Tucson Values Teachers is excited to announce that our annual event, Stand Up 4 Teachers, will take place on Thursday, November 6, 2025! This special evening celebrates the dedication and impact of Southern Arizona educators while bringing the community together to show appreciation for their hard work. Stay tuned for more details on how you can join us in honoring our incredible teachers! Early Bird Tickets are on sale now!

Get Your Tickets

Teacher Excellence Award



School is back in session, so it's time to start nominating teachers for the Teacher Excellence Award again!

Nominations can come from administrators, colleagues, parents, or students!

[Submit a Nomination!](#)

FREE Virtual Community of Practice - Science ECHO



Cultivating Curiosity
Approaches to Science in Early Childhood

Arizona State University **ECHO** Arizona Early Childhood Professional Development Collaborative Better access, better beginnings. TUCSON REGIONAL EDUCATORS COLLABORATIVE

Designed for those who teach and/or support early learners (2-5 year-olds)

100% Free
Earn up to (9) PD hours
Get science activities & book ideas
Build confidence in teaching science
Access experts & community support

THURSDAYS
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Aug 21 • Sept 11 • Oct 2
Oct 23 • Nov 13 • Dec 4
Offered Virtually via
Zoom + iECHO

Register w/ QR code or visit
<https://bit.ly/44kcNoh>

Join TREC and Project Echo for a FREE virtual Community of Practice (CoP) that will equip early childhood educators with practical, developmentally appropriate strategies to nurture curiosity, inquiry, and hands-on scientific thinking in young children.

Aligned with Arizona early learning science standards, we will dive into children's scientific thinking, provide materials/resources, and build on **joyful curiosity!**

Participants will...

- Explore their personal attitudes towards science and build confidence in offering science-based learning.
- Build a library of activities, books, and resources designed specifically for their classroom.
- Deepen their knowledge around the AZ early childhood science standards.
- Have monthly access to experts and other educators in the field.

Register

TREC Updates



Sign up for the TREC newsletter to get the latest updates, opportunities, and resources for teachers each month!



The Field Trip Edition of the TREC Newsletter is out this week  

Stay up to date on field trip offerings in Southern Arizona and other events, learning opportunities, and resources for the region's educators — all delivered straight to your inbox each month!

Register



These partners offer discounts to teachers AND give back to Tucson Values Teachers!

Edward Jones Financial Advisor - Skyler Richins

With 4 young children just coming into school age, I recognize the value and importance of teachers! I have been blessed with great teachers throughout my educational journey and grateful for everything they have done for me.

I am offering free consultations and complimentary reviews for all teachers and educators. This includes a full report and analysis documenting goals, budgeting, and net worth statement. Through this analysis and discussion, we will be able to identify particular goals and tailor the plan to what is most important to you.

For more information, please visit their [website](#) or [Facebook](#).



TVT is seeking new business partners for our Teacher Discount Card program! To become a business partner, click the link below!

****NEW**** We now offer a Premier Partnership option that provides extra benefits for supporting TVT. For more information, please email Danicka at dallen@tucsonvaluesteachers.org.

Become a Business Partner

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

- Join the Lumia pre-launch waiting list
- Make a donation to Tucson Supplies Teachers OR sign up to win \$100 in classroom supplies by August 31
- Join us for Dave & Busters' Teacher Appreciation Night **August 17**
- Buy your Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle Tickets from TVT
- Save the date for Stand Up 4 Teachers on **November 6**
- Nominate someone for a Teacher Excellence Award
- Participate in the FREE Virtual Community of Practice - Science ECHO **starting August 21**
- Sign up for the TREC Field Trips newsletter



Donate to TVT

Your donation helps TVT celebrate and elevate teachers in Southern Arizona through a variety of programs.

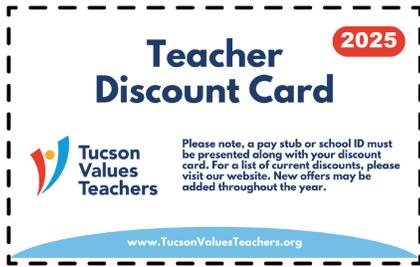
DONATE NOW



PD Scholarships and Mini-Grants Available

Southern Arizona PreK-12 teachers may apply for a PD scholarship of up to \$250. PreK teachers are also eligible to apply for classroom mini-grants up to \$500!

APPLY NOW



Save with the Teacher Discount Card

Visit the Teacher Discount Card page to sign up for the 2024 card and to learn more about our business partners and the special discounts they offer for educators.

[LEARN MORE](#)



TVT partners with CommunityShare

CommunityShare connects educators to real life subject matter experts to offer unique learning experiences for their students. Sign up today to get started!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Vision:

Great Teachers. Successful Students. Prosperous Community.

Mission:

To elevate the teaching profession in Southern Arizona by empowering and celebrating PreK-12 teacher excellence through community engagement and investment.



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