



#TeamTUSD: Wheeler Elementary School

Check out this enthusiastic #TeamTUSD from Wheeler Elementary School. The staff at Wheeler helps build community, family and fun and focuses on commitments and goals. Wheeler aims to create a positive, unified culture for students and staff to collaborate with and empower one another. The school's mission is to create students in the LEADS (Learners, Effort, Actions, Decisions, Show Respect) model who show college and career readiness.

Wheeler leads the way by building outstanding learners who embody leadership, effort, actions, decision making, and showing respect. To ensure these goals are met, the school offers GATE, OMA Gold, and houses a strong PTA. Check out other teams we have featured in #TeamTUSD [here](#), and nominate a team by sending an email to media@tusd1.org. Thank you, Wheeler!

Sept. 6, 2016

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent H.T. Sánchez Newsletter



Attendance Awareness kickoff

Superintendent Sanchez, along with the Mayor of Tucson, other superintendents, Pima Community College, the University of Arizona and members of community organizations joined together last week to kick off

Attendance Awareness Month. Tucson High Magnet School hosted a press conference, and the school's Mariachi performed.

At Tucson Unified, we are encouraging our schools, students and families to focus on attendance with incentives for the schools with most improved attendance and are running a special program with our kindergarten classes called [Hooked on School](#).

Learn more about the importance of being at school every day [here](#).



Antwone Fisher to share his story at free event

Tucson Unified's African American Student Services Department invites you to its 1st Quarter Parent Event, where special guest [Antwone Fisher](#) will share his life story and how he overcame incredible obstacles to find success and happiness. Mr. Fisher wrote a screenplay about his life, which was made into a movie starring Denzel Washington.

The meeting will take place Thursday, Sept. 15, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Palo Verde High Magnet School Auditorium, 1302 S. Avenida Vega. Parking will be available on the east side of the campus.

Mr. Fisher was born in an Ohio prison to a teenage mother. He was placed in a loving foster home for the first two years of his life, but then was placed in an abusive home for the next 12 years, followed by reform school until graduation. As a young adult, he found himself homeless and alone in the world.

His life started to turn around when he joined the Navy. He served 11 years, where he learned how to deal with his anger and move forward with this life. After an honorable discharge, Mr. Fisher later got a job at Sony Pictures Entertainment as a security guard and attended a free screenwriting course, leading to the development of the movie about his life.

For questions about the event, please call 584-7500.



Learn to unlock the door
to college admission.

FOCUS on the FUTURE

A Project of Family University

Saturday, September 10

8 am - 2:30 pm

Tucson High Magnet School
400 N. 2nd Ave, 85705

OPEN TO ALL
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS,
PARENTS AND/OR GUARDIANS

Free Admission
College Applications • Recruiters
Scholarships/Financial Aid
Food • Vendors • Prizes



Raising a high-
schooler? Don't miss
this opportunity!

Focus of the Future, a free seminar for high school students and families, will cover everything from college applications, scholarship opportunities, financial aid, coping with an empty nest and more.

The session is spearheaded by parents who have been through the college process with their own children and are bringing in experts



Check out the latest #TUSDSports video

Last week in #TUSDSports, we captured a cross-country meet with Tucson High and Catalina, caught the Tucson Unified Girl's Volleyball Tourney action at Palo Verde High Magnet and caught the Catalina #TUSDHSFootball home opener vs. Ben Franklin. Check out highlights above.

to show other parents the ropes. Past attendees have thousands of dollars for college that they wouldn't have known about otherwise!

The event is at Tucson High Magnet School from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided, and participants have a chance to win an iPad. For more information and to register, click [here](#). Those who pre-register get one extra ticket for the iPad raffle.

Get answers to your food related questions

The Pima County Health Department will hold a free workshop that will cover these questions and more for TUSD employees and school community members on Wednesday, September 14, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Project More Auditorium, 440 S. Park Ave.

The workshop is designed for non-Food Service employees and school community members involved with food for sale or production on the school campus such as fundraisers or cooking in the classroom activities. This workshop will bring you up-to-date so that we are operating within compliance.

The session is designed for principals, teachers, coaches, club members, department employees and PTA/PTO groups involved with food related activities on TUSD campuses.

Questions? Email Shirley.Sokol@tusd1.org.

Federal meal program applications due Sept. 15

If you wish to continue to receive free or reduced meal benefits or apply for the first time, please note that the deadline is Sept. 15. Important: If a meal application has



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Cooperative Extension

Pima County – Family Engagement Program

UA Family Dinner Series for families with children aged 0-5



CHILD BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT SERIES

Two options:

Thursdays, September 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Brichta Early Learning Center

-or-

Mondays, October 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Schumaker Early Learning Center

Participation in all four sessions and one phone consultation is required for graduation. Phone consultation to be determined during the first class of each series.

To register for either of these FREE trainings, contact Allyson Miller at allysonmiller@email.arizona.edu or (520) 621-0921.



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Learn why children behave the way they do;

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How to teach new skills and behaviors;

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Tools to manage misbehavior and build positive routines;

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Plan ahead for high-risk situations (i.e. the grocery store); and

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Opportunities to practice new strategies

Free child care provided!

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Dinner provided for the whole family!

not been submitted this school year, your child's free or reduced meal benefit status from last school will expire effective Sept. 16, and you will have to pay full price for school meals.

We are here to help! Find the meal application [online](#) through the TUSD website. Paper applications are available at each school kitchen or at Food Services central office (2510 E. 15th St. 85719).

Please call TUSD Food Services at 225-4700 for assistance.



Cooper Center offers tasty opportunities on Saturday

Have you ever wondered what those juicy red and purple fruits of the prickly pear cacti taste like? Want to know how to turn those delicious fruits into juice, syrup or jam? Curious what mesquite pods taste like and how they are made into flour?

Join the [Cooper Center](#) on Saturday from 8 a.m. to Noon to learn about these and other local edible and medicinal plants through hands-on demonstrations and instructor-led explorations. The center is located at 5403 W. Trails End Road.

PLEASE NOTE: The Cooper Center will provide all of the prickly pear fruit for the demonstrations and asks that you not bring fruit you may have collected.

TAP High School bringing alumni together

TAP is reaching out to former students and employees to create a TAP Alumni Association. The hope is that alumni will join current staff and students in organizing and attending the Tap 50 Plus 1 celebration and to look to organize future events as well. TAP boasts a high number of successful alumni throughout Southern Arizona, and the school envisions the association as a hub where alumni can meet, learn and network.

The first meeting will be held Sept. 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the TAP cafeteria, 102 N. Plumer Ave. For more information and to join the group, please email TAP50plus1@gmail.com

Join Our Mailing List!

43rd Annual Tucson College Night

Planning **MY** Future

Over 200 colleges will be represented!

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
6:30 to 8:30 PM
Tucson Convention Center

Admission and Parking are **FREE!**

Additional information available at
TucsonUnified.org/CollegeNight
Questions? Call 225-6211

Sponsored by: **TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT** #MyCollegeChoice



New student info system ready for you

As you may have heard, the district is moving to a new Student Information System called Synergy. The new system allows you to see your student's information through the [ParentVUE web page](#) and ParentVUE App for iOS and Android. Download the apps to your phone from the AppStore or Android Market.

Here's what you need to know to get started:

--Please visit each of your children's schools and ask for your child's ParentVUE activation code.

--Go to the [ParentVUE](#) web page to enter your codes and set your user name and password. Once you create your account, you will be able to log in on the App.

--During the week of Aug. 22, we plan to begin displaying teacher assignments' and grades through ParentVUE.

--Please watch the video below to learn more about this powerful tool!



Visit our website at
TucsonUnified.org

State Department of Ed seeks input on proposed revisions to learning standards

The State Department of Education is hosting a series of public hearings on proposed revisions to the state's reading and math learning standards. A hearing will be held in Tucson on Sept. 12 in the auditorium at Catalina High School starting at 6 p.m. Catalina is at 3645 E. Pima Street. The draft standards include revisions to cursive writing standards and high school math. You can view the draft and offer comments [here](#).



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