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## Important Dates

09/16 – 09/18: Parent Teacher Conferences ~  
early release

9/22: Governing Board Meeting – For more  
information:  
<https://go.boarddocs.com/az/tucsonusd/Board.nsf/Public>

10/09 - Grading Day ~ no school

10/12 – 10/16 – Fall Break ~ no school



### WiFi Connections

**If your household  
needs a Wifi  
connection, please  
log into your  
ParentVue account  
and specify in the  
Learning Option  
Questions in the  
registration tab.**

We will have our fall  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences September  
16 – 18.

This is an important time  
for teachers and  
families to meet and  
review your student's  
achievements.

Please be on the look  
out for conference  
scheduling requests  
from your student's  
teachers or email them  
directly to set up a time.

You can easily access  
teachers' emails on the  
Pistor Panthers school  
website.  
<http://www.tusd1.org/pistor/>

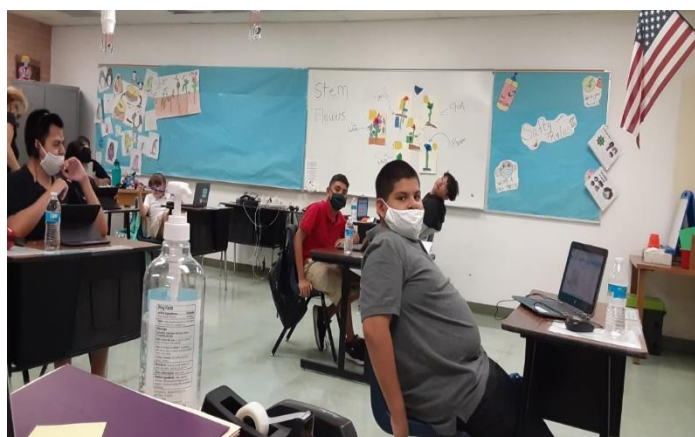


## ***ROAR Loud***

## ***ROAR Proud***

These are my students hard at work. They are the only class on campus right now. They have been great. They follow all the rules for social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing. I would like to give a shout out to them.

Janet Loerzel  
Teacher-Exceptional Ed.



Remote Learning Tips  
and Info  
For Parents/Guardians

# ASU Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Contest

**Deadline October 1, 2020**

Now accepting entries for the 2021 Student Contest. Open to all grades K-12. Winning entries receive a prize and will be invited to participate in the 36th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Entry deadline October 1, 2020.

Arizona State University will host its 36th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration in January 2021. Tributes and recognition of Dr. King and the achievements of the civil rights movement have been celebrated at ASU since long before the creation of a state holiday in Arizona. A highlight of the celebration is the recognition and awards ceremony for the Arizona K-12 students who are winners of the statewide essay-poster contest.

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**Please share with students, parents and teachers!**

**Student entry forms available online:**

- [Essay entry form](#)
- [Poster entry form](#)

Contest information and prior year winners available at  
<https://www.asu.edu/mlk/#contest>



## **Family Information and Resources**

- TUSD Parent or Guardian

The online application for free or reduced priced meal benefits is now available at <https://mealapp.tusd1.org/>. If your family qualified for free or reduced-priced meals last year, your qualification will expire on September 21, 2020 unless you re-apply and qualify for the 2020-2021 school year.

Grab-n-Go meals will be available during remote instruction via 12 bus routes starting August 10. For more information on the Grab-n-Go meals and bus route schedules please visit [www.tusd1.org/GrabAndGo](http://www.tusd1.org/GrabAndGo). Please contact TUSD Food Services at (520)225-4708 Monday-Friday between 7:30am-3:00pm if you have any questions or to complete your meal benefit application over the phone. Thank you

- Community Food Bank

520-622-0525

\*NEW LOCATION\*

Kino Sports Complex: 2500 E Ajo Way, Tucson AZ 85713

Closed - First Business day of the month

Tuesdays 7:00 am - 10:00 am

Thursdays 7:00 am - 10:00 am

- Health and Wellness Resources

Chicanos Por La Causa 882-0018

Child and Family Resources 881-8940

El Rio Health Center 670-3909

Pima County Health Department 294-2026

Salvation Army 622-5411

St. Elizabeth of Hungary 628-7821

St. Vincent DePaul Society 628-7837

Tucson Urban League 791-9522

Youth on Their Own 293-1136



Family & Community  
Outreach

**TUCSON UNIFIED**  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **FREE GED PREPARATION CLASSES**

For TUSD Parents and Families

*Improve reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills  
to prepare for the GED® exam*

**Classes meet from September 28 – December 11, 2020**

**All classes are online via Zoom**

- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 – 11:00 am
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 – 7:30 pm

**Space is limited! Sign up on the [interest list](#) today!**

**Questions?** Call Palo Verde Family Resource Center at (520) 584-7455  
OR Literacy Connects at (520) 724-7330

Classes provided by: Literacy Connects



# Department of Student Relations

Student Relations exists to help students succeed. We use a range of tools to create positive learning environments in our classrooms for every student.

## Approaches we use to support our students:

### Restorative Practices

Restorative practices are strategies for resolving problems and building relationships by addressing the social and emotional issues created by conflict and restoring students to supportive learning environments after making amends for poor choices.

### How Does TUSD Implement Restorative Practices?

Small impromptu circles or large group circles: a few people meet to briefly address and resolve a problem; facilitated by district staff including teachers, counselors, and/or principals/assistant principals. A larger group can meet in a large circle or a classroom circle to discuss issues, answer questions, solve problems, or offer feedback; facilitated by district staff including, but not limited to: teachers, principals/assistant principals, counselors and/or Restorative and Positive Practice Facilitators (RPPFs).

Formal restorative conferences: address serious problems of behavior. These conferences may involve students who commit disciplinary infractions, victims, parents/guardians, and principals / assistant principals. Only those trained in formal conferences can facilitate a formal conference.

De-escalation: students may take a short time (no more than 30 minutes or the remainder of one class period) to de-escalate if they feel angry, overwhelmed, or in need of a time-out. Students will complete a reflection form to help staff de-escalate the situation and assist in helping to restore the student back into the classroom or classroom setting.

Below is a link to the department's resource pamphlet. Please take the time to read it and find helpful resources for your student and family.

2020 Guide to School Community Programs and Resources



2020 2021 RPPF  
Pamphlet Resources



## Parent Focus Groups - Sept. 23 and 24

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You're invited to participate in our virtual parent focus group to discuss SROs at TUSD.

\*Limited Seating\*

### Two Dates via Zoom

- Sept. 23, 2020 | 6-7:30 PM [ASL Interpreter Available]  
To register for this date, email Sabrina at [sabrina.salmon@tusd1.org](mailto:sabrina.salmon@tusd1.org)
- Sept. 24, 2020 | 6-7:30 PM  
To register for this date, email Jeff at [jeffrey.coleman@tusd1.org](mailto:jeffrey.coleman@tusd1.org)

\*Register by no later than Mon. Sept. 14, 2020\*



[www.tusd1.org/COVID-19](http://www.tusd1.org/COVID-19)



<http://www.tusd1.org/NextSteps2020/Childcare>

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<http://www.tusd1.org/portals/tusd1/pueblomhs/images/site/instagram.png>