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Hispanic Heritage Month  
Santa Rita High School  
September 15th – October 6th, 2016

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TUSD Culturally Relevant Pedagogy & Instruction Department  
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#TeamTUSD: Drachman K-8 Montessori Magnet

Check out the staff at Drachman K-8 Montessori Magnet and their "peaceful" message. Principal Jesus Celaya has this to say: The Drachman staff inspires children and adults to be "Responsible and Peaceful!" (Drachman's Mission). Drachman Montessori believes that in order for students to reach their fullest potential, the "whole child" must be nurtured. This means it is necessary to give attention to the reader, mathematician, scientist, athlete, artist, and musician in each child. Drachman's "A" rating from the Arizona Department of Education, its national designation as a Magnet School of Excellence and its National Blue Ribbon Award from the United States Department of Education are tremendous honors that were awarded to the school because of the staff's passion for education and love for inspiring learning in Tucson Unified. Want to see other groups featured in #TeamTUSD? Click [here](#). To nominate a team, send an email to [media@tusd1.org](mailto:media@tusd1.org).
#TUSDSports: Sahuaro Cougars

Reigning state champion Sahuaro girls golf kicked off last week’s #TUSDSports week, followed by a dominating performance from Sahuaro girls volleyball and a hard-fought battle from Sahuaro football. Check out the highlights above.

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Michelle Thrasher is a freshman at Pueblo Magnet High School and is excited for all the opportunities Pueblo presents. Michelle is interested in sports, especially track and basketball. Watch the video above to see what else Michelle has to say! Meet the other students here.

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9. Learn about great programs and ideas from other schools in the district.
8. Become informed about District initiatives and processes.
7. Talk one-on-one with a Governing Board member.
5. Make connections with District administration about topics of importance to you.
4. Get inspiration from others.
3. You can bring a friend. All parents and TUSD community members are welcome.
2. Participate in a safe and welcoming environment for discussion.
1. Your voice will be heard!

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We encourage our entire community to take time on this day to contact the legendary teacher in your life and express your gratitude for the difference they made in your life.

We’re sharing stories on Tucson Unified’s facebook page. Use the hashtag #legendaryteacher to share your story, or email media@tusd1.org.

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**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. 21 (please note revised date) from 4:45 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.

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Maldonado Elementary School installed a Be Kind mural at the school last week. The mural serves as a great visual reminder to 'be kind' while adding beauty to the campus. To learn more about the murals and kind campuses, visit the Ben's Bells school mural website.
UHS hosts Arizona Court of Appeals

What's it like when the Arizona Court of Appeals hears a case on your campus? Exciting and interesting, according to University High School students. Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals held arguments for State of Arizona v. Matthew Snyder at the school last week. Students heard attorneys from each side present their cases to three judges, and after the case were able to ask the judges questions not pertaining to the case. Watch the video above to learn more.

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Today we feature Samantha Guerrero Martinez, who goes to Tucson High. While Samantha was an 8th grader at Mary Belle McCorkle Academy of Excellence K-8, she discussed how McCorkle made her more prepared for school than her past schools. Watch the video above for more! Meet the other students here.

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#TeamTUSD: Holladay Magnet Elementary School

The Holladay Magnet Elementary Leadership team is made up of passionate individuals who are committed to the school's mission: "Empower ALL students with skills and confidence to ACHIEVE!" Here's what they have to say:

"We work diligently to support teachers, students and parents on a daily basis. We meet weekly to focus on academics, Professional Learning Communities and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. Our Reading SMART goal is to grow Holladay students from 34 percent to 70 percent at the Core level of DIBELS by May 2017. We are confident we will reach our goal because we believe HARD WORK PAYS OFF." Thank you, Holladay team!

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**Sharon Sullivan, Parent Volunteer**

**Come see what we're reading:**

"I'm ready for fall and this short week?"

Reminder: Friday is a Grading Day for the first quarter, so school is out! Also, next week (Oct. 10 to Oct 14) is Fall Break, so kiddos have the week off. We'll see them back at school on Oct. 17.

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**Superintendent H.T. Sánchez Newsletter**
Ben's Bells recognizes first-grader's kindness

Delilah Schoonover had a remarkable summer and started out in first grade at Sam Hughes Elementary School as a leader in true compassion and community spirit. Ben's Bells recognized Delilah for her efforts to help the homeless people she saw one day on her way to the movies. Watch the video above to be inspired by this young girl with a huge heart.

#TUSDSports: Volleyball Sabino vs. Catalina

Last week, Sabino Girls Volleyball welcomed Catalina High into their gym for a match! Check out all the highlights above.

#Classof2020 student an avid artist with big dreams

Tucson Unified School District is following members of the Class of 2020 through their graduation year. We started when they were eighth-graders and are now visiting them as they are freshman.

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