



Family & Community Outreach

# FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## November 2021 Spotlight

### Food Pantries at the Family Resource Centers (FRCs)

Did you know there are four food pantries located throughout Tucson Unified School District? There are! The four Family Resource Centers in the district operate a food pantry through a partnership with the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. All food pantries are fully licensed through the Pima County Health Department, and the FRC staff are trained in handling food items.



Students and families experiencing food insecurity, for any reason, can visit a Family Resource Center for food assistance. All pantries are stocked with non-perishable food items from the Community Food Bank. Food items often include rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, canned fruits, canned vegetables, cereal, and peanut butter. The food

Family Resource Centers  
Monday | Wednesday | Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday | Thursday  
9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Click here for a complete list of classes



Clothing Bank



Food Pantry



Hygiene Items



School Supplies

*Family Resource Center services are available to TUSD students and their families, free of charge.*

### Family Resource Center Website



**\*Please visit our website for special hours and closures. If you are unable to visit during these hours, please call your nearest center.**



#### Catalina

Family Resource Center  
3645 E. Pima St.  
Tucson, AZ 85716  
(520) 232-8684



#### Menlo

Family Resource Center  
1100 W. Fresno  
Tucson, AZ 85745  
(520) 225-2172



#### Palo Verde

Family Resource Center  
1302 S. Avenida Vega  
Tucson, AZ 85710  
(520) 584-7455



#### Southwest

Family Resource Center  
6855 S. Mark Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85757  
(520) 908-3980

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## Food Pantries (Continued)

pantries at the FRCs also receive fresh bread and produce from the Community Food Bank. Please reach out to your nearest center to inquire about specific dates bread and produce are available. The Catalina and Palo Verde Family Resource Centers participate in the grocery rescue program which allows them to rescue and distribute perishable food items from local stores. Perishable items such as meats, dairy products, frozen meals, and salads are stored in commercial refrigerators and freezers.



The food pantries are a free service for families of TUSD registered students. Receiving services at the pantries is easy. Simply come in and sign our visitors log and you are ready to receive food assistance. Documentation or identification is not required. Food pantries are open during the same hours that the Family Resource Centers operate. Feel free to come by at your convenience. We are here to serve you. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the Family Resource Centers. Contact information and hours of operation are listed on the first page of this newsletter.



## New Program Coordinator



My name is Sherrie Garth, and I am the new Program Coordinator for the Heart Program. I look forward to assisting students and families in the Tucson Unified School District. My number is 520-225-2180. For more [information about the HEART Program](#) please visit the HEART website.

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## American Legion Auxiliary

A great big thank you goes out to the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 36, for hosting a school supply drive that benefited TUSD students and families! They went the extra mile by delivering all the donated items they received from their drive to our Palo Verde Family Resource Center. Thank you again for your generosity!



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### Family Engagement at TUSD Schools!

#### PETER HOWELL Elementary



#### W.V. WHITMORE Home of the Wildcats



#### Community Serve Day

On Saturday, September 25th, Howell Elementary School hosted Community Serve Day. Howell staff and volunteers from Catalina Foothills Church completed multiple projects on campus. They trimmed palms, cleaned up the courtyard, took out seven large bins of recyclables, and painted all the bookcases/cubbies in Ms. Jolly's Kinder classroom. They also dug two holes for trees to be planted for a special staff memorial. The day was a huge success! The Howell team appreciates the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers. Their efforts create and maintain a beautiful campus. A giant THANK YOU to everyone who participated!



#### Family Movie Night

Whitmore Elementary hosted an outdoor family movie night in September. Whitmore families enjoyed pizza, refreshments and watched the movie Luca. They even had a raffle where one lucky family won a copy of the film! It was beautiful to see students, their grownups, and their siblings enjoy the night together. Special thanks to Whitmore PTA for providing the yummy snacks and helping to set everything up. We are proud of our Whitmore community and look forward to more fun events in the future where we can come together and have a good time!



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#### National Blue Ribbon School

Congratulations to Fruchthendler Elementary School for being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education! Fruchthendler is one of only five schools in Arizona to receive this prestigious award. The fabulous Firebirds recognize the importance of family and community engagement in building successful programs, and they work hard to maintain strong partnerships. Fruchthendler's Parent Teacher Association raises funds to support fine arts and physical education programs and sponsors community-building events throughout the year. Community members provide extra support by volunteering their time and expertise to help students reach their full potential. We are so proud of our Fruchthendler Firebirds!



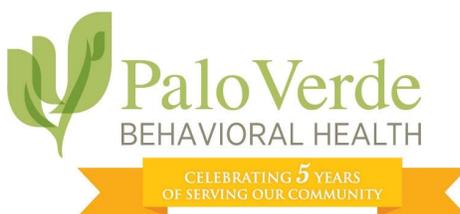
#### Family Engagement Events!

Hollinger K-8 is working to support Family Engagement in these tough times! On September 23rd, they held their Two-Way Dual Language event, which invited parents to learn some strategies to support Spanish language learning from home. They had a great turn out and lots of fun. The best part was they held the event outside and ensured that all families were wearing masks. But that's not all!! Hollinger K-8 is partnering with Pima Prevention Partnership to bring a series of Family Engagement classes to their community titled, "Guiding Good Choices." The aim of these classes is to help parents learn to empower their children with healthy decision making. These courses run from October through December. Oh, and there's more!!! Hollinger is also partnering with the University of Arizona to bring literacy and numeracy skills to homes. In the "Juntos-Together" project, teachers, parents and UArizona staff give families great tools to focus on academic achievement in the home. Thank you, Hollinger, for being a model school when it comes to family engagement!

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### TUSD Partnerships for Mental Health Services



**Talk Space** is a leading virtual behavioral healthcare company offering treatment options for almost every need. Please visit [Tucson Unified- Talk Space for more information.](#)

**Palo Verde Behavioral Health** offers mental health and substance abuse treatment for adults and adolescents through inpatient and outpatient programs. Please call (520) 322-2888 or visit [Palo Verde Behavioral Health for more information.](#)

**Talk Space and Palo Verde Behavioral Health** are available on the new [Tucson Unified Connect App](#). Download it on Google Play for Android or the App Store for Apple.

**Talk it Out** is a free counseling service offered to TUSD enrolled students and their families. Talk it Out is provided by UArizona College of Education, Counseling Program, Masters in Counseling Students. There is currently a waitlist for Talk it Out Counseling Services. Please visit the [Family Resource Centers](#) website to sign-up for services.

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### Family Resource Centers

#### November Special hours and closures:

- October 28: Staff PD- All centers closed
- November 10: All centers close at 12:00 p.m.
- November 11: Closed for Veteran's Day
- November 19: All centers close at 12:00 p.m.
- November 24: All centers close at 12:00 p.m.
- November 25-26: Closed for Thanksgiving Recess



The Family Resource Centers offer free classes for parents, guardians, or adult caregivers of TUSD registered students. Families may browse the current list of classes by clicking on the class schedule link.

TUSD's Family & Community Engagement Department will be providing a monthly communication via ZOOM!

**Join us...**

**FACE** *to* **face** *Hosted by Lacey Grijalva*  
 Bringing our TUSD and Tucson Community Together

### Mark your calendars: Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

Sept. 28 • Oct. 26 • Nov. 30  
 Jan. 25 • Feb. 22 • Mar. 29 • Apr. 26

Each session will be 45 minutes.

Scan the QR code or go to  
<http://bit.ly/3ihnUpV> to join via Zoom.

Sessions will also be  
 livestreamed from Zoom to the  
[Tucson Unified Family Centers](#)  
 and [FACEtoFace](#) Facebook pages.



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