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ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF LATINO
ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS

AZALAS

August 2024

BACK TO
SCHOOL



ADVENTURES
in Learning

**We're
Back**
And we're
Ready!

A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean, and anything can happen.”

- Denise Witmer

WELCOME BACK

AZALAS welcomes each of you to a new school year, 2024-2025. Most students, teachers and administrators are both enthusiastic and anxious on the first day of school. Teachers will do their best to alleviate any anxious feelings exhibited by their students. Teachers reassure their students that their classroom is a safe space. Site administrators and district office staff do their best to provide welcome back events for staff members filled with energy, excitement and resources needed to start the school year successfully. AZALAS wishes everyone a smooth and enjoyable beginning to their school year. A huge thank you to school districts who have shared photos of their welcome back events for our August newsletter.

A belief statement of AZALAS is, “We believe in actively promoting unity and collaboration among all school educators and administrators throughout Arizona.” Please remember AZALAS is here to provide support and resources to our members. We firmly believe in lending a helping hand and/or providing guidance. We hope to see you at our networking events and upcoming conference in November.

Dr. Marvene Lobato



“We’ve got a responsibility to live up to the legacy of those who came before us by doing all that we can to help those who come after us.”

-First Lady Michelle Obama



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CARTWRIGHT

SCHOOL DISTRICT #83



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Elementary School District #39

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LEARNING. COOPERATING. AND CARING.





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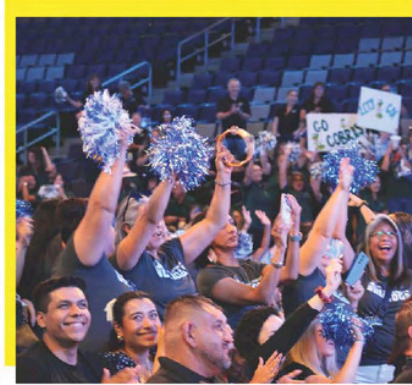


Back to School at ISAAC



Neighborhood Walk

On July 30th, we hosted our annual Isaac Neighborhood Walk, a tradition that started in 1990 to remind our community about the first day of school. Staff at each school site walk their respective neighborhood and place informative door hangers on houses. This walk serves as a symbol for new beginnings, and we're excited for the opportunities and learning that the new school year will bring!



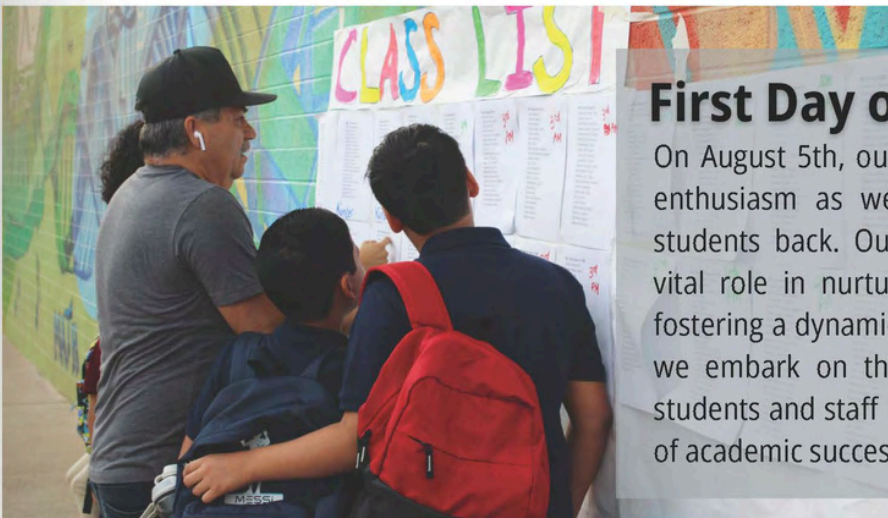
Back to School Rally

On August 1st, we welcomed our entire ISD staff for our annual Back to School Rally held at Grand Canyon University. This year's theme was "Empowering Every Voice" which reflects our commitment to fostering a collaborative and inclusive environment for all. Together, we are dedicated to student success and as we empower every voice within our district



Meet the Teacher Night

After a motivating rally, staff returned back to their school sites to greet students and families during Meet the Teacher night. Together, they visited classrooms, met teachers, and discovered the exciting programs and opportunities available to our students this year. The positive energy and enthusiasm were contagious, and we're so grateful for our strong ISD community.



First Day of School

On August 5th, our schools were filled with enthusiasm as we warmly welcomed our students back. Our dedicated staff plays a vital role in nurturing our community and fostering a dynamic learning atmosphere. As we embark on this journey, we send our students and staff heartfelt wishes for a year of academic success and growth.



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SANTA CRUZ VALLEY
Unified School District No.35
Educate Everyone Every Day

Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District No. 35 hosted its Welcome Back Event on August 2, 2024 for all faculty and staff. The event consisted of various activities that provided its attendees with a warm and energetic start to the 2024-2025 school year. Employees enjoyed a breakfast buffet provided by Sodexo, a fun photo booth with props, performances by the Rio Rico High School Hawx Dance Team and Marching Band, and inspiring speeches from Superintendent David Verdugo and various dignitaries.

SCV35 recognized outstanding faculty and staff from the 2023-2024 school year and their continuous and monumental efforts to provide extraordinary education to the district's youth. New employees were also individually introduced and welcomed to the district. SCV35 is especially grateful to their amazing sponsors (Santa Cruz County School Superintendent Office, Edward Jones Investments, International Medical Solutions, Grand Canyon University, and Meritain Health) who provided invaluable support before and throughout the event.

As we enter a new school year full of endless possibilities and opportunities, we encourage all to Educate Everyone Everyday and to go Above the Bar.





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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT





Tolleson Union High School District

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TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Barbership

Tucson Unified School District in partnership with local barbers and stylists offering free back-to-school haircuts to students.





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AZALAS *Rocks!*

Make it a great day!

Tracy Harris