

# THE FRIDAY FIVE

#BeABuffalo

Respect

Responsibility

Kindness

#Go Buffs

(February, 23, 2024)

"Spread love everywhere you go." -Mother Teresa

Click Here To See: [Tempe High Calendar](#)

Click Here To See: [Spring Sports Athletics Schedule](#)

## Upcoming Campus Events

Tuesday 2/27

VBaseball vs. Combs 4pm  
GTennis vs. Combs 3:30pm

Wednesday 2/28

VBaseball vs. MDN 4pm  
BTennis vs. Agua Fria 3:30pm

Thursday 2/29

BTennis vs. Cortez 3:30pm  
VSoftball vs. Eastmark 4pm

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday 2/28 4:30pm -  
7:00pm - Regular Early out  
Wednesday Schedule

Early out 12:30 pm Friday 3/1

"A Night at the Oscars"  
2023-24 Prom, Sponsored by  
the Class of 2025

April 13th 2024, 7:00 pm-10  
pm Garden Tuscanna 1940 E  
Main St. Mesa, AZ

Spring Break 3/11 - 3/22

Gear up!! -- [School Store](#)  
[Link--THS Gear](#)

## #1 STAFFING UPDATE

Buff Nation, we are nearing completion of the staffing and master schedule process. Currently our Department Leaders are putting the final touches on their department master schedules. BIG SHOUT OUT to our Department Leaders. They occupy an important step in the master schedule process developing iterations of their department schedules for administrative approval. In terms of staffing overages that existed in each department at the beginning of the process, we have developed solutions for each of these and have facilitated individual conversations with the staff members in play. We appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility within this process.

## #2 CAMPUS CLOSED OVER SPRING BREAK

Campus will be closed for both weeks during Spring break. Our Spring sports teams will be practicing over the break. What this creates is a perception that campus is open when it officially is not. If you enter campus over Spring break for any reason, you will run the risk of getting locked into campus along with your vehicle. We have instructed our Head Coaches to pull the gates shut when they are done with practice. If you have a unique need to access campus over break, please contact Mrs. Arredondo and or the Athletics office before we leave for break.

## #3 ACT ACTION PLANS

Teachers and PLCs, now that we have completed Horizon testing, there are some very specific next steps we would like for you to take. By now, all PLCs should have completed their item analysis. After this, we would like for you to develop somewhat of a new action plan based on new testing data. These expectations will be communicated over the next 2-3 PLC agendas moving forward. Department leaders have access to the Winter ACT data for all 9th/10th/and 11th grade students. For the Juniors specifically, their performance when compared to the Fall ACT practice assessment was flat and there were declines in some areas. It's important we re-align instruction between now and when we administer the real ACT in April. The decisions we make moving forward will be instrumental to the success of our campus this year.

## #4 SUPPORT FOR SPRING SPORTS/COACHES

We have added a new feature to the F5. We have added a sports calendar link for your easy access and review. The live link is located to the left, just below the Tempe High Event Calendar. We are excited to begin our Spring Sports regiment. Our students have been working hard and would appreciate seeing you at their games and events. Thank you in advance for supporting our student-athletes.

## #5 BUFFALO STUDENT ADVISORY GROUP (BAG)

Did you know? Last year Dr. Helm and Mr. Guliford created the Buffalo Advisory Group (BAG). We have engaged with this diverse group of students for some time now to glean a better perspective on student experience(s) on our campus. We have lots of qualitative feedback to share from the student vantage point. Know that we are currently working to transition the group into a Freshman student mentoring program for our incoming students. More information to come. Enjoy your weekend!

## PD SCHEDULE / ADVISORY PERIOD PLAN

Feb 28, 2024

- **WL: Topic: English Conventions: Use this Kahoot link to make a copy and play with your students.**  
**And**
- **Panorama Survey for select students who opted-in. (details coming soon)**

## ACADEMICS DEPT - Adam Johnson, [adjohnson@tempeunion.org](mailto:adjohnson@tempeunion.org) ext. 20103

Click [THIS FORM](#) to have a door sign made for your class

[#BeABuffalo Staff Recognition Link](#)

Reminders for next week:

- Please post grades weekly.

## ATHLETICS DEPT - Shelly Arredondo, [sarredondo@tempeunion.org](mailto:sarredondo@tempeunion.org) ext 20105

[#BeABuffalo Staff Recognition Link](#)

[Campus Safety Protocols](#)

- First week of Spring Sports
- Please remind your students about our lock down and fire drill classroom procedures

## ACTIVITIES DEPT -- Dave Morton, [dmorton@tempeunion.org](mailto:dmorton@tempeunion.org) ext.20107

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- Early out 12:30 pm Friday 3/1
- "A Night at the Oscars" 2023-24 Prom Sponsored by the Class of 2025 Saturday April 13th 7:00pm

## THE DEAN'S DEN -- Matt Smith, [mjsmith@tempeunion.org](mailto:mjsmith@tempeunion.org) ext. 20316

New Link for third quarter will be provided on Jan 2, 2024

[Discipline Workflow](#)

First off - please have a wonderful break and New Year!! Some facts and figures from Semester 1. Total MIRs - 610! 270 for Q1 and 340 for Q2. In addition, some info about Q2 for major incidents of drug use, defiance, fighting, weapons was a total of only 19 incidents with 0 for weapons or fighting. This is truly a result of the work done by our interventionist staff and our security staff in terms of preventing a number of situations from escalating. Well Done!!

## KATE'S BEHAVIOR SUPPORT -- Kate Helm, [khelm@tempeunion.org](mailto:khelm@tempeunion.org) ext. 20208

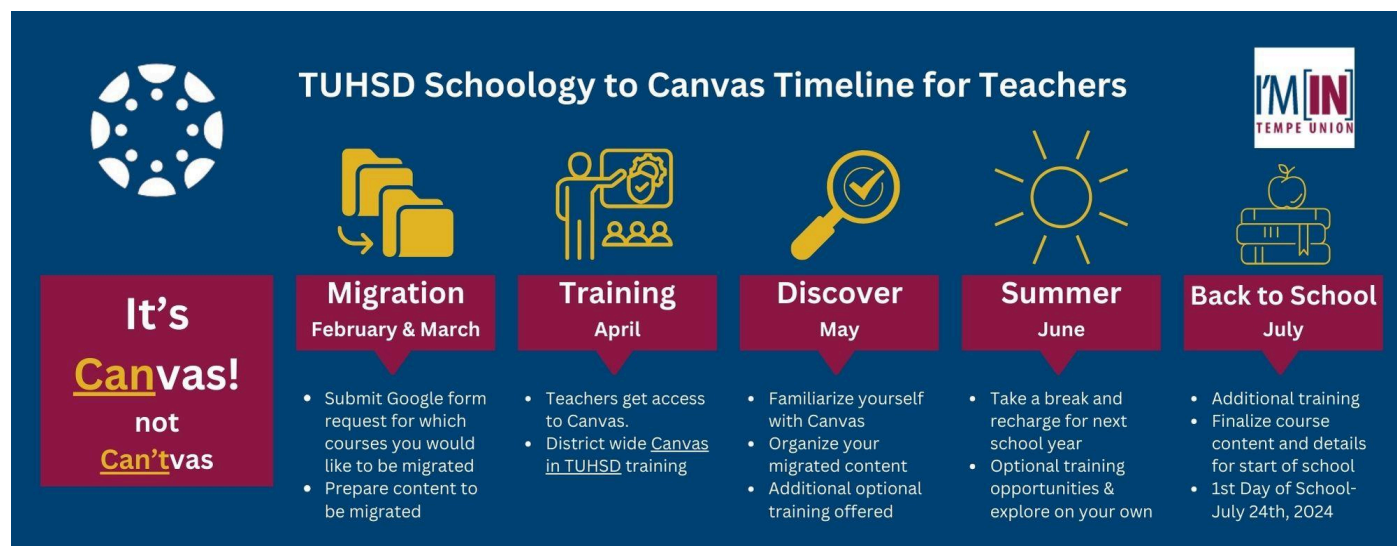
Big plans are in the works here in the Intervention world and we need your help!! Do you know any students who would make great peer mentors? Our Buffalo Advisory Group that Mr. Guliford mentioned above wants to create a freshman mentoring program to help our freshmen become more connected and successful here at THS. We are looking for student mentors who are committed to building a welcoming, positive, and dynamic campus culture by supporting our newest Buffaloes as they navigate high school. Lots of details still to be worked out so stay tuned.. In the meantime, if you have students you think would be great for this program, can you please give me their names via the Google form below? Also, if you have any interest in partnering with me in getting this group up and running, would love the help!! Have a great weekend!

<https://forms.gle/4YD7pEqzmyS2z2zm6>

## SARAH'S TECH CORNER -- Sarah Mael, [smauel@tempeunion.org](mailto:smauel@tempeunion.org) ext. 20412

Thank you for your kindness and patience as we get through the Canvas rollout together. 😊

Please continue to submit tickets, Google Chat, or email as you need anything. My in-person time on campus has been limited due to testing season and Canvas rollout. I apologize for that and will continue to do my best to assist you. 😊



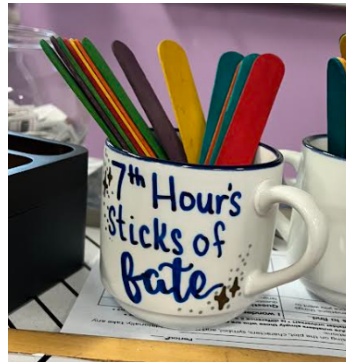
## Instructional Coach's Corner

Nicole Heiser  
E107



**Congratulations, Isabelle Chapman!**  
**She was recognized as TUHSD's 2nd Quarter**  
**Mentee as nominated by Tim Honan.**

*"Isabelle is an asset to our Biology PLC as she sets and upholds high expectations for her students. Within the PLC, she assumes a vital role, serving as an important member that keeps the group on track and ensures everyone remains focused. Isabelle's commitment to maintaining the highest standards is particularly evident in her approach to on-level Biology. Going beyond expectations, she excels in crafting engaging lesson designs and consistently seeks valuable resources from multiple veteran teachers and has even joined a pilot program to increase use of technology-based 3-dimensional science lessons. Isabelle's proactive attitude shines through as she reaches out for assistance and asks questions when needed, exemplifying her dedication to continuous improvement."*



Are you looking to refine the way you **Cold Call** students? Tayler Shuler's specially designed "**Sticks of Fate**" take Cold Calling to the next level. She can use them for grouping and has strategically color coded them for tiered questioning.



**Worksheets Don't Grow Dendrites!**

New to THS teachers and mentors were invited to learn what neuroscience says about how we learn best. Our brains need purpose, movement, music, and laughter...to name a few. Dr. Marcia Tate's practical strategies helped us learn more about how to ensure our students are learning to retain information with brain-compatible techniques.

**STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

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