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# May 2018 Newsletter

## Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday,  
May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30-7:30 P.M.**  
Kyrene District Office  
8700 S. Kyrene Rd.  
Tempe, AZ 85284

### **Spring General Meeting and Potluck**

Bring a dish to share and join us for a night of food and information about how to help your child transition smoothly to the next school year.

**Thursday, May  
24<sup>th</sup>**

### **Last Day of School**

Don't forget that the last day of school is a full day.

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## Meet Our Program Staff

**Hester Tupponce,  
Program Coordinator**



Hester has been with Kyrene for 12

**Tammy Whitaker,  
Program Coordinator**



Tammy was the NAPAC president for 5

years. She started as a Program Specialist in the Title VI program two years ago and is now a Program Coordinator. She focuses on Kyrene schools west of the I-10.

**Shannon Manuelito-Allison,  
Teacher**



Shannon has been a teacher with the Kyrene School District for 11 years. This is her second year working as a full time teacher for the Title VI Native American Program.

years. She started as a Program Specialist in the Title VI program and is now a Program Coordinator. She focuses on Kyrene schools east of the I-10.

**Erin Schroeder,  
Federal Programs Coordinator**



This is Erin's first year as Federal Programs Coordinator and is excited to work with our Title VI program and our Native American learners. Previously, she was a classroom teacher and most recently an Instructional Coach focusing on English Language Learners.

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## Announcements

### **KFRC Hours**

The Kyrene Family Resource Center will be open every Thursday during the summer, beginning with May 31<sup>st</sup>-July 12<sup>th</sup>. The hours of operation are 1:00-5:00 P.M.

### **Early Childhood Program**

Thrive to Five is funded by First Things First to provide family support services and community referrals to parents and/or caregivers of children aged birth to five years old.

Thrive to Five offers FREE educational programs to families and caregivers of children birth to five. They promote the understanding of early child development.

Thrive to Five offers families and caregivers diaper assistance, toy libraries, free books, dental screenings, development screenings, connections to local resources, and more!

Family Support Services are offered at the Kyrene Family Resource Center; for more information, contact Sue Hummell at (480) 541-1522 or [shummell@kyrene.org](mailto:shummell@kyrene.org) for more information.

### **506 Forms**

The Title VI office is currently auditing all of its files to ensure that all of our students' paperwork is complete. Please keep your eye out for any e-mails, phone calls, or paperwork regarding your child's participation in the program to ensure that he or she remains eligible.

### **Backpacks**

Check your child's backpack every day for homework, flyers and paperwork from the school.

### **Truancy**

If your child is going to miss school, make sure you call the school to let them know. After 5 unexcused absences or 19 excused OR unexcused absences, the student can be cited through the Juvenile Court with parent present.

### **Update Emergency Contact Information**

with your child's school when you move, change numbers, or have new emergency family contacts.

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## **Program Spotlight**

On Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, NAPAC had its annual end of the year BBQ at Kiwanis Park. It turned out to be a really nice event. Families had an opportunity to visit with one another and eat together. The children had a great time playing. The Title VI department recognized students with perfect attendance and grade point averages at or above 3.5. We want to send out a special thank you to all the families that attended the event and brought a food item to share.



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## Student Spotlight



Congratulations to Breanna Larney! Breanna is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Akimel A-al Middle School. She is being recognized for her achievement in both academics and athletics. Breanna has been on the honor roll for all three years in middle school. Not only has she maintained a high G.P.A., but she is also a member of the National Honor Society. Breanna also helped lead the Akimel volleyball, basketball, and softball teams to Varsity Championships this year. Good luck in high school, we know you will do awesome!

Parents: Do you have a student who is shining in or outside of school? Feel free to email [sallison@kyrene.org](mailto:sallison@kyrene.org) with a short write-up and photo so that we can feature your child in our next newsletter!

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## Early Childhood Connection

Early childhood, ages 0-5, is such a critical time for a little one's development. The emotional, social and physical development of young children has a direct effect on their overall development and on the adult they will become. That is why understanding the need to invest in your child is so important to maximize their

future well-being. Below is a list of some fun ideas to try with your child that helps them learn and grow. Have Fun!

Read a book or listen to music that reflect your home culture.

Go outside and count clouds with your child.

Talk about different emotions with your child. Then help your child make paper plate faces using the emotions.

Take a trip to the library to pick out books to read. Make a reading tent with a sheet when you get home.

Practice some yoga moves with your child.

**90% of a child's brain develops by age  
5!**



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## Native American Community Educational Resources

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| <b>Native Health</b>         | Same day appointments for Dentistry, Community Health and Wellness, Behavioral Health.<br><a href="http://www.nativehealthphoenix.org">www.nativehealthphoenix.org</a><br><b>602-279-5351</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>Phoenix Indian Center</b> | Phoenix Indian Center serves the American Indian community with culturally relevant youth services, language and cultural revitalization programs, education and workforce development.<br><a href="mailto:info@phxindcenter.org">info@phxindcenter.org</a><br><b>602-264-6768</b> |

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| <b>Gila River Indian Community</b>               | <p>The Gila River Indian Community is served by a number of departments that focus on community's needs such as housing, education, employment, property, healthcare, community service, public safety and more.</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@phxindcenter.org">info@phxindcenter.org</a><br/> <b>602-264-6768</b></p>                              |
| <b>Salt River Indian Community</b>               | <p>The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community envisions a balancing of the forces of economic development with the foundations of long-established Community values.</p> <p>10005 E. Osborn Rd<br/> Scottsdale, AZ<br/> <a href="http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov">www.srpmic-nsn.gov</a><br/> <b>480-362-7740</b></p>                                 |
| <b>Pascua Yaqui Indian Community</b>             | <p>The Division of Child, Family and Senior Services will strive to protect, assist and empower all tribal families by working together to build a resilient and thriving nation.</p> <p>9405 S. Avenida Del Yaqui<br/> Guadalupe, AZ 85283<br/> <a href="http://www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov">www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov</a><br/> <b>480-768-2000</b></p> |
| <b>Kyrene Family Resource Center</b>             | <p>School supplies, food, and clothing are available at the Kyrene Family Resources Center</p> <p>1330 E Dava Dr. Tempe, AZ<br/> <b>480-541-4772</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Scholarships for Native American Students</b> | <p>This website provides a comprehensive list of scholarships specific to Native American students and students of other minority backgrounds.</p> <p><a href="http://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships-for-minorities/">http://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships-for-minorities/</a></p>                          |

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**Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**