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# April 2018 Newsletter

## Upcoming Events:

**Thursday,  
April 26<sup>nd</sup>**

Kyrene de las  
Lomas  
11820  
S. Warner-Elliot  
Loop  
Phoenix,  
AZ 85044

### **Multicultural Night-Frybread Sale**

Come join us from 5:00-7:00 P.M. at Kyrene de las Lomas to celebrate different cultures from around the world. We will be selling frybread and Indian tacos to raise money for our Native American students.

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

District Office  
Board Room  
8700 S. Kyrene  
Rd.  
Tempe,  
AZ 85284

### **NAPAC General Meeting**

Come join us from 6:00-7:30 P.M. to discuss issues pertaining to our Native American students. Please bring a potluck style dish to share. We hope you can make it!

# Meet Our Program Staff

**Hester Tupponce,  
Program Coordinator**



Hester has been with Kyrene for 12 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.

**Tammy Whitaker,  
Program Coordinator**



Tammy was the NAPAC president for 5 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 Tuesdays 10 A.M.-5 P.M. and Thursdays 7:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M. It will also be open on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 A.M.-12 P.M. The KFRC is in need of donations! They are always accepting gently used children's clothing for school, new shelf ready food items, hygiene items, new socks and underwear, and school supplies. Donate on site on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **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**

The Title VI team have been working hard on some fun projects with our Native American Club students. We learned about Pueblo pottery, Native American basketry,

and Anishinaabe dream catchers. We've been having a good time trying to recreate our own versions of these crafts. The students are excited to complete their projects in order to take them home and share them with their families.



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## Student Spotlight



Our first featured student was nominated by her teacher, Nicholas Poveromo, at Pueblo Middle School. Our Title VI team is very proud of Amaya's talent and hard work.

An 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Pueblo Middle School, Amaya Peralta, has been learning how to use Photoshop in Mr. Poveromo's Multimedia class this school year. Students in this 8<sup>th</sup> grade class were presented with an opportunity to use their Photoshop skills to create an original work for a Doodle 4 Google competition. Students were required to create a graphic based on the following question: What inspires you? Amaya created a beautiful work that reflects a strong connection to her Yaqui tribe and culture. She worked on her graphic for several class periods over the course of several weeks and her completed image was entered into the Google competition. Mr. Poveromo isn't sure yet if Amaya's work was selected as a finalist, but as far as he's concerned, Amaya is a winner. Her graphic work is among the best Mr. Poveromo has seen this school year and speaks to the creativity and pride that Amaya has instilled in her digital art as well as her pride for her Native American culture.



Our second student spotlight was nominated by one of the Title VI staff members. Ethan Kee is a kindergarten student at Kyrene del Milenio. He is a member of the Navajo tribe.

Ethan's artwork was featured in the Young Artist Exhibit & Competition at the Tempe Arts Festival. We are very proud of Ethan. He is a great representation of the artistic talent that many of our Native American students possess.

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!

Have your child act out their favorite story.

Help your child look for squares at the store today. How many can they count?

Let your child play with a musical instrument, or make music by tapping a wooden spoon and cardboard box. Try tapping a single rhythm and have your child copy you.

Go for a walk and collect four flowers. Look at the stems, leaves and count the petals with your child.

Play music and dance to the beat with your child. Stop the music and have your child freeze.

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



## Native American Community Educational Resources

<b>Native Health</b>	<p>Same day appointments for Dentistry, Community Health and Wellness, Behavioral Health.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nativehealthphoenix.org">www.nativehealthphoenix.org</a>  <b>602-279-5351</b></p>
<b>Phoenix Indian Center</b>	<p>Phoenix Indian Center serves the American Indian community with culturally relevant youth services, language and cultural revitalization programs, education and workforce development.</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@phxindcenter.org">info@phxindcenter.org</a>  <b>602-264-6768</b></p>
<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>  <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          Scottsdale, AZ  <a href="http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov">www.srpmic-nsn.gov</a>  <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          Guadalupe, AZ 85283  <a href="http://www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov">www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov</a>  <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  <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.**