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February 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

Monday, February 19th	President's Day (Holiday) No School
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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

**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.

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**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.

**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.

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, February 24th from 9 A.M.-12 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 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 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.

Program Spotlight

On January 29th, our Kyrene School District Title VI department took 7th and 8th grade students from across the district to the RECHARGE conference at ASU main campus. The annual conference empowers Native American students to take charge of their education and invest in their futures and communities. The event included engaging activities and inspiring presentations from a variety of ASU schools, offices, and college students. The participating Kyrene students got to pick from several areas of interest and attend sessions devoted to that topic. The areas of interest the

students picked from were STEM, law, health and wellness, architecture & design, and business leadership. The students really enjoyed the experience. They not only got to learn more about a certain field of study, they also got to meet other Native American students from around Arizona.



Student Spotlight



Congratulations to Julia Bowen. She is from the Navajo Nation and is a 5th grader at Kyrene de la Colina. Julia was the spelling bee champion for Colina. She went on to represent her school at the Kyrene School District Spelling Bee. This was such a great honor for our Native American students and families. We are so proud of Julia!

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

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!

Practice naming all the letters in the word "February".

Have your child draw and write about working together. Talk about it and then hang on the refrigerator.

Create shapes with blue tape on your rug. Find objects around your house and have your child match them to these shapes.

Set a goal with your child to learn something together such as eating healthier or completing a puzzle. Write it down, learn, practice and celebrate your progress.

Fill a tub with sand, rice, water, or beans and provide different sized cups and/or spoons. Have your child dig, scoop, and dump.

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



Native American Community Educational Resources

Native Health	Same day appointments for Dentistry, Community Health and Wellness, Behavioral Health. www.nativehealthphoenix.org 602-279-5351
Phoenix Indian Center	Phoenix Indian Center serves the American Indian community with culturally relevant youth services, language and cultural revitalization programs, education and workforce development. info@phxindcenter.org 602-264-6768
Gila River Indian Community	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. info@phxindcenter.org 602-264-6768

Salt River Indian Community	The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community envisions a balancing of the forces of economic development with the foundations of long-established Community values. 10005 E. Osborn Rd Scottsdale, AZ www.srpmic-nsn.gov 480-362-7740
Pascua Yaqui Indian Community	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. 9405 S. Avenida Del Yaqui Guadalupe, AZ 85283 www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov 480-768-2000
Kyrene Family Resource Center	School supplies, food, and clothing are available at the Kyrene Family Resources Center 1330 E Dava Dr. Tempe, AZ 480-541-4772
Scholarships for Native American Students	This website provides a comprehensive list of scholarships specific to Native American students and students of other minority backgrounds. http://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships-for-minorities/

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