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January 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Events:

**Monday,
January 15th**

Martin Luther King Day (Holiday)
No School

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 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 A.M.- 5 P.M. In February, the hours will shift to Tuesdays 10 A.M.-5 P.M. and Thursdays 7:30 A.M.-2:30 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 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.

Program Spotlight

The NAPAC Holiday Party was held on December 16th, at Centennial Middle School. Once again, it was a hit! Many families came and enjoyed an evening of delicious food, fun, and laughter. Some of the exciting activities were a cake walk, raffles, and holiday crafts. We would like to thank the NAPAC Committee for providing and cooking the two hams and two turkeys and the other families that brought food for this wonderful event. It was a great way to wrap up 2017!



Student Spotlight



This month, our Student Spotlight comes from the Title VI department who wants to recognize two middle school students who have volunteered at several of our Title VI events.

Savanna Catha and Serenity Loretta are 7th grade students at Kyrene del Pueblo Middle School. Savanna is a member of the Hopi tribe and is also Navajo. Serenity is a member of the Navajo tribe. Both girls helped MC the Native American fashion show at the Youth and Family Event held at Aprende earlier this year. In the picture above, the girls were helping to run the Native American arts and crafts table at the Multicultural Fair at Kyrene de los Ninos.

Both girls have shown outstanding leadership qualities. They have taken on roles that are challenging and have put themselves outside their comfort zones. They both overcame and flourished at any job that was asked of them.

We are so proud of Savanna and Serenity for being good representatives of their tribes and their schools. They are developing into amazing student leaders!

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!

Have your child count the number of people and the number of animals in your house.

Help your child make bean bags with beans or rice and old small socks. Have your child practice tossing them into a basket.

Do a puzzle together with your child while listening to quite classical or Native American flute music.

Help your child collect items that start with the same sound such as /b/ (i.e. ball, button, boat, etc.) Name each one with your child.

Have your child help make hot chocolate. Let them stir, and count marshmallows to add to the top.

**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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