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# December 2017 Newsletter

## Upcoming Events:

**Sunday,  
December 10<sup>th</sup>  
10 A.M.-2 P.M.**

Guadalupe Mercado  
8212 S. Avenida del Yaqui,  
Guadalupe, AZ

### Guadalupe Community Christmas Party

Come join us for our Christmas celebration. It is open to everyone. Enjoy some amazing food and entertainment. A light Parade will follow at 6:00 P.M..

**Saturday,  
December 16<sup>th</sup>  
5-7 P.M.**

**Centennial Middle  
School**  
13808 S. 36<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Phoenix, AZ

### NAPAC Holiday Potluck Party

Come meet other families and enjoy a night of fun as we bring another wonderful year to a close. There will be arts and crafts for students and families to participate in.

**Friday, December  
22<sup>nd</sup>-Friday, January  
5<sup>th</sup>**

**Winter Recess**  
No School

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## News and Information

### Meet Our Program Staff!

Hester Tupponce, Program Coordinator

Tammy Whitaker, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> year working as a full time teacher For the Title VI Native American Program.



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.

## Announcements

### 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 Aprende Native American Club, in partnership with the other Kyrene Native American Clubs organized a Native American Youth and Family Event on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The different Native American Clubs across the district collected pet supplies to send to different animal organizations. The event featured a pet adoption, Native fashion show, dance demonstrations, arts and crafts, and other community organizations. It turned out to be an amazing success! We are so proud of our Native American students who took part in the event and shared their culture with others.





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## Parent Spotlight



Kyrene de la Colina Elementary had its first Native American parent volunteer for the Watch Dog program. His name is Justice Pewanno. His son is a fourth grade student. They are members of the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas. We are happy to see our Native American parents volunteer their time!

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!

After spending time away from your child, tell your child about your day. Ask your child about his/her day.

Try a new food from a different country.

Pop some popcorn together. Count how many kernels did not pop. Glue them on a page and number them together.

Make a necklace by threading o-shaped cereal on a string. Tape the string to a surface to secure it for threading.

Push ribbons into a narrow-neck bottle and pull it out again.

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## Native American Community Educational Resources

<b>Native Health</b>	Same day appointments for Dentistry, Community Health and Wellness, Behavioral Health. <a href="http://www.nativehealthphoenix.org">www.nativehealthphoenix.org</a> <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. <a href="mailto:info@phxindcenter.org">info@phxindcenter.org</a> <b>602-264-6768</b>
<b>Gila River Indian Community</b>	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. <a href="mailto:info@phxindcenter.org">info@phxindcenter.org</a> <b>602-264-6768</b>
<b>Salt River Indian Community</b>	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 <a href="http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov">www.srpmic-nsn.gov</a> <b>480-362-7740</b>
<b>Pascua Yaqui Indian Community</b>	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 <a href="http://www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov">www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov</a> <b>480-768-2000</b>
<b>Kyrene Family Resource Center</b>	School supplies, food, and clothing are available at the Kyrene Family Resources Center 1330 E Dava Dr. Tempe, AZ <b>480-541-4772</b>
<b>Scholarships for Native American Students</b>	This website provides a comprehensive list of scholarships specific to Native American students and students of other minority backgrounds. <a href="http://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships-for-minorities/">http://www.affordablecolleges.com/resources/scholarships-for-minorities/</a>

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