

# December 2016 Newsletter



## Title VI Native American Program

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Greetings Parents and Students:

We can't believe that the year is coming to an end. It has been a fantastic start to the school year. We have accomplished so much! Our program is really growing and we are working to serve more and more students in the district every day.

Please take note that we will have our NAPAC Holiday Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We would love to see you all there!

Regards,  
Title VI staff

## News and Information

### Like us on Facebook!



We are excited to share that we now have a Facebook page! We want to be able to keep Native families up to date on events, opportunities, and what the program is doing to empower our students culturally, socially, and academically every day.

Visit Facebook.com and search for Title VI Native American Program – Kyrene School District to 'like' our page!



## Upcoming Events

### Native American Art Contest Submissions Due

Submissions from 6th -8th graders, are due by December 5

### NAPAC Holiday Party

Friday 12/9 from 6pm to 8:30pm at Centennial Middle School in the Multipurpose Room

## Announcements

### CANNED FOOD DRIVE AT APRENDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Native American Club is having a canned food drive to gather food that will be distributed to Native families in need by the Phoenix Indian Center over the holidays.

### 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.

### VOLUNTEER

Classrooms and NAPAC are always looking for parents to volunteer with activities.

## Program Spotlight



The Native American Youth and Family Event at Aprende was such a blast! The Native American Parent Advisory Committee was present, making fry bread, and the Title VI Program got a chance to share a bit about what we do for the district. Attendees were able to watch hoop dances led by UNITY, martial arts routines, and music by a Native American artist. It was so great to see so many families come to mingle and learn more about the many resources available to them within the community.

## Student Spotlight

I have the pleasure of working with Natalia Brown in my K-5 group at Kyrene de los Lagos Elementary School. She is an extremely hard worker, always has a smile, and has really blossomed over the last couple years. When I am a little down, she comes bouncing into my classroom and seeing her smile brings a smile to my face and warmth to my heart. She recently told me of her heritage and belonging to the Pima Tribe. She also told me that her Great Great Grandfather, George Webb, had written a book about his life. I looked it up on Amazon and ordered a copy. I showed it to her and she was so excited, we started to read it. It's a little TOUGH for me as there are words in the Pima language! What I didn't tell her is that I had ordered her and the other little girl in my group each a copy. These pictures are the day they received their copies. I told her how important it is to keep her heritage and memories alive, so she can pass them on to her children. I have been blessed to have Natalia in my class and in my life.



## Native American Community & Educational Resources

**Native Health** 602-279-5351  
[www.nativehealthphoenix.org](http://www.nativehealthphoenix.org)  
Same day appointments for  
Dentistry, Community Health and  
Wellness, Behavioral Health.

**Phoenix Indian Center**  
[info@phxindcenter.org](mailto:info@phxindcenter.org)  
602-264-6768

**Gila River Indian Community**  
[infor@gilariver.org](mailto:infor@gilariver.org)  
mygilariver.com

**Salt River Indian Community**  
10005 E. Osborn Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ  
480-362-7740  
[www.srpmic-nsn.gov](http://www.srpmic-nsn.gov)

**Pascua Yaqui Indian Community**  
9405 S. Avenida Del Yaqui  
Guadalupe, Az 85283  
480-768-2000  
[www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov](http://www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov)

### Kyrene Family Resource Center

School supplies, food, and clothing  
are available at the Kyrene Family  
Resources Center 1330 E Dava Dr.  
Tempe 480-541-4772

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