

September 2016 Newsletter



Title VI Native American Program

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Greetings Parents and Students:

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing summer. We are very excited to get back to work. As you may have noticed, we've got a new name! We are now Title VI. This year, we have expanded our Title VI program and we now have our staff working at eleven schools in the district!

If you're familiar with our newsletter, you may remember that we sent one out each quarter last year. This year, we will be issuing a newsletter each month in order to keep our families in the loop throughout the year. We look forward to strengthening communication between the district, families, and community this year.

Regards,
Title VI staff

News and Information

Meet our New Program Staff!

Hester Tupponce, Program Coordinator **Becca Van Der Jagt, Program Coordinator**



Hester has been with Kyrene for 11 years. She started as a Program Specialist in the Title VI program last year and is now a program coordinator.



Becca has taught on the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota and in the Roosevelt School District in Arizona. She is now excited to be in a new role as program coordinator.

Shannon Manuelito-Allison, Teacher



Shannon has been with the Kyrene School District for 10 years. She is now a full time teacher for the Title VI Native American Program.

Tammy Whitaker, Program Specialist



Tammy was the NAPAC president for 5 years until all of her children graduated out of Kyrene. Now, she is the Program Specialist for the Title VI Program.

Upcoming Events

NAPAC General Meeting
September 15th, 5:30 - 8pm
@ Kyrene School District.
Bring your favorite dish to share!

Native American Youth and Family Event

Friday, November 4, 2016,
5:00-8:00pm @ Aprende
Canned goods will be collected here and then distributed over the holidays by the Phoenix Indian Center

Announcements

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.

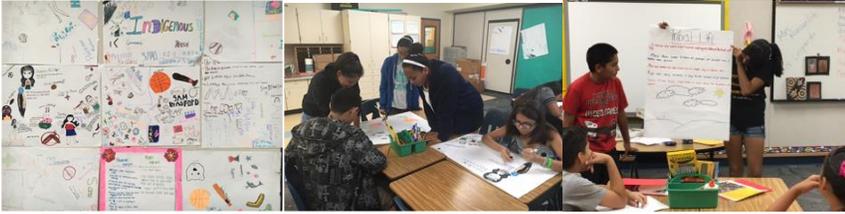
UPDATE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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. Any help is appreciated.

Program Spotlight



We had a wonderful experience working with 6th-8th grade Native American students at Kyrene de las Lomas this summer! Our theme for the summer was “Indigenous Cultures Around the World”. We learned about the Indigenous peoples of Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Japan, Norway, Kenya, Tanzania, and Brazil. With each new culture we presented, we had a hands on activity the students completed. It was amazing to see and hear the students make connections between their own Native American cultures and the new Indigenous cultures they learned about. We had fun making traditional Polynesian tapa clothes, aboriginal dot paintings, and traditional Ainu paper art, just to name a few of the activities completed. The last week of the program, we focused back on Native American tribal cultures. We also took some time to learn about famous Native Americans and their contributions and Native American code talkers. Overall, the Title VI summer program was a success and I feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to work with so many bright and talented young Native American students.

Student Spotlight

Hector Salinas: 3rd Grade at Ninos



Hector has a strong passion for learning. He always stays focused, always works hard to understand the content he was working on and always asks questions to clarify meaning if he doesn’t understand. These strategies have helped him in class. He is an absolute treasure. His smile makes others smile. It is so genuine and pure. Hector is a wonderful student.

Native American Community & Educational Resources

Native Health 602-279-5351
www.nativehealthphoenix.org
Same day appointments for
Dentistry, Community Health and
Wellness, Behavioral Health.

Phoenix Indian Center
info@phxindcenter.org
602-264-6768

Gila River Indian Community
infor@gilariver.org
mygilariver.com

Salt River Indian Community
10005 E. Osborn Rd
Scottsdale, AZ
480-362-7740
www.srpmic-nsn.gov

Pascua Yaqui Indian Community
9405 S. Avenida Del Yaqui
Guadalupe, Az 85283
480-768-2000
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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