

Native American Programs News

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Welcome to School Year 2012-2013

Let's get together & start the 2012-2013 school year with a blast!

- Share your favorite dish & sample others
- Meet new people
- Find out about upcoming events

DATE: Thursday, September 6th, 2012

TIME: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

LOCATION: 8700 S. Kyrene Road in Tempe

(Beverages will be provided)

Upcoming Events:

Phoenix Indian Center's Diné Bizaad
Classes starting August 25-December 15, 2012. Call 602.264.6768 for more information

Arizona Indian Education Association General Meeting on September 14 at Northern Arizona University's Native American Cultural Center- 9am to 12pm

2012 American Indian Youth Conference, October 29 & 30, 2012 at the Northern Arizona University main campus

American Indian Youth Scholarship deadline is September 7, 2012. Details about the scholarship can be found at : <http://aieacorp.org/>

American Indian Parent Institute next class session begins in October 2012

NAPAC- What is NAPAC? Why should I get involved?

NAPAC stands for Native American Parent Advisory Committee. This Committee is comprised of parents and/or guardians of Native American Students. They volunteer their time to represent their child's school and plan events on behalf of all Native American students to create community within the Kyrene School District. NAPAC meetings are held quarterly with scheduled fundraisers and holiday events throughout the school year. NAPAC welcomes new members at all events. NAPAC Board Members include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Parent Superintendent Council Representatives.

Good Reasons to become a NAPAC Board Member:

1. Create an academic environment for your children
2. Help plan activities such as fundraisers, holiday celebrations, academic /social events, etc...
3. Become knowledgeable about services and programs available in Kyrene
4. Personal interaction with other Native American parents

NAPAC elections will be held on September 2012

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Enrichment Leaders Highlight of 2011-2012 School Year:

The Enrichment Leaders at each school have different programs based on their school's needs. Currently, there are four enrichment leaders to help our students. One of the highlights of our program took place late April 2012.

The Kyrene del Milenio Native American Afterschool program had the opportunity to take the 4th and 5th grade Native American students on a field trip to Arizona State University (ASU) Tempe campus. The students really enjoyed meeting four Native American students who told them about life at ASU. They enjoyed making connections with the college students from their own tribes. There are several Native American organizations on campus that offer social, academic and community support. The American Indian Student Support Services (AISSS) Organization puts on activities, fundraisers and "club" socials.

We toured ASU and saw the Native American study rooms, the Science building with the Mars Rover, and



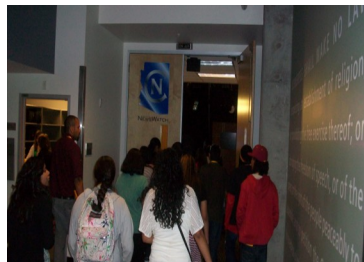
Milenio After school club takes a trip to ASU Tempe Campus

the Native American Museum on campus. The students were impressed with Hayden Library. After our tour we went to the annual ASU POW WOW on campus. What a great experience it was. The students enjoyed being there together and eating fry bread, and watching the different dancers. A fun time was had by all.

Centennial and Kyrene Middle Schools students at ASU

"The battle for Indian children will be won in the classroom, not on the streets or on horses. The students of today are our warriors of tomorrow."

*Eddie Box,
Southern Ute*



Students and staff at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism studio

Eighth grade students from Centennial Middle School and Kyrene Middle Schools participated with the Arizona State University's Recharge event hosted at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism downtown campus. The program was offered for 8th-10th grades from several middle schools and high schools around the state to allow the students to gain exposure to campus life and a multitude of majors available.

The visit included a question & answer session with current nursing and journal-

ism students with a visit to the campus news set. The tour then continued at the Heard Museum to hear from a local Native American artist Jacob Meders followed by a guided tour of the different exhibits.

"The students learned a lot and really enjoyed themselves," said Jennifer Dennis, Centennial Middle School's Prevention Specialist.

A Message From Gila River Healthcare Prevention Program

My name is Michael Rhinehart. I am a Prevention Education/Specialist with Gila River Health Care Prevention Program. I am excited for the opportunity to provide prevention services to your children this year. I would like take this time to share with you some of the unique services our program can offer to your schools.

Life Skills: Using the American Indian Life Skills curriculum students learn about healthier coping skills, decisions-making skills, and stress management.

Training: A variety of training programs are available

to educate staff about suicide intervention, drug trends, and bullying prevention.

Mental Health Screenings: Students are screened, using Teen Screen (a best-practiced program), for depression, suicide risk, and substance abuse risk.

Last school year the Native American Program and Gila River Healthcare completed two prevention programs for the middle school students at Centennial and Kyrene Middle schools.

Words from NAPAC Alumni members

I am thankful that NAPAC introduced us to other Navajo families as they have become family and good friends here in the Phoenix area. Thanks also to NAPAC for the help in introducing our children of the different American Indian stories, crafts, traditions and much eating. Now that we have moved on to high school we certainly do miss Kyrene and NAPAC. If we are not too busy we will continue to support NAPAC in its fund raising efforts.

- RJones

NAPAC has opened my eye to the impact they have provided to our community. NAPAC has welcomed my family with open arms and has assisted many with funding request for educational programs. I've seen a committee that has provided every effort, commitment and idea—big or small— to create changes and educate our youth”

-Melvina Begay,

2011-2012 NAPAC Secretary

“Tell me and I’ll forget

Show me, and I may not

remember

Involve me and I’ll

understand”

- Author unknown

A huge “Thank You” to our 2011-2012 NAPAC Board! Thank you for a successful school year!



The Hoop of Learning Program

The Hoop of Learning Program is a program designed to provide educational opportunities for Native American students in high school 9th through 12 grades to earn college credit.

Program Goals & Objectives:

- Native American Students will attend both high school and college concurrently
- Prepare to enter college with mini-session on different topics throughout the year
- Can complete college credits during the school year
- Can receive tutoring, student services support and learning assistance for participants
- Parents receive support through

American Indian Parent Institute and information sessions

As a parent how can I prepare my middle school student for the program?

- Good Attendance— make sure your students attend school
- Check your child’s grades on a regular basis & develop a rapport with his/her teachers
- Complete homework assignments.
- Spend time talking over the school day everyday

New Session coming Fall 2012

Call 480-731-8546 for more information

Maricopa Community Colleges

American Indian Parent Institute

Provided by the Office of American Indian Early Outreach Programs a Division of Academic & Student Affairs

The mission of the Parent Institute is to provide American Indian parents and families with the tools and resources needed to support and guide their students toward a college degree.

WEEK 1

College and career choices for your student

WEEK 2

Paying for your child’s college finances

WEEK 3

College readiness and preparation

WEEK 4

How to support your child academically

WEEK 5

How to help your child set goals for themselves



Parents who attend the minimum required workshops may be eligible to receive a three credit tuition & books scholarship to attend one of the Maricopa Community Colleges!

Two Workshop Options!

Wednesday Workshops:

July 25th - August 22nd
5:30pm to 6:30pm

Phoenix Community College
1202 W. Thomas Road
Phoenix, AZ 85013

Saturday Workshops:

July 28th - August 25th
10am to 11am

Guadalupe Mercado
9201 S. Avenida del Yaqui
Guadalupe, AZ 85283

REGISTER TODAY!

For more information or to register, please contact:

Esther Molina
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The college of you.

The Maricopa County Community College District is an EEO/AA institution.

Check this out!

JCPenney Salons are currently offering free haircuts to students K-6th grades by appointment.

Call 1-855-JCP-Kids for location and detail information.

Don't forget to Sign up for our Newsletter & get the latest news and information about the Native American Programs

McKinney-Vento Act
Are you or do you know any families that are homeless?

Who is considered homeless?

Students who are in temporary housing situations due to hardship. This may include:

- Families living in shelters, hotels, parks, cars, or other situation where the "night residence" is not designed for permanent housing
- Families living in inadequate housing (i.e. No running water, etc.)
- Families who are double bunking with another family/individual due to hardship.

Students that are considered homeless may receive the following services:

- Immediate Enrollment
- Referral to Support Services
- Free breakfast and lunch
- Transportation

For more information please call Amanda Hamm at 480-541-1520

Thrive to Five Program

Thrive to Five wants to ensure all children five and under are ready to succeed in school. This program is a project of Communities in commitment to Schools of Tempe and Kyrene and is funded by First Things First provide family support services to parents and/or caregivers of children aged birth to five year old.

Thrive to Five offers classes such as messy time, brain time, ready to read, kinder prep and many more.

All services are free and available to families living: Ahwatukee, Tempe, Guadalupe and Chandler. Contact Amanda Nosbisch at 480-541-4772 for more information.

August Dates for Thrive to Five Program

Site	Date	Day	times	Class Name	Notes:
Colina	16-Aug	Thursday	8:30am-11:00am	Positive Discipline	3 week series (1/3)
KFRC	16-Aug	Thursday	9:30am - 12:00pm	Kinderprep	3 week series (1/3)
Lagos	22-Aug	Wednesday	9:00am-11:30am	Kinderprep	ongoing
Colina	23-Aug	Thursday	8:30am-11:00am	Positive Discipline	3 week series (2/3)
KFRC	23-Aug	Thursday	9:30am - 12:00pm	Kinderprep	3 week series (2/3)
KFRC	23-Aug	Thursday	5:00-7:30pm	Positive Discipline	6 week series (1/6)
Colina	24-Aug	Friday	8:30am-10:30am	Mini Mozarts	3 week series (1/6)
Lagos	29-Aug	Wednesday	9:00am-11:30am	Kinderprep	ongoing
					3 week series (3/3)
Colina	30-Aug	Thursday	8:30am-11:00am	Positive Discipline	END
					3 week series (3/3)
KFRC	30-Aug	Thursday	9:30am - 12:00pm	Kinderprep	END
KFRC	30-Aug	Thursday	5:00-7:30pm	Positive Discipline	6 week series (2/6)
Colina	30-Aug	Thursday	5:45pm-8:00pm	Pediatric Therapy	
Colina	31-Aug	Friday	8:30am-10:30am	Mini Mozarts	3 week series (2/6)

CONFERENCE INFORMATION



SAVE THE DATE

SRPMIC

5th Annual Disabilities Conference
TALKING STICK RESORT & CASINO



Attention Disability Vendors and Disability Organizations. We are currently accepting Exhibitor Registrations on a first come first serve basis. \$50 per table/conference registration for non community members is \$25.00

(FREE For SRPMIC Members)

Where: Talking Stick Resort & Casino

9800 East Indian Bend
Scottsdale, AZ

When: August 24, 2012

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Who Should Attend

* People with Disabilities * Family, friends, & caregivers of people with disabilities * Professionals who work with individuals with disabilities

For more information contact Rudy Buchanan

At 480 577-5780 or via email
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C.O.I.N. Group & Youth Services Department



Gila River Healthcare

Ak Chin Health Clinic

48203 W. Farrell Road in Maricopa

Phone: 520-568-3881

Komatke Health Center

17487 S. Health Center Drive in Laveen

Phone: 520-550-6000

Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital

483 Seed Farm Road in Sacaton

Phone: 620-528-1200

Services:

- Medical, Dental, Behavioral Health, Optometry Services, Podiatry, ER and more

Eligibility Requirements:

- AHCCCS
- Photo ID
- Proof of Insurance
- Certificate of Indian Blood or Tribal Identification ID

Call for more information

Kyrene Family Resource Center

The Kyrene Family Resource Center is a joint effort between the Kyrene School District and the Kyrene Foundation which provides our needy families access to resources which meet their basic needs. These include: food, clothing, shelter resources
Location: 1330 East Dava Drive, Tempe 85283 on the campus of Kyrene de los Ninos. (in the brown building next to the park)
Call 480-541-4772 for more information.

Year Round Initiatives:

Food Boxes with Hygiene Kits

Gently Used Clothing Items

School Supplies

Health and Wellness

Annual Initiatives:

Backpacks for Students

Dress for School

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Winter Wonderland

Wishes Come True

Summer Activity Packs

Native Health

4520 N. Central Ave, Suite 620 in Phoenix

Phone: 602-279-5262

Office Hours: 7am to 3pm

Monday through Friday

Services:

- Well Women, men and children check ups
- Family planning
- Podiatry Clinic
- Prenatal Care
- Laboratory testing
- School and sport physicals
- Diabetes Management
- Optometry

