

APRIL 2024 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Hours of Operation: M - F 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Technology Center Hours:
M - F 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
(Please enter through the Education Department Front Door)

LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL!

SES - Tuesday, June 4th

MCSD - Wednesday, June 5th

LCSD - Friday, June 14th

CCSD - Friday, May 24th

PLHS - Thursday, May 23rd

In this newsletter you will find:

Education Director's Monthly Report, Staff Updates, Upcoming Events, Resources, and more. Keep Reading!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2024

Spring has sprung! This past month, we accomplished quite a bit by onboarding our newest Education Specialist, Aimee Johnson. I am very happy to have her on board to assist with daily duties and logistics for all of our programs and services. Involving my staff through professional development and cross-training skills is key to making us successful and impactful in assisting students of all ages. Educational and career readiness skills are nearly limitless with our ever-changing technologies and advancement, so having our staff educated on several opportunities is important. Here are a few other meetings that I have attended within this past month to enhance our programs and services as well as future collaborations:

- Mar. 19: I presented new Adult Vocational Training and Enrichment applicants to the Board of Education meeting. Two (2) AVT applicants and one (1) Enrichment applicant were approved for funding.
- Mar. 20: I attended the monthly NYCP Coaches meeting with the RMC Research Team to review the annual data reporting due for NYCP. We discussed adjustments to fit the needs of students and guardians participating in the post-survey forms for college camps/events.
- Mar. 25-28: Our Education staff members attended the 2024 Indian Education Summit at the University of Reno, Nevada.
- Apr. 1: Submitted proposal for IMLS Enhancement Grant \$150,000.00 (2024-2025)
- **April 2-4**: Our Education staff members hosted and facilitated the spring break events entitled *Walkabout in Paiute Country*.
- Apr. 9-10: Education staff attended a two-day online training on moving through grief and loss hosted by the Native Wellness Institute to learn skills and strategies for dealing with various types of grief and loss situations for youth and adults.
- **Apr. 16:** I attended the MCSD meeting to hear feedback and recommendations for transitioning to a 4-day school week at SES. The recommendation is to remain a 5-day school week for the 2024-25 school year.
- Apr. 17: Our NYCP Coaches and I attended the YHS Native American Club meeting and shared information on signing up for the summer college camps, NYCP, and Education Department activities.
- Apr. 18: Hosted Cultural Movie Night at the Schurz Tribal Gym showing the film Slash/Back. The Board of Education held a food fundraiser to contribute to graduates end of the year gifts and ceremony supplies.

Summertime is approaching quickly, and our staff will be busy preparing and planning for college camps/tours, as well as organizing other events for youth to attend and participate!

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Education Department Deadlines for Programs

Higher Education Grant
(Including Agai Dicutta Scholarship)

Aug. 1st (FALL), Dec. 1st (SPRING)



Adult Vocational Training

Dec. 1st, Mar. 15th, Jun. 15th, and

Sept. 15th.



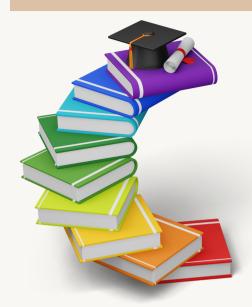
Enrichment Program

Dec. 1st, Mar. 15th, Jun. 15th, and
Sept. 15th.



For more information about Higher Education Grant, Agai Diccutta Scholarship, the Adult Vocational Training and Enrichment program, please contact our office or email educationdirector@wrpt.org.





The end of the school year is coming up, so it is time to buckle down!

NYCP Coaches will be expanding assistance with tutoring sessions through the end of the school year!

ADDITIONAL TUTORING SESSIONS AND TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS RESIDING IN SCHURZ:

- Pick up on Monday's and Wednesday's at 3:00 p.m. at YHS/YIS
- Return to the Education Department by 3:30 p.m.
- Tutoring from 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
- Transport home at 4:30 p.m.
- Snacks will be provided!

Please get in touch with Education Department for sign-ups!

REGULAR TRANSPORTATION BY NYCP COACHES AVAILABLE FOR YIS/YHS STUDENTS (RESIDING IN SCHURZ & YERINGTON):
TUES. & THURS. - DEPART SCHOOLS AT 4:00 P.M.
CONTACT NYCP COACHES TO SIGN UP
FOR TUTORING TRANSPORTATION!







Schurz Elementary School



Our Education Specialist, Aimee Johnson, will be assisting part-time to Schurz Elementary School (SES) tutoring sessions on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's each week and providing mentorship to students for the remainder of the school year as well as during Summer Enrichment activities for SES.

Photos From SES 3rd Qtr. Awards Assembly





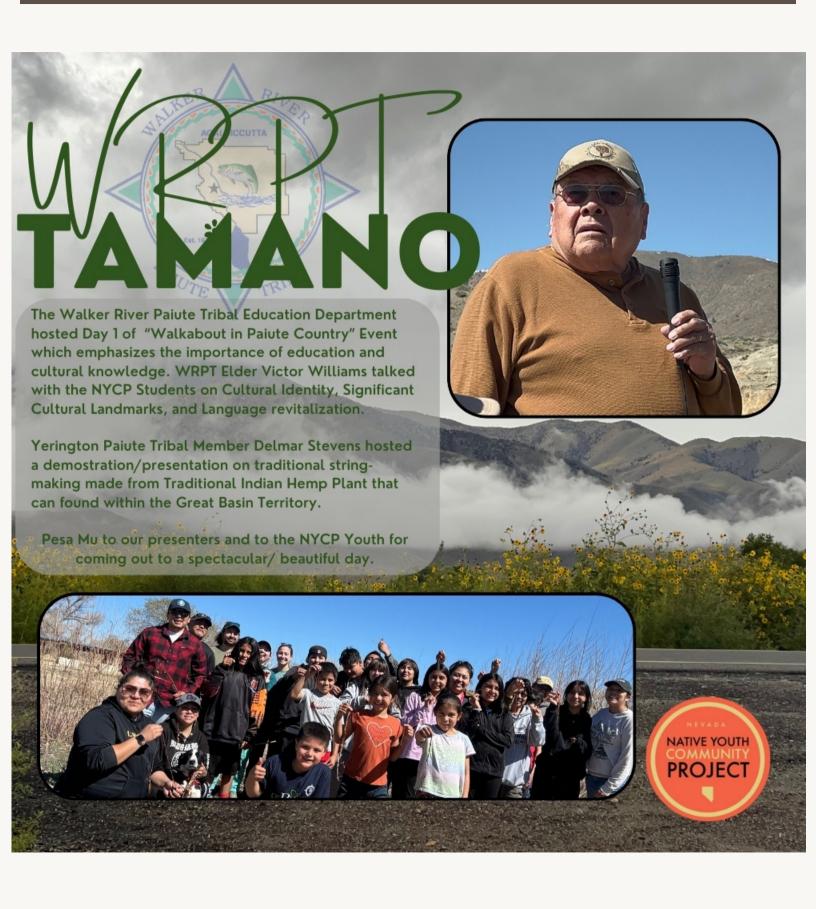


Way to go Eagles!





WALKABOUT IN PAIUTE COUNTRY SPRING BREAK DAY 1 BREAK DOWN



WALKABOUT IN PAIUTE COUNTRY SPRING BREAK DAY 2 BREAK DOWN

NYCP PROGRAM

WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE AGAI PANUNADU

Day-2 "Walkabout in Paiute Country"
The NYCP Students traveled to Walker Lake (Agi Pah), Nevada (south of the WR Reservation). Walker River Paiute Elder James "Jimmy" Nez talked about his life and growing up on the reservation. He also talked about the old people and how paiute people used to live. He talked about different cultural landmarks and the history behind their traditional names.

Next the NYCP Students heard from Paiute Language Teacher Esha Hoferer on the importance of continuing to learn the language in today's world.

NYCP Instructors Dawna Jackson and Belinda Hooper also talked about the importance of Education and how their positions can help them when they are back in school.

Walker River Education Department would like to thank all the volunteers and speakers for coming out on Day-2 of our Expedition.





WALKABOUT IN PAIUTE COUNTRY SPRING BREAK DAY 3 BREAK DOWN

NYCP PROGRAM

DOI-DUKADU

Day-3 - Doi-Dukadu Expedition:
The NYCP Students final day of the
"Walkabout in Paiute Country" concluded
in Fallon Nevada visiting the Churchill
County Museum. From there the students
traveled 15miles east of Fallon to the
traditional cultural site of the Toi-Dicutta
People. The Students were able to
explore Hidden Cave and the traditional
area "Sand Mountain." Thank you NYCP
Students for an awesome 3-Day Trip!









PHOTOS FROM SPRING BREAK



Youth hiking up the ridge near White Mountain



E'Sha Hoferer presenting on his own livedexperience of college and finding his career



Listening to James "Jimmy" Nez, Victor Williams Sr. do story-telling by Walker Lake



Petroglyph along Hidden Cave Trail



Group Picture near Walker Lake



NYCP Coaches facilitating higher education activitity with youth group

MORE PHOTOS FROM SPRING BREAK



Victor Williams Sr. storytelling at White Mountain



Youth learning how to do string-making using sinew from willow



James "Jimmy" Nez, Victor Williams Sr. and Marie Williams sharing stories by Walker Lake



Learning about environmental programs in college



Youth members lining up for lunch!



NYCP Coaches facilitating daily reflection activitity with youth group

MORE PHOTOS FROM SPRING BREAK



Youth hiking up to Hidden Cave with trail guide







Sara Twiss explaining the makings of tobacco ties



(L-R) At the Churchill County Museum, youth hold examples of a historic weapon: Example of historic weapon found in Hidden Cave.



Youth examining inside Hidden Cave



Dean Tonenna explaining the surrounding environment at Hidden Cave trails

Education Staff attending the 2024 Indian Education Summit



(L-R) Aimee Johnson, Sara Twiss, Fredina Drye-Romero, and Dawna Jackson

The Education Department staff attended the annual 2024 Indian Education Summit at the University of Nevada Reno along with other tribal education program coordinators, school administrators, district leads, and tribal leaders from across Nevada. During Tribes Day, representatives discussed in-depth strategies to utilize data effectively for native students and reevaluate tribal consultation processes with stakeholders. Information was shared about the Nevada Curriculum Enhancement Project, a project designed to create and elevate culturally-based curriculum in public schools. Presentations were given from the Nevada Department of Education, Nevada Indian Commission, the National Native Children's Trauma Center, and the Western Educational Equity Assistance Center at WestEd. There were various breakout sessions Including identity-seeking in the classroom, trauma-informed practices, and the importance of language and culture. Lastly, the Education Department collectively presented on the Native Youth Community Project program before interested attendees wanting to know more about the 3 C's: Collaboration, College, and Career Readiness.



Aimee Johnson and Chairwoman Martinez participate in an exercise demonstrating the effects of absenteeism and resources for support for native students.

ARTICLES BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAFF



Education Department staff travel attend online Moving Through Grief and Loss training hosted by **Native Wellness Institute**

Moving Through Grief and Loss training with the Native Wellness Institute - It taught me about the different types of grief a person can go thought, how each and every one of us go through grief and loss. It can look different and be different for everyone. Along with that I got to listen to everyone's different stories during our group discussion and it really helped me grow more to understand people and their situation, to be more compassionate and understanding. We also got into the topic and strategies of healing from these things. We all have different way we move through grief and loss. We got to share with each other how we move through our own grief and loss. We find what works for us. To take time to make sure we're taking care of ourselves. The way I can use what I've learned from this training is to meet someone where they are mentally and emotionally. Teaching is important, while also exercising emotional Intelligence.

-Submitted by Aimee Johnson, Education Specialist

The Native Youth Community Project (NYCP) Coaches attended a ZOOM Training on Tuesday, April 9th, and Wednesday, April 10th, 2024, with the Native Wellness Institute (NWI). This training was presented and facilitated by Theda New Breast, Board of Directors, Thomas Amaya, Facilitator, Shalene Joseph, Project Coordinator and Josh Cocker, Project Coordinator. The training was on "Moving Through Grief and Loss". During the sessions we were able to focus on letting go of what was being held inside ones-self. In the discussions of "Stages of Grief", "The Power of Letting Go", and "Breathing Exercises", we implemented various practices and techniques to better understand the grief and loss process. The knowledge on what was being taught, we as the NYCP Coaches will have the tools and skills to better assist our youth to have a positive outcome in their educational career. -Submitted by NYCP College & Career Coaches

IN THE WORDS FROM JOSH COCKER, PROJECT COORDINATOR, "GRIEF IS A FRIEND AND ONE WORTH LEARNING FROM AND PAYING ATTENTION TO."



Walker River Paiute Tribe

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WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE Board of Education Notice of one (1) Vacancy

The Board of Education comprises five (5) members who serve staggered terms per resolution WR-77-99. There is one (1) vacancy.

Any parent/legal guardian of Indian children in school or whose children are eligible for programs the Walker River Paiute Tribe participates in or is a resident of the local reservation; or any person living on the Walker River Paiute Reservation who has a sincere interest in upgrading and becoming involved in educational opportunities for all tribal and community members.

You may pick up an application from the Education Department or from the Executive Secretary at the Administration Building M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or email zgonzales@wrpt.org.

ONE (1) vacancy to stay open for thirty (30) days. The Board members meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Please request the Board of Education Constitution & Bylaws for more information.

POSTED 04/01/2024 Tribal Administration, Clinic, Community Center, Post Office, FourSeasons Market

The Board of Education shall ensure and promote the best possible educational opportunities for all members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, as well as all community members.

NYCP SUMMER COLLEGE CAMPS/TOURS!

The Education Department NYCP Program is currently taking two groups of Native students ages 7th-12th grade - one to UNLV Native Youth College Camp and one to UNR LEAD Camp. Please read through the overviews below for each one and contact the Education Department if you have a student interested in attending. (Refrain from registering using the links on the flyer - the Education department receives promos by registering as a group rather than as individual students.)

All students who want to participate MUST notify the NYCP program staff by <u>Friday</u>, <u>May 3rd at 5:00 p.m.</u> (If your student is not signed up for NYCP, we can help with the application and get them signed up for the college camps!)

Contact for Sign-ups:

Sara Twiss, Education Director educationdirector@wrpt.org 775-773-2306 x2160

Aimee Johnson, Education Specialist ajohnson@wrpt.org 775-773-2306 x2162

Dawna Jackson, NYCP College & Career Coach djackson@wrpt.org 775-773-2306 x2163

Belinda Hooper, NYCP College & Career Coach bhooper@wrpt.org 775-773-2306 x2161





NYCP SUMMER COLLEGE CAMPS/TOURS!

UNLV Native Youth College Camp Dates: Monday, June 24th - Friday, June 28th. This camp provides Native American students (7th-12th Grade) with a unique and fun college and career readiness experience. Students will explore the campus, learn about various degree programs, meet other Native youth from across the country, enjoy off-campus tours, including the Springs Preserve and tribal-owned Palms casino, and learn about tribal hospitality, Indian gaming, Indian Law, and STEAM programs.



NYCP SUMMER COLLEGE CAMPS/TOURS!

UNR LEAD 2024 program dates: Sunday, July 7th - Saturday, July 13th

This is a one-week immersive experience where high school students live in the residence halls on campus at the University of Nevada, Reno, and explore college life. LEAD provides an opportunity for Indigenous students to prepare for college and learn how to navigate the academic, social, financial, and cultural aspects and opportunities in higher education. Throughout the week, the students will experience multiple subject areas, including business, cultural resources, STEM, and many more, to help them decide when considering college.



LEAD is a one week immersive experience where high school students live in the dorms and explore campus and college life. This includes learning about how to prepare for college and navigate the academic, social, financial and cultural aspects and opportunities of being a student at the University of Nevada, Reno.

2024 SUMMER PROGRAM DATES: SUNDAY, JULY 7TH - SATURDAY, JULY 13TH, 2024

To submit an application for the program, go to https://www.unr.edu/indigenous-relations/lead and download the "Program Application".

Email the completed application to sjpollard@unr.edu.

<u>Deadline to submit applications is Monday, May 6th.</u>
This program has a participant limit and priority will be given to high school juniors and seniors.

Chaperones are needed for this program.

To sign up to be a chaperone, email sjpollard@unr.edu for Fingerprinting information. Fingerprinting needs to be completed 8 weeks prior to the start of the program.

Questions? Email Sequoyah Pollard at sjpollard@unr.edu









4-H CAMP - DISCOVER YOUR PATH - UNR/LAKE TAHOE CAMP

UNR Extension Program presents Discover Your Path Summer Camp Monday, Jul 29 - Friday, Aug 2, 2024

Discover Your Path! is a camp for high school aged students who want to explore different degrees and opportunities. The camp will be at the 4-H camp in beautiful Lake Tahoe. Students will have three full days of hands-on activities emphasizing college preparation.

CONTACT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR SIGN-UPS!



UPCOMING EVENTS FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:



S Our Future, Our Earth - Earth Day Activities

We received starter plants from J&K LLamas Landscape & Nursery for this event!

Education staff members will have educational lessons and giveaway plants for spearmint, peppermint, sweet mint, rosemary, and strawberries! Thank you Cynthia Oseguera from Environmental Department for providing a budget for these items. Also shout out to Kendal Hope Williams for providing apricot tree starters from her home garden for this event!

Schurz Elementary School will have two student-led science stations

(K-3) Station #1 - Plants Need Water and Light - Grow plants in a jar DIY

(4th-6th) Station #2 - Water Cycle - Cloud in a Bottle DIY

. The Great Basin Conservancy from Yerington, NV will also be tabling this event and bringing plant giveaways!

(Pesha kamma!) (GOOD EATS!) A tasty meal will be provided for attendees including rice, pinto beans and squash bowls, and some hearty black-eyed peas and cabbage soup! Thank you to the *Indigenous Educators Empowerment* for providing a budget for the food!

The Education Department is receiving donations of garden supplies/decor for the raffle!

UPCOMING EVENT FOR NYCP YOUTH AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

The Walker River Paiute Tribe Education Department presents

ZUYA: MY LIFE'S JOURNEY A NATIVE ARTIST A PRESENTATION AND PERFORMANCE BY FRANK WALN





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Saturday, May 18 | 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Schurz Tribal Gym | 1127 Cottonwood Ln. Schurz, NV 89427

Frank Waln is a Sicangu Lakota music artist, public speaker and educator from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Audio Arts & Acoustics from Columbia College Chicago, where he was recognized for his outstanding commitment to civic engagement with the prestigious Mayor's Award for Civic Engagement when he graduated in 2014. Frank Waln also holds a BA in Lakota Art & Culture from Sinte Gleska University. Frank Waln has appeared on MTV, CNN, NPR and ESPN for his diverse and impactful work.

Motivational Talk | Live Performance | Q&A | Meet & Greet | FOOD!



Please Register Here! Event will also be available via Zoom!



Hosted by the Education Department

CONTACT EDUCATION FOR ANY QUESTIONS
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<u>Next MCSD Board meeting will be at Arlo K. Funk District</u> <u>Services Center: 751 A Street, Rm. 23, Hawthorne, NV on</u> <u>Wednesday, Apr. 24, 2024.</u>

PAIUTE LANGUAGE BOWL 2024

The Education Department is coordinating with Schurz Elementary School and Paiute Language Instructor, E'Sha Hoferer, to help transport youth teams to participate in the annual Paiute Language Bowl!

COME AND SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!



Paiute Language Bowl May 24, 2024

TIME: 10:00 am

LOCATION: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Gym

Join us in celebrating the achievements our students have made in their Paiute language classes with a friendly competition. The Language Bowl is an opportunity for our students to encourage each other in preserving and revitalizing the Paiute language.

Contact: Fawn Hunter, Native American Culture & Education Program Coordinator

Fawn.Hunter@washoeschools.net

775-789-4672









WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE OUR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS PUTTING A CALL OUT FOR ALL GRADUATES!

The Education Department of the Walker River Paiute Tribe is putting a call out for all 2023-2024 Native graduates' information.

Please complete the survey link form if you/someone in your family is graduating from 8th grade, High School, a GED program, or graduating from a post-secondary institution. (This includes those completing a program in the Fall 2023 semester.) We'd also like to include those who are home-schooled/online students who are within these grade levels.



Use the QR Code here to direct you to the link: Be sure to complete a separate form for each student.

Responses deadline was extended to May 15, 2024.

This information is collected for our end-of-the-year honoring ceremony, data collection, and can help support Native students by providing them with educational and career resources, as well as expanding student outreach to establish service-learning opportunities, professional development, and alumni networks specific to Native students.



If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Sara Twiss, Education Director, at 775-773-2306 ext. 2160, or email education director@wrpt.org.