



WRPT Education Department Newsletter



The Walker River Tribal Library started its read-a-loud activity for the Agai Dicutta Elder Center this week. Kylie Harry, Communal Librarian Specialist read *A Council of Dolls* by Mona Susan Power to the group as they colored.

Contact Education Department

Communal Library Specialist: Scheduled Hours

Monday - 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Weds. - 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We are renovating the library space, so please call ahead of time.

REGULAR HOURS OF OPERATION:

M-F 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

TECHNOLOGY CENTER (OPEN TO PUBLIC):

M-F 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

(Please enter through Education Entrance)

Phone Number:

775-773-2306

Sara Twiss, Education Director Ext. 2160

Aimee Johnson, Education Specialist Ext. 2162

Belinda Hooper, NYCP College & Career Coach Ext. 2161

Dawna Jackson, NYCP College & Career Coach Ext. 2163

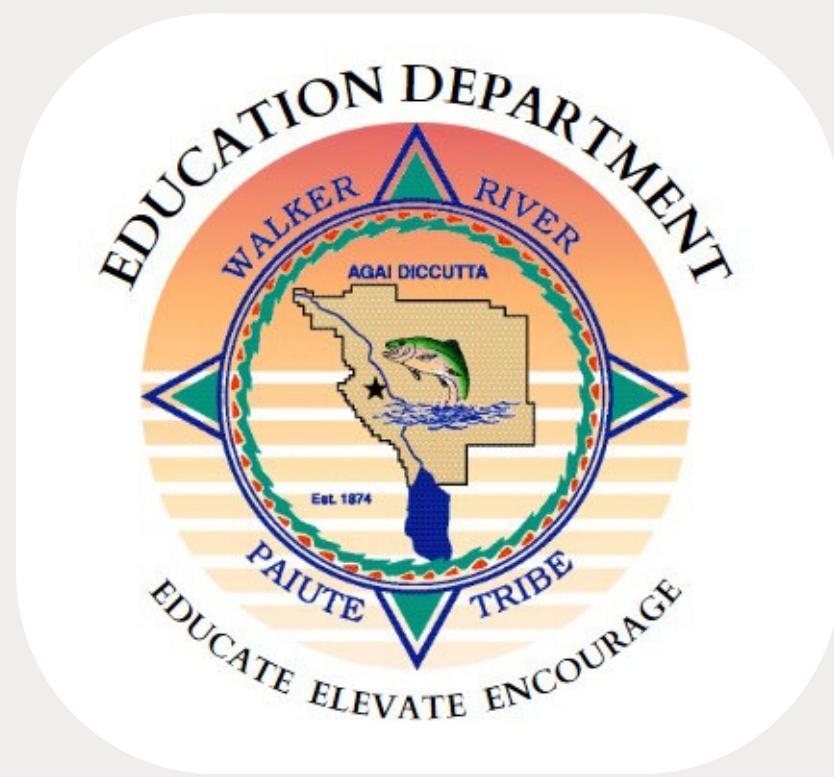
Kylie Harry, Communal Library Specialist Ext. 2164

**The Education Department will be closed on January 20, 2025
for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Check out our website for any updated information!

<https://www.wrpt.org/education/>

New Year, New Logo! Education Department



*The Education Department has been developing a new logo representing our mission statement. Three words come to mind when we think of our department - **Educate, Elevate, and Encourage**—specifically for students and lifelong learners of all ages. We provide services not only to tribal members but also to community members who participate in our events and programs. The logo incorporates a color scheme and design variation that resonates with education. To us, education means learning from our past to better prepare for the future. The sun layers depicted at the bottom of the circular background represent the progressive steps necessary to achieve our goals. Each layer signifies a different stage of education, illustrating the journey of learning and growth that builds upon itself as we strive for success. The top of the background circle represents life's new horizons. Every day is an opportunity to learn something new!*



Check out our newly established Facebook Page for updates
for the Education Department!

[Education Department - Walker River Paiute Tribe](#)

Education Directors Report

Happy New Year to all! I am thrilled to announce new opportunities that await us to support our students and community members' educational and career aspirations. We have several upcoming programs to announce, including recycling and environmental protection initiatives. Furthermore, we are in the process of developing the Walker River Tribal Library program in partnership with various departments and will be organizing community workshops. Regular services and programming are ongoing, such as NYCP college and vocational tours, tutoring, and transportation. Additionally, we remain committed to providing ongoing aid in Higher Education, Adult Vocational Training, and Enrichment programs.

Here are some of the meetings and activities we have accomplished in December/January:

- **Dec. 6** – Met with Saundra M. (College & Career Coach, ACE) to discuss collaboration for the UNITY mid-year and annual conference. (Revisioning the Dicutta UNITY Youth Council to include students in Hawthorne through NYCP).
- **Dec. 11** – Attended the TEDNA monthly board meeting.
- **Dec. 12** – Distributed winter wear donations to the community during the B&G Club craft fair. (Provided by ***Running Strong for American Indian Youth***).
- **Dec. 12** – Presented the 638 contracts and resolutions for Higher Education and JOM Program to the Tribal Council.
- **Dec. 13** – Attended monthly NYCP Coaches Meeting
- **Dec. 19** – Special Board of Education Meeting
- **Dec. 22** – Attended UNITY Recruitment Meeting at YPT Community Center
- **Dec. 28** – NYCP Coaches hosted a winter break event with youth at Mesa Rim Reno
- **Jan. 6** – Resume Tutoring and Transportation
- **Jan. 8** – Walker River Tribal Library Reading Activity with Senior Center
- **Jan. 8** – Attended Dicutta UNITY Youth Council meeting
- **Jan. 9** – Met with Great Basin College Dual Enrollment Coordinator, Carrie Meisner, to discuss establishing a new program for students to earn concurrent enrollment classes for the Paiute language classes at Yerington High School. Ongoing meetings will be held.
- **Jan. 9** – Met with representatives of Ironworkers Local 118 to organize a hands-on training event for NYCP youth in May 2025. They provided information about the apprenticeship program available for students ages 18 and up.
- **Jan. 9** – Met with representative at LiUNA, Michael Brady, to organize a NYCP trip to the training facility available and joining the Northern Nevada Laborers Apprenticeship program.

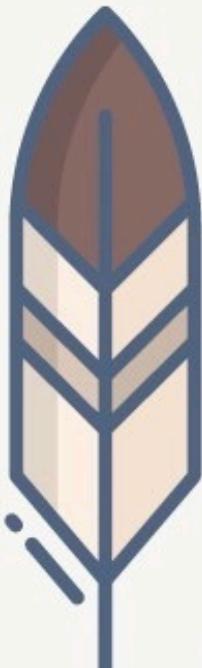
Important Dates



ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Application Deadlines



**Higher Education Grant Program
(Including Agai Dicutta Scholarship)**

Aug. 1st for FALL, Dec. 1st for SPRING



**Adult Vocational Training Program
(Including Agai Dicutta Scholarship)**

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 Dicutta Scholarship, the Adult Vocational Training and Enrichment program, please contact our office at 775-773-2306 ext. 2160, or email educationdirector@wrpt.org.





Walker River Paiute Tribe Graduation Stoles Available for Fall/Spring 2024-2025 Graduates

If you are a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe and graduating in the Fall/Spring of the 2024-2025 year, you are eligible to receive a *free* graduation stole with the Tribe's insignia embroidered. This includes high school students, GED programs, and post-graduates, including higher education and vocational/certificate programming.

Please drop by the Education Department to complete an application and pick up your stole:

**4022 US-95 N
Schurz, NV 89427**

or we can e-mail it to you!

educationdirector@wrpt.org.

*Don't forget to complete our
2024-2025 Graduates Survey!
Use the QR Code here:*





NYCP NEWS - RECRUITMENT

The Education Department presents

FREE PIZZA & WINGS



RECRUITMENT NIGHT

The Native Youth Community Project (NYCP) program will be hosting a recruitment night with pizza and wings for all eligible NYCP students and their families
(See attached flyer for eligibility requirements)

Come speak with our NYCP College & Career Coaches about more information and sign up your student on site!

Hosted at Old Nevada Pizza!
Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
497 E St.
Hawthorne, NV 89415

Contact our NYCP College & Career Coaches for more information:
Dawna Jackson: 775-773-2306 ext. 2163
djackson@wrpt.org
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SIGN UP

JOIN US

Interested in signing up for the Native Youth Community Project?

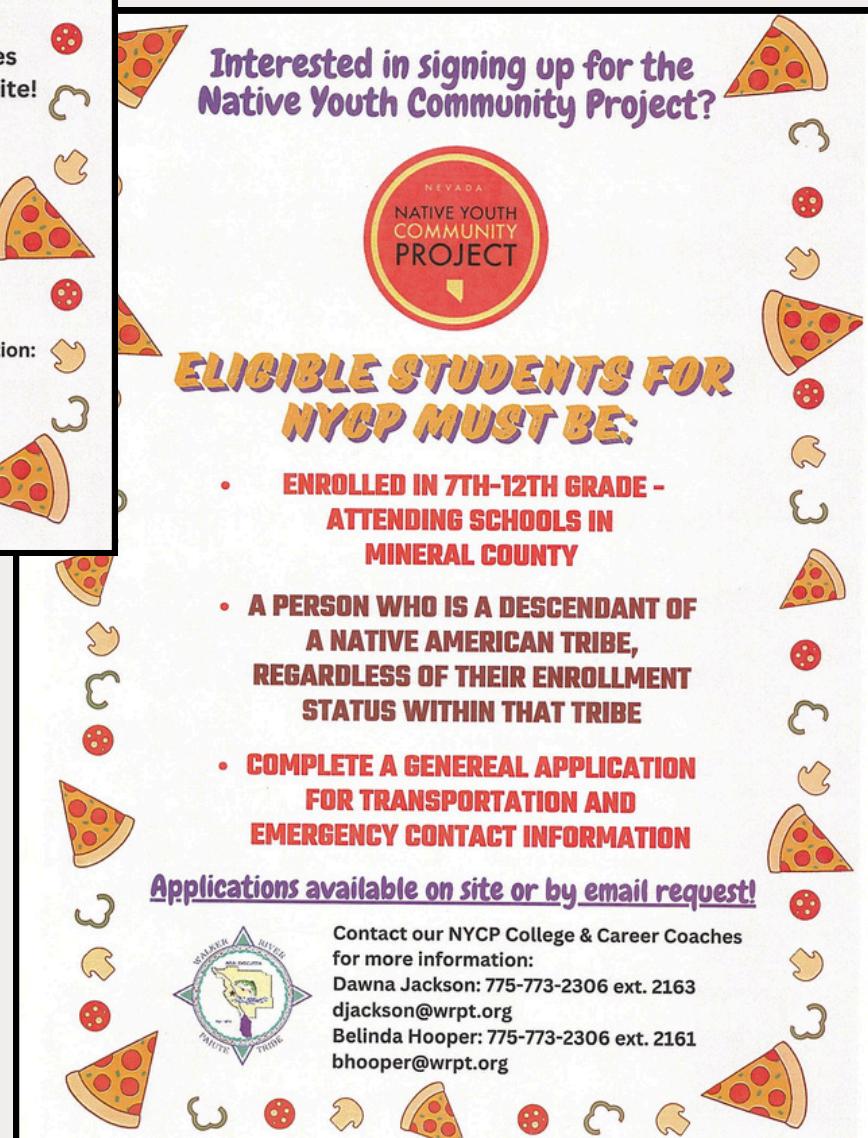


ELIGIBLE STUDENTS FOR NYCP MUST BE:

- ENROLLED IN 7TH-12TH GRADE - ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN MINERAL COUNTY
- A PERSON WHO IS A DESCENDANT OF A NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ENROLLMENT STATUS WITHIN THAT TRIBE
- COMPLETE A GENEREAL APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Applications available on site or by email request!

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NYCP MESA RIM ROCK CLIMBING



During the 2024 winter break, our NYCP students experienced rock climbing at Mesa Rim in Reno. The students received individual training from experienced rock climbing instructors who taught them the fundamentals of climbing. They learned to be thoughtful with each hand and foot movement, climbed new heights, tackled new challenges, engaged in problem-solving, and understood important safety measures.





DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TUTORING?

NYCP is pleased to announce the availability of tutoring services and transportation for students in grades 7th through 12th in Lyon County and Mineral County schools. We invite you to contact Dawna or Belinda to enroll your child for additional assistance and support.



*Walker River Paiute Tribe
Education Department*

NEVADA
NATIVE YOUTH
COMMUNITY
PROJECT

NYCP TUTORING AND TRANSPORTATION

7th - 12th Grade Students

3:00 - 4:30 PM
YIS/YHS
@ TECH
CENTER

Mondays and Wednesdays

After-school Tutoring will be available at the WRPT Technology Center for all NYCP students. NYCP Coaches will pick up students' afterschool at 2:30 p.m., provide transportation to the Tech Center and transport them home after tutoring. Snacks will be provided!

3:45 - 5:00 PM
HJHS/MCHS
@ SCHOOL

Mondays and Wednesdays

After-school Tutoring is available at HJHS and MCHS from 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and our NYCP Coach will transport student's home after. Snacks will be provided!

2:30 - 4:00 PM
YIS/YHS

Tuesdays and Thursdays Transportation is available for NYCP students from the after-school tutoring program at YHS and YIS.

2:00 - 4:00 PM
@ TECH
CENTER

Fridays NYCP Coaches offers *extra* tutoring at the Technology Center. Transportation will be provided. Snacks will be provided!

Contact our Education Department to sign up your student for NYCP tutoring and transportation services. If your student is signed up and will not be in attendance for tutoring session, please be courteous and call to inform Education Department Staff.

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EXT. 2163 FOR DAWNA JACKSON
EXT. 2161 FOR BELINDA HOOPER





Professional Development for MCSD/LCSD Staff



2024 Native youth listening to UNLV presenter



Presented by the Native Wellness Institute

ADULTS WORKING WITH NATIVE YOUTH FEBRUARY 5-6, 2025 ONLINE VIA ZOOM



About the Training:

One of NWI's main areas of focus is working with Native youth. This two-day interactive training will include lessons learned over the decades of best practices in working with Native youth. NWI's Native Youth Leadership curriculum lessons will be used as the foundation of the training. Opportunities to learn and share from each other and a great time will be had. Intended for those who work with youth in any capacity.

Pacific Time Zone

9:00 am - 11:00 am

(Break 11:00 am - 12:00 pm)

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

(Break 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm



PLEASE CONTACT US FOR SIGN UPS!

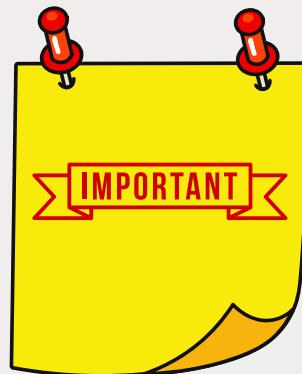
We have 10 registration spots reserved for staff/educators from Mineral County School District and 10 spots reserved for staff/educators from Lyon County School District. Please contact Aimee Johnson, Education Specialist, to reserve your spot!
educationspecialist@wrpt.org (775) 773-2306 ext. 2162

Proudly supported through the Native Youth Community Project grant



SES Updates

2nd Quarter Awards
Assembly will be held on
January 15th at 1:00 p.m. at
the Schurz Elementary
School.

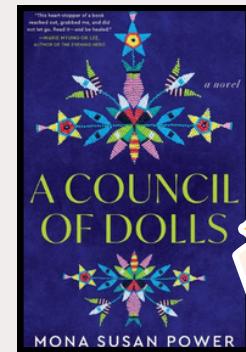


Important dates this month at
Schurz Elementary School

- *NO SCHOOL, January 20th, for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday*
- *NO SCHOOL, January 24th, Teacher-in-Service Training*

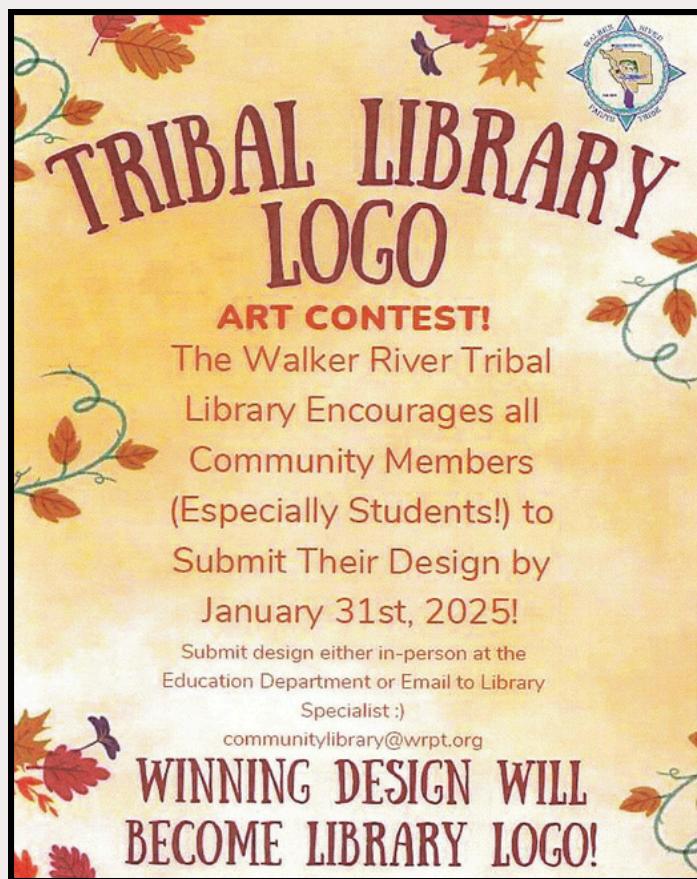


Walker River Tribal Library Program



The Education Department is moving forward with the Walker River Tribal Library program. The Tribal Library program will expand its capacity through the Education Department staff to highlight areas of academic and career advancement, life-readiness skills, critical thinking skills, and strengthen community engagement practices. Kylie Harry, the Communal Library Specialist, will devise community-based and culturally based knowledge and skills workshops that promote educational, and career components available for the community. **Look for her upcoming events!**

The library is populated with over 50 books published by Native authors and Indigenous-based cultural contents. We are receiving a donation of shelving from the UNR Library and organizing a small quiet space for studying and reading. We will soon have a check-in and out process in place. Please be patient with us as we prepare to open this space to the community.



Walker River Tribal Library Program Event

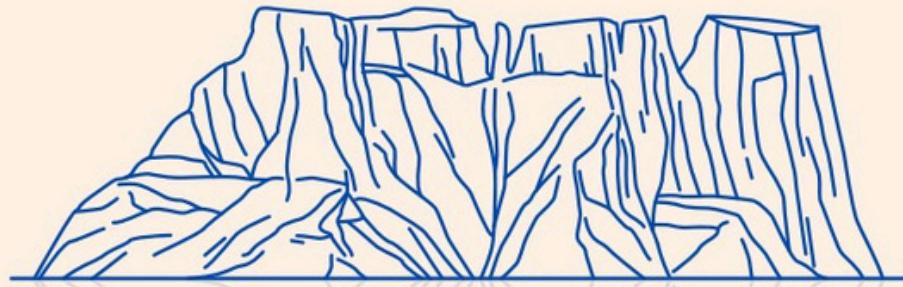
The Walker River Tribal Library program will host several workshop events open to the public. The first one will be held this Saturday, January 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Schurz Community Center. It will be an engaging discussion on understanding the intentions and purpose of land acknowledgments. Participants will also have an opportunity to demonstrate their own forms of land acknowledgment through art!



WALKER RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY PRESENTS

Understanding The Real Intention and
Purpose of Land Acknowledgments

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT & PAINTING EVENT!!



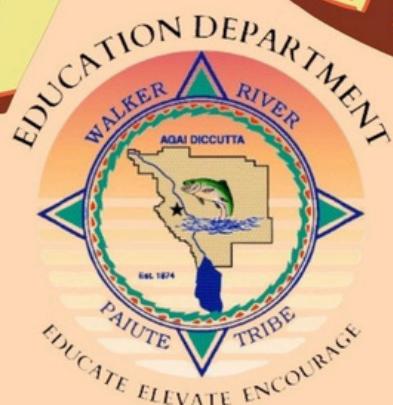
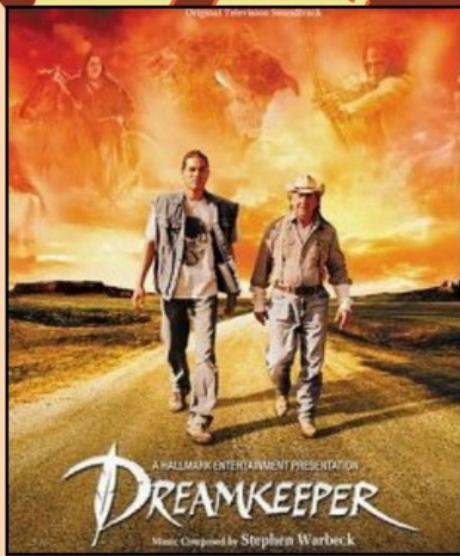
**Painting Supplies For
12 People Will Be
Provided Along with
Snacks and
Refreshments!**

**Questions: Contact
Kylie Harry, Communal
Library Specialist
communitylibrary@wrpt.org
775-773-2306 ext. 2164**

Examining Purpose and Existence of Land
Acknowledgments While Understanding It's
Importance.

SATURDAY 1.18.2025
Schurz Community Center
11am-1pm

Walker River Tribal Library Program Event



MOVIE NIGHT AND COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

THE WALKER RIVER TRIBAL LIBRARY WILL BE
SCREENING THE MOVIE *DREAMKEEPER* FOLLOWED BY
A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF
STORYTELLING! BRING ALL YOUR MOVIE NEEDS,
POPCORN & PUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!

WELCOME TO WHOLE COMMUNITY!

Friday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m.
at the Schurz Tribal Gym



Board of Education



WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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775-773-2306 ext. 2160

BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2024

5:15 p.m. - Education Conference Room

AGENDA

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Mary Williams, Chairman (10/24-10/27)
Monica Sanchez, Vice-Chairman (10/23-10/26)
Lance West, Secretary (05/23-05/26)
Rebecca Benner, Member (10/23-10/25)
Christeen Benner, Member (08/24-08/26)

Approval of Agenda:

Minutes: Tuesday, July 23, 2024
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024
Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024
Thursday, December 19, 2024

Directors Report: December 2024 - Sara Twiss, Education Director

Old Business: None

New Business:

- I. Discussion/Activity: Election of Officers
- II. Discussion/Action: BOE Fundraising Activity
- III. Discussion/Activity: Tribal Library Policies Review – Sara Twiss & Kylie Harry

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.

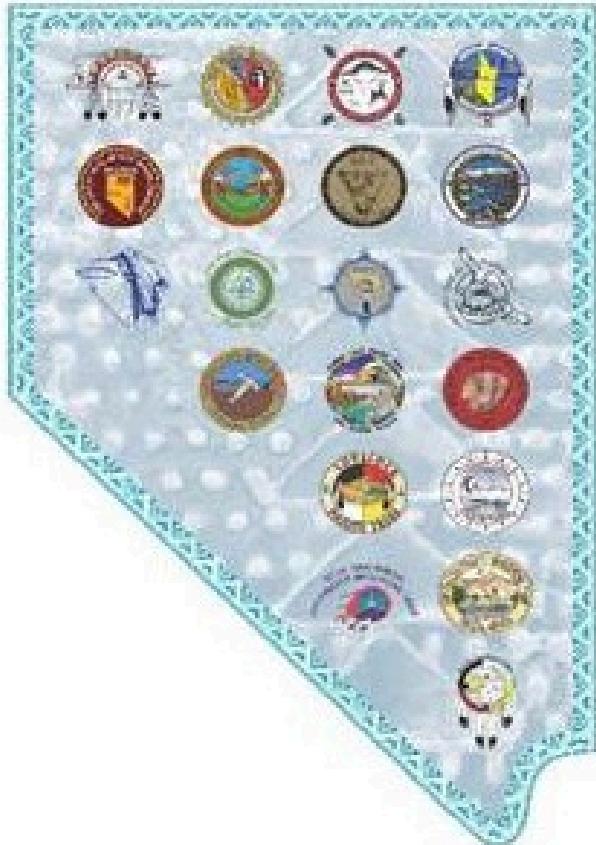
cc: Tribal Administration
Tribal Health Clinic
Post Office
FourSeasons Market
Community Center

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.

Agendas are posted five days in advance of meetings held at the Tribal Administration, Tribal Health Clinic, Post Office, FourSeasons Market, and Community Center.



Nevada Tribes Legislative Day



SAVE THE DATE

Nevada Tribes Legislative Day

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Nevada Legislative Building

401 S Carson Street

Carson City, NV 89701

Programs began at 9 a.m.

For more information, please call 775/687-8333.

Schedule of events coming soon...

The Education Department is taking sign-ups for all students wanting to attend the Nevada Tribes Legislative Day on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in Carson City, NV. Program starts at 9:00 a.m. and we are expected to return by 4:30 p.m. We are also taking sign-ups for male/female chaperones!

Seats are limited. Contact our staff to sign-up early!



Dicutta UNITY Youth Council

The Education Department staff is proud to announce that we will be continuing to support the Dicutta UNITY Youth Council in 2025 activities. UNITY stands for the United National Indian Tribal Youth Network and is established through their own constitution and bylaws set by its members. Objectives of this group shall be to provide a collective voice and represent the tribal youth in all matters that concern them; to serve as a means of mobilizing and coordinating the actions of the youth, and other community members and other organizations toward positive goals to promote the development of future tribal leaders; to help solve problems that may face native youth; to coordinate community service projects and provide opportunities for the youth to interact for fun and fellowship.

Please join us as the Dicutta Unity Youth Council hosts our annual Candidate/Election night!

Candidates will be running for positions including:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

All members who are signed up for Unity are eligible to vote in the elections!

We hope to see everyone there!

Location-Walker River Community Center, Schurz Nv

Date- Sunday, January 26th

Time- 4:00pm to 6:00pm

If students in Yerington or Schurz are in need of transportation, the WRPT Education Department will assist in transportation to and from the event

If you have any questions please contact:

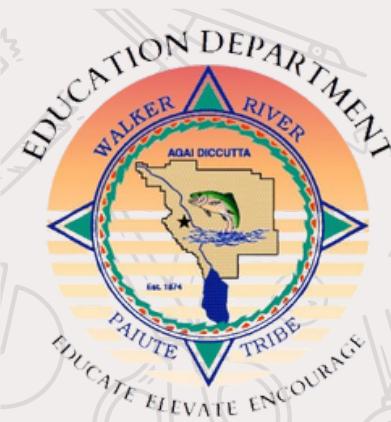
Walker River Education Department:
(775) 773 2306

Belinda Hooper, NYCP College & Career Coach Ext. 2161

Dawna Jackson, NYCP College & Career Coach Ext. 2163

Saundra Mitrovich, UNITY Advisor
(580) 704 6300

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Mid-year Replenish your School Supplies

Parents/Guardians and students: If you are in need of school supplies, we have a large stock available for Pre-K - 12th Grade.

- Backpacks
- Lined paper (College/Wide-ruled)
- Composition Notebooks
- Binders
- Folders
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- #2 Pencils
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pens
- Pocket Calculators/TI Calculators
- Rulers

Teachers/Educators Supplies:

- Boxed Tissue
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfectant Spray
- Face Masks (Child/Adult)
- Ziplock Bags (Sandwich and Gallon sizes)

Come by the Education Department between 8am - 5pm M-F to pick up any supplies



FAFSA Updates



Federal Student Aid Information Center Extended Hours of Operation (2025-26 FAFSA® Form):

Monday: 8 a.m.–9 p.m. Eastern time (ET)
FAFSA support available until 10 p.m. ET

Tuesday–Wednesday: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET
FAFSA support available until 10 p.m. ET

Thursday–Friday: 8 a.m.–6 p.m. ET
FAFSA support available until 10 p.m. ET
(except on Friday, Nov. 29)

Saturday–Sunday: Closed
FAFSA support available noon–5 p.m. ET
on Saturdays

Closed on all federal holidays.





THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS PUTTING A

CALL OUT FOR ALL 2024-2025 GRADUATES!

Please complete the survey link form if you/someone in your family is graduating from 8th grade, high school, a GED program, or a post-secondary institution. (*This includes those completing a program in the Fall 2024 semester.*) We are including those who are home-schooled/online students who are within these grade levels.

This survey is for enrolled members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, or graduating students who reside in Schurz, NV.



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

Responses will be accepted until May 1, 2025.

This information is collected for our end-of-the-year honoring ceremony, assists in data collection, and helps our department support students by providing them with educational and career resources. We aim to expand student outreach and establish service-learning opportunities, professional development, and alumni networks.



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