



Education Department Monthly Newsletter Walker River Paiute Tribe



Schurz Elementary School 6th Grade Graduates - Class of 2025

Contact Education Department

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 Door)

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Check out our website for any updated information!

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

Important Dates



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.





2024/2025 Graduates List



Schurz Elementary School

Pre-K

Kyottie Bachstein
Sabella Hinkey-Perez
Carlos Juarez
Grey Leatherwood
Kai Murphy
Serenity Nez
Luna Luz Nunez
Rhea Nunez

Kindergarten

Brian Banks
Eli Duncan
Nova Jim
Gabriel Nez
Hazel Quinn
Vance Smith
Numi Williams

6th Grade

Jacoby Boatman
SaMya Campos
SaNya Campos
Eloy Fernandez-Kemper
Naomi Hicks

8th Graders

Jackson Oceguela (Game Changer Sports Academy)
Marcella Leyva (Yerington Intermediate School)
Talon Glen Roberts (Yerington Intermediate School)
Zophia E. Guerrero (Yerington Intermediate School)
Ivan Blu-Sky Alcaraz (Yerington Intermediate School)
Andrew Storm Alcaraz (Yerington Intermediate School)
Behr Duane Quintero (Yerington Intermediate School)
Camari Campos (Yerington Intermediate School)
Maddynn John (Yerington Intermediate School)
Asaya Sanchez (Yerington Intermediate School)

High School Seniors

Kylee Renae Bearcloud (Yerington High School)
Lukas McGrath (Poly High School)
Brendin Nutter (Enterprise High School)
Rocky Summerfield (Yerington High School)
Danyella Rae McShane (Liberty High School)
Casey Don Johnson (Yerington High School)
Devin Mullins (Yerington High School)
Makayla Meyer (Yerington High School)
Amaree Savage (Yerington High School)

Post-Secondary

Kylie Albertsen, BA in Political Science (Iowa State University)
Hallie Jim, MA in Social Work (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)
Crystal Miller, Doctor of Philosophy (University of Arizona)

The Education Department Graduates List is based on individuals who completed the Call for All Graduates survey online or who notified the Education Department staff.



Student Recognition Night - Board of Education

The Walker River Paiute Tribe Board of Education fundraised throughout the year to recognize exceptional student academics and participation. This past year they hosted various student recognition nights during the Tribal Council meetings. For the end of the year awards hosted on July 1, 2025, students with GPA of 3.0 received a \$15 gift card, students with a GPA of 3.5 received a \$20 gift card, and students with a GPA of 4.0 received a \$25 gift card. Students who participated in the 2025 Paiute Language Bowl - *Young Competitors* were also awarded a \$15 gift card. We look forward to hosting more student recognition nights this coming year, so continue to do excellent!

2025 Paiute Language Bowl Young Competitors:

Naya Crawl
Kayah Means
Rozaiah Johnson
Eena Phoenix

Student Awardees in GPA Order:

Autumn Rose Josephine Kiltz 4.0 GPA
Jacoby Boatman 4.0 GPA
Sa'Mya Campos 4.0 GPA
Dreyson Frank 4.0 GPA
Suiti Sanchez 3.9
Samuel Nakai Henderson- 3.8 GPA
Karma Jean Castillo- 3.8 GPA
Sa'Nya Campos - 3.8 GPA
Gracie Duncan - 3.6 GPA
Jake Johnson 3.6 GPA
Jared Johnson - 3.4 GPA
Rayanna Williams 3.3 GPA
Asaya Sanchez 3.3 GPA
Serenity Phoenix - 3.2 GPA
Matthias Allen Conway- 3.2 GPA
Mary Reynilda Melendez- 3.2 GPA
Russel Bane Melendez- 3.2 GPA
Scarlett Hatch - 3.0 GPA
Daxton Hicks - 3.0 GPA
Naomi Hicks - 3.0 GPA
Mya Pretty Melendez- 3.0 GPA
Eehovee Jay Ann Williams- 3.0 GPA
Xavia Dini 3.0 GPA



Schurz Elementary School End-of-the-Year Ceremony



On June 2, 2025, Schurz Elementary School held its end-of-the-year awards for students and a ceremony for graduating students. We are very proud of their persistence and dedication! Good job, students!



Schurz Elementary School End-of-the-Year Ceremony Cont.



2024/25 Naawetse'e Tunedooewunudooe

Learning for One's Whole Life



On June 6, 2025, the Education Department held its end-of-the-year graduates ceremony for students who completed their schooling for the 2024-2025 school year. This included 8th grade, high school, GED programs, and post-secondary programs. Students who attended in person received special recognition, certificates, gifts, and dinner & cake along with their invited family members. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them the greatest success in the future!



2024/25 Naawetse'e Tunedooewunudooe Learning for One's Whole Life - Cont.



Special thanks to Mandy Quintero (Vice-Chairwoman), Lance West (Board of Education Chair), Ryan Boone (Keynote Speaker), Josie Johnson & Quinn Crowl (WRPT Royalty), the VFW Post 6825 and Ladies Auxiliary, the Education Department staff, the Housing Department for the cake, Norberta Garcia for providing dinner, and Victor Williams Sr. for offering a prayer for the meal!



Education Team in the Field - 4-H Day Camp

On June 9, 2025, the Education Department staff accompanied 8 local youth members to attend the 4-H Day camp in Lake Tahoe, hosted through the UNR Extension program. This event was specifically designed for youth aged 9–13 years old, allowing them to make new friends while learning in an experiential environment. The 4-H mission empowers youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H envisions a world in which youth and adults learn, grow, and work together as catalysts for positive change.



Education Team in the Field - 4-H Day Camp Cont.





Education Team in the Field - Sutter Ranch Field Trip



On June 10, 2025, the Education Department staff accompanied 11 local youth to visit the Sutter Ranch Native Plant Nursery in Smith Valley, NV. Youth were able to take a tour of the native plant nursery and field operations - covering topics on seed collections, herbarium samples, stratification methods, greenhouse germination, and pollinators. They were also able to learn to properly dispose of recyclable trash to help preserve nature, and protect plant/animal habitats.





Education Team in the Field - Sutter Ranch Field Trip Cont.





NYCP News

2025 UNITY Youth Conference June 27 – July 1, 2025



On June 26 - July 2, 2025, the NYCP Coaches accompanied 7 local youth to attend the UNITY Nationals Conference in San Diego, CA. They joined together with 15 other local youth to represent the Dicutta UNITY Youth Council out of Yerington and Hawthorne schools. This conference is an impactful five-day youth-led annual event held every July with about 2,500 Native youth and advisors. Students explored general sessions, regional caucuses, workshops, career/education fair, and fun evening activities, providing hands-on leadership development activities. We're very proud of their leadership and look forward to them visioning and building a better future!





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2025 UNITY Youth Conference Cont.



"We are incredibly thankful for the opportunity to attend this conference. It has been an amazing experience filled with socializing and networking with other tribes, meeting new people, and participating in workshop sessions to enhance our knowledge about careers and college admissions!!"





NYCP News

2025 UNR TRIBAL STUDENTS LEAD Program July 6 – July 10, 2025



On July 6 - 10, 2025, the NYCP Coaches accompanied four local youth to attend the UNR Tribal Students LEAD (Learn, Empower, Achieve, Dream) program. Students were immersed in higher educational programs for Native students to stay on campus, explore academic and cultural opportunities, and prepare for the application process. Students could explore potential major degree programs and learn how to access more student resources. Thank you to the organizers for continuing to host this amazing learning opportunity for our youth!





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2025 UNR TRIBAL STUDENTS LEAD Program Cont.





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2025 ITCN Conference July 13-17, 2025



"We are truly thankful for the opportunity to attend this conference, which was filled with learning, joy, laughter, and memorable moments. We gained valuable skills in self-defense, podcasting/interviewing, and public speaking."

Highlights included witnessing DJ Element and Supaman collaborate on stage, as well as enjoying the comedic talents of Mylo Smith. We had a great time engaging in hand games, combining fun with a bit of competition as we aimed to win our own handgame sticks and bones.

We will certainly look forward to attending again for the benefit of our tribe, families, and community."

Submitted by Gianna McFalls and Zayne Savage, Education Summer Youth Employees





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Fallon Naval Air Station Tour - July 24, 2025



On July 24, 2025, the Education Department partnered with NAS Tribal Liaison, Toni Burton, to chaperone five local youth for an in-depth tour of the NAS Base in Fallon, NV. They joined a larger group (FPST Summer youth pictured above). Youth were able to tour and view the jets take off and land, learn how the Navy sailors train, and visit the K-9 facility. They were also able to sit in the helicopters and view the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and F-16 fighter jets fly in the sky!





**WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT HOSTS OUR 2025-2026**

NEVADA
**NATIVE YOUTH
COMMUNITY
PROJECT**

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM
AT SCHURZ TRIBAL GYM, 1127 COTTONWOOD DR.**

**LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS**

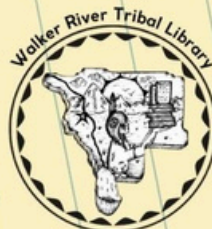
**FREE HAIR CUTS
FOR KIDS**



- **SIGN UP FOR 2025/26 EDUCATION PROGRAMS**
- **RECEIVE A FREE BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
- **MEET THE EDUCATION STAFF**
- **SCHEDULE SPORTS PHYSICALS/DOCTORS' APPOINTMENTS**
- **ENJOY FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES**
- **FREE SNOW CONES!**



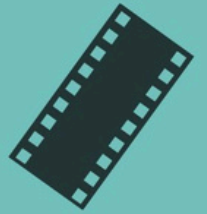
Agai Dicutta Tuamuhvi Nobe



THIS IS A DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT



FREE SHOW



CASH PRIZES

Age Groups:

Tiny Tot- Kindergarten, 1st-4th Grade, 5th- 8th Grade, High School, and Adults

EARLY REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED. ON-SITE REGISTRATION STARTS AT 6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025/7:00 PM SHOW TIME

FREE-OPEN TO ALL

Musicians, singers, dancers, rappers,
actors, comedians, magicians, etc.

AT THE PINENUT PARK AREA/ STAGE

PLEASE CALL AIMEE JOHNSON- (775)773-2478 EXT. 2162 FOR MORE INFORMATION,
OR TO REQUEST A REGISTRATION FORM BY EMAIL