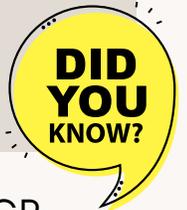


WELCOME TO OUR

◆ March 2024 Monthly
Newsletter ◆

Education Department
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 Doors)

NYCP Coaches
Transportation for YIS and YHS Tutoring:
Tues. & Thurs. - Depart Schools at 4:00 p.m.
*Contact NYCP Coaches to sign up
for tutoring transportation!*



One of the services our NYCP Coaches provide is transportation after school for students at Yerington Intermediate School and Yerington High School. Students must be signed up with NYCP and you can retrieve an application by emailing our coaches!

Dawna Jacson, NYCP Coach
djackson@wrpt.org

Belinda Hooper, NYCP Coach
bhooper@wrpt.org

In this newsletter you will find:

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2024

I want to take this opportunity to express my greatest gratitude to our Education Department staff as we continue to grow and provide more services for the youth. We have been very busy with several convenings to enhance our capacity and knowledge of assisting the youth on various levels geared toward student success. Aside from managing our budgets and required reporting, I have also been seeking training opportunities for the staff to influence our youth to seek educational/career opportunities positively. Here are a few other meetings that I have attended within this past month, and a majority of these will be reoccurring moving forward:

- **Feb. 8:** I attended a meeting with Desert Research Institute, Schurz Elementary School Principal, and the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Education Department to discuss a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Workshop available to traditional knowledge holders and educators within Walker River and FPST to implement TEK in the student-based curriculum. *Be on the lookout for more information planned for later this spring!*
- **Feb. 9:** Attended the Indian Workforce Development Committee Meeting in Reno, NV, to assist with our Education Department's input in ongoing strategies, challenges, and planning through higher education and vocational/trade opportunities to eligible native students.
- **Feb. 15:** Meet and greet Schurz Elementary School teachers and students in all class levels to familiarize them with the Education Department staff and available services for their education.
- **Feb. 16 & Mar. 8:** I attended the Indian Education Advisory Committee meeting with the Nevada Indian Commission to familiarize our department with high-level advocacy for AI/AN students and promote more equity and inclusion.
- **Feb. 21:** I attended ongoing Board of Education meetings to review proper review processes for our higher education, AVT/Enrichment processes, and discussions about updating specific policies to assist more tribal students.
- **Feb. 26-28:** I attended the Native Wellness Institute certification training entitled Adults Working with Native Youth to learn and adapt curriculum, tools, and models that will positively impact our native youth/young adults in areas such as healthy relationships, healthy communication, peer-mentorship, leadership skills, traditional healing aspects, and creating long-term visions.

I look forward to continuing to serve at this level as the community's Education Director!

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NEW POSITION FILLED!



Aimee Johnson
EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Hello, my name is Aimee Johnson, I am a member and resident of the Walker River Paiute Tribe. I am the Education Specialist for the Education Department. I've been working with children since I was 19, I attended college in Fallon working towards my degree in early childhood education at WNC. I am a mother of 3 wonderful children, my significant other has 3 of his own children, we all enjoy spending time together as a family. I've always enjoyed working with children and families. One of my first roles as an educator, I worked for the ITCN Head Start Program for 5 years as a Teacher Assistant, at the Schurz Head Start and the Fallon Head Start program. For the 2 years I lived in Reno, I had the pleasure to work with the Reno Sparks Indian Colony Childcare Program, Where I was working with infants and toddler. Previously I was working with the Walker River Paiute Tribe Day Care Center where I was able to work with our little ones here in Schurz. I am excited to work with my coworkers to achieve our goals for the youth and families in the community and as well as serving our tribal members, in the Education Department.

**WE ARE SEEKING LOCAL EDUCATIONAL
CONSULTANTS/CONTRACTORS!**

**DO YOU HAVE A WORKSHOP IDEA OR
CURRICULUM TO SHARE WITH OUR NATIVE
STUDENTS? CONTACT OUR NYCP COLLEGE
AND CAREER COACHES FOR PLANNING
FUTURE WORKSHOPS!**

(775) 773-2306 ext. 2161 or ext. 2163



Education Department staff travel to Native Wellness Institute Training (Portland, OR)



On February 27th – 29th, 2024 our Education staff attended the Native Wellness Institute (NWI) training for *Leading the Next Generations: NATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP* in Portland, Oregon. The location was held at a Presbyterian Church, which property area was recently gifted to the NWI and changed the name to Barbie's Village. This area will be transformed into a housing/communal space for native individuals who are unsheltered. The facilitators were Jillene Joseph, Executive Director, Shalene Joseph, Project Coordinator, and co-facilitator, Josh Cocker. There were numerous Indigenous people from tribes and regions across the U.S. who work with native youth in their community. What we learned from this training is to help the youth be more active in their individual lives, and in their communities. During the training we got to see a different outlook on our peers' perspective of how they were able to reach out to the youth in whatever state it may be. We collaborated within our group on how to create a youth class/workshop session, which involved an Opening speech, Ice-Breaker Game, Group Activity, Lecture, Discussion, and Closing. Throughout the week we became certified as **"Adults Working with Native Youth Training of Trainers"**, which gave us the knowledge, confidence, and our positivity to encourage Native Youth to be ready for their future endeavors as well as being involved in their culture.

-Collectively Submitted by NYCP Coaches

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NATIVE WELLNESS INSTITUTE,
PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE:**

WWW.NATIVEWELLNESS.COM

Reminder to Parents/Guardians of Native Students:



Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM)

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WESTERN NEVADA AGENCY

Purpose: To fund programs that meet the unique and specialized needs of eligible Native students. Funds may be used for supplemental programs to meet the special educationally related needs of eligible Native students. Funds under this program are not to be used for capital expenditures.



Reimbursement Allowances Eligibility:

- Student must be Native American
- Student must reside in Schurz, NV
- Student must have signed release of information (FERPA) forms on file with the Education Department
- Must submit proof of Payment/Receipts for purchases

Education Support Items:

- Student Body Cards/Activity Cards
- Class/Lab Fees (Science, Math, Spanish, Woodshop or Art Shop etc.)
- GED Fees
- ACT/SAT Test Fees
- Class Supplies (Wood/tools/instrument rentals, etc.)
- Sports Activities (Shoes, uniforms, sports fees)
- Graduation Supplies



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:



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 Dicutta Scholarship, the Adult Vocational Training and Enrichment program, please contact our office or email educationdirector@wrpt.org.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:



MID-YEAR RE-STOCK ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Parents/Guardians and students. if your child is in need of basic school supplies, we have those available, for pre-k trough 12th grade.

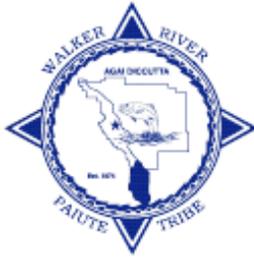
SUPPLIES IN STOCK:

- LINED PAPER
- COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS
- BINDERS
- FOLDERS
- CRAYONS
- COLORED PENCILS
- #2 PENCILS
- PENCIL SHARPENERS
- PENS
- BACK PACKS

Come by the
Education Department
between 8 am - 5 pm,
Monday through
Friday to pick up any
supplies you may need.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:



Walker River Paiute Tribe

P.O. Box 220 • Schurz, Nevada 89427

Phone: (775) 773-2306

FAX: (775) 773-2585

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 enrolled Tribal Member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe and/or resident of the reservation, a parent of Indian children in school, or whose children are eligible for programs may apply.

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.
See attached the Board of Education Constitution & Bylaws with
additional resolutions passed by the Tribal Council.*

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.

**CULTURAL MOVIE NIGHT:
HOSTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**



CULTURAL MOVIE NIGHT

THURS. MARCH 21

5:30 P.M. - 6:45 P.M.

SCHURZ TRIBAL GYM

*THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL
BE SELLING NACHOS SUPREME,
HOT DOGS, DRINKS, AND BAKED
GOODS - FUNDRAISING FOR
YOUTH GRADS END-OF-THE-YEAR
CEREMONY!*

**Our communities are our
strength and nourishment
for future generations.**



Gather A Documentary Screening

A documentary exploring the destruction & appropriation of the Native food systems by chronicling those fighting for food sovereignty.

Hosted by the Education Department

**UPCOMING EVENT FOR NYCP YOUTH AND
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**



**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
NYCP PROGRAM PRESENTS**

SPRING BREAK
WALKABOUT IN PAIUTE COUNTRY



APRIL 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH

**LOCATIONS: GRIMES POINT/HIDDEN CAVE
WALKER LAKE & WHITE MOUNTAIN AREA**

10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. EACH DAY

**JOIN US FOR OUTDOOR EXCURSION LEARNING AND
STORYTELLING BY TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE-HOLDERS
WITHIN OUR BEAUTIFUL NUMU/PAIUTE COUNTRY.
TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS ARE PROVIDED FOR NYCP
YOUTH MEMBERS.**

**CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
NYCP COACHES FOR SIGN-UPS!
(775)773-2306 EXT. 2163 OR 2161**

UPCOMING EVENT FOR NYCP YOUTH AND
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

The Walker River Paiute Tribe Education Department presents

ZUYA - LIFE JOURNEY

A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER EVENT FEATURING



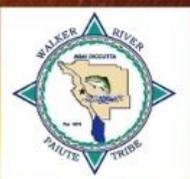
Frank Waln



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!



Hosted by the Education Department
CONTACT EDUCATION FOR ANY QUESTIONS
(775)773-2306 EXT. 2160 or educationdirector@wrpt.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SCHURZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:



Schurz Elementary School

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 29th - End of 3rd Qtr.

April 1st-5th - SES Spring Break

April 10th and April 17th - Parent-Teacher Conferences

April 17th at 1:00 p.m. - SES Student Awards Assembly



***Next MCSD Board meeting will be at SES on
Tuesday, Mar. 19, 2024.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SCHOOLS:



MCS D Child Find Screener

**If you believe your child , age 0-5, may have
special needs that need to be addressed,
Call Schurz Elementary, 775-773-2323,
to schedule an appointment for our upcoming
screening !**

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 2:00-3:30



CTE SHOWCASE

Provided by MCHS

**MARCH 20TH
5 - 7 PM**

**Mineral County High
School Gym**

**FREE
ENTRY**

**For more information please contact Breanna Hatfield
at @hatfield.breanna@nvmcsd.org**



**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 will be accepted until May 1, 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 educationdirector@wrpt.org.**



HELPFUL HOMEWORK TIPS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS



SET UP THE ENVIRONMENT!

Designate a study area – quiet, well-lit and private. Not too hot or too cold.

Limit chances of distractions and interruptions.

Play suitable study-music softly in the background or let your child listen to it on device with headphones.

Burn incense or aromatic candles – rosemary for focus and memory, lavender for peace.

Provide adequate supplies, such as pens, dictionary, and paper.

Provide water or non-sugary drinks and healthy snacks – studying is hard work!



MANAGE HOMEWORK TIME

Establish a routine to help establish good study habits.

Devise and discuss rules for homework time with your children.

Stay close to monitor and be available to help with homework.

Help create an atmosphere of study – do paperwork, study, or read during homework time.

GUIDANCE AND GOOD PRACTICE

- Don't do your kids' homework for them.
- If they ask for help, give guidance and stay patient.
- Discuss and praise good work. Look out for and mention special efforts.
- Show interest in what they are doing.
- Share and discuss books, articles, TV programs, or TED talks relevant to their schoolwork.
- Read the teacher's comments and notes on their assignments.
- Stay in touch with the teachers and find out what the children's study goals are.
- Contact the teacher if problems arise that you are unable to solve.
- Make sure the teacher knows of any crisis or big change at home, such as a divorce, illness, death, or an accident.
- Research and acquire study programs devised to help your children, if necessary.

