



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY 6 - 10)



Welcome to Our

MAY 2024 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Education Department Contact:
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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)

Teacher Appreciation Week was held May 6 - 10 this year and the Education Department and Board of Education honored our local Schurz Elementary School Teacher's and staff with special gifts and a homemade lasagna dinner, in appreciation of the hard work and effort they all bring forward to educate our students! Each of your patience and understanding fosters a safe and supportive learning environment. We are grateful to have you all!

In this newsletter you will find:

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

GRADUATION INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL!

SES - Tuesday, June 4th

MCSD - Wednesday, June 5th

LCSD - Friday, June 14th

YIS - Wednesday, June 12th

CCSD - Friday, May 24th

PLHS - Thursday, May 23rd

Schurz Elementary School

6th grade sendoff June 4th, 9:00 a.m.
at the Schurz Elementary School.

Kindergarten Graduation May 29th,
5:30 p.m. at Schurz Elementary School.



Yerington High School - Commencement on June 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at Martin Field.

Yerington Intermediate School - 8th grade Promotion on June 12, 2024 6:00 p.m. at High School Gym.

Baccalaureate Ceremony - May 30th, 5:30 pm, in Yerington at Jeannie Dini Theatre.

Mineral County Middle School - 8th Grade Graduation June 5th, 7:00 p.m. at the Jr. High gym.

Mineral County High School - Graduation June 6th, 7:00 p.m. at the Jr. High gym.

Churchill County High School - Graduation May 24th, 7:00 p.m. at Edward Arciniega Athletic Complex.

Pyramid Lake High School - May 24th community dinner 4:00 p.m., commencement ceremony 6:00 p.m. in the Gym.

Pyramid Lake Jr. High - 8th grade promotion May 22nd, 6:00 p.m. at the outdoor Amphitheater.

CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU DID IT!



Graduates List

Schurz Elementary School

Pre-K

Amelia Bill
Brian Banks
Eli Duncan
Manuel Felix
Marcelino Galeno
Nova Jim
Gabriel Nez
Hazel Quinn
Vance Smith
Novi Starr
Nataani Williams

Kindergarten

Dean Banks
Hagen Boatman
Daisy Fernandez-Kemper
Kwena McMasters
Grayson Thomas
Mileyah Wollweber

6th Grade

Aubrey Hoferer
Meeko Hoferer
Jake Johnson
Rozaiah Johnson
Eena Phoenix
Ethan Plummer
Katalena Summerfield
Jalynn White

8th Graders

Phoebe Rose Collier (*Edison Middle School*)
Sofia Teresa Galeno (*Churchill County Middle School*)
Kameran Gonzales (*Hawthorne Junior High School*)
Chauncey Henderson (*Yerington Intermediate School*)
Hunter Leyva (*Yerington Intermediate School*)
Alani Sierra Greeley Lopez (*Telesis Preparatory Academy*)
Oliver Jude Medina (*Elsinore Middle School*)
Tavion Imani Moore (*Northeast Lauderdale Middle School*)
Braydin Mullins (*Yerington Intermediate School*)
Suiti Esperanza Sanchez (*Yerington Intermediate School*)
Zayne Savage (*Yerington Intermediate School*)
Angel Smiley (*Yerington Intermediate School*)
Memphis Summerfield (*Yerington Intermediate School*)
Saydee Whistler (*Yerington Intermediate School*)

High School Seniors

Eliyana Melina Berumen (*Yerington High School*)
Princess Jewel Irene Bolden (*Churchill County High School*)
Kenny Castillo (*Mineral County High School*)
Federico Castillo Galeno (*Churchill County High School*)
Tony Llamas (*Reno High School*)
Elki Plummer (*Winnemucca High School*)
Olivia Rose Plummer (*Yerington High School*)
Deyson Quade Poweshiek (*Meskwaki Settlement School*)
Jaylin Giovanni Quintero (*McKay High School*)
Sean Reeder (*Churchill County High School*)
Alexis Smokey-Frank (*Yerington High School*)
Kayla Summerfield (*Yerington High School*)
Noah Riley Thom (*Academy of Learning*)
Jasmyne Torres (*Fernley High School*)
Alonna Turner (*Adult Education*)
Jaycee Warren-Wood (*Indian Springs High School*)
Daryl Whistler (*Yerington High School*)
Brynn Torres (*Yerington High School*)

College Graduates

Kira Alaniz (*Bachelor of Science in Nursing at James Madison University*)
Analyssia Berumen (*Nail Technician at Ogden Weber Technical School*)
Ryan Boone (*Bachelor in Political Science at University of Nevada, Reno*)
Caleb Etue (*Associates In Arts, Direct Transfer, Big Bend Community College*)
Dauwila Harrison (*Bachelor in Sociology at Cal State East Bay*)
Jeremy Means (*Bachelor in Finance at University of Nevada, Reno*)
Alyssa Vazquez (*Sports Administration at California State University, Fresno*)
Angela Verso (*Phlebotomy at Western Nevada College*)

Honoring Graduates Ceremony



CLASS OF 2023-2024

Naawetse'e Tunedooewunudooe *Learning for One's Whole Life*

8TH GRADERS | HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS | COLLEGE GRADUATES

Join us for a day of joy and celebration as we
commemorate this significant milestone in our
Native Graduates lives.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER | GIFTS | DINNER & CAKE
EAGLE FEATHER CEREMONY

TUESDAY, JUNE

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AT 6:00 PM

Schurz Tribal Gymnasium

This event is open to family members of graduates.
Graduates will receive a personal invitation via email!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE A
WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE
GRADUATION STOLE?
CONTACT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION!**



DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR MAY 2024

We are nearing the end of the school year and I want to extend my greatest congratulations to all the graduates for the 2023-2024 school year! The transitions you have made, your resiliency, the effort you have put to be at the top of your game!... Go and change the world and please keep in touch! This is a huge step toward your future, and I can't wait to see what becomes of it. I hope you'll all come back and tell us, visit family and friends, and share your news and hard-won wisdom with the students yet to rise here.

Here are some other meetings and activities we have accomplished this past month:

- **Apr. 22-26:** The Education Department staff visited several classes at Schurz Elementary School to share some words of motivation during their SBAC testing.
- **Apr. 22:** The Education Department did a collaboration event for the Earth Day celebration entitled "Our Earth, Our Future."
- **Apr. 23:** Attended the NYCP Monthly meeting call with Nevada Department of Education, and the RMC Research and Evaluation Team.
- **Apr. 30:** Submitted the Interim Report for the IMLS Basic Grant for the period between Aug. 2023 - Jan. 2024.
- **Apr. 30:** Met with TERO Department and the Summer Youth Employment Program Lead to discuss SYEP 2024 youth who will be participating in both employment and college camps/tours.
- **May. 1:** Attended the planning meeting for the American Indian/Alaska Native Camp in Lake Tahoe for summer 2024. We will continue to meet with organizers weekly.
- **May 2:** Met with NextGI representative to discuss information and organization of the Education Department's website tab on the Tribe's main website. The official website was launched and renovated with information populated.
- **May 7-8:** Education staff attended the Native Wellness Institute virtual training on Wellness in the Workplace.
- **May. 16:** Attended NYCP Monthly meeting call with the Nevada Department of Education.
- **May. 17:** Transported youth and attended the 2024 Annual Spring Pinenut Blessing at Desert Creek.
- **May 18:** Hosted motivational speaker event for the youth entitled ZUYA: My Life's Journey, featuring Frank Waln (Sicangu Lakota), multi-genre music artist, public speaker and curator.

"Great things in business are never done by one person; they're done by a team of people."
– Steve Jobs

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ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS BY EDUCATION



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.





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!



TUTORING



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 Friday's each week and providing mentorship to students for the remainder of the school year as well as during Summer Enrichment activities for SES.

Important dates to remember for **Schurz Elementary School**

- **May 21** - 6th graders visit to Yerington Intermediate School.
- **May 22** - 6th graders visit to Churchill County Middle School.
- **May 24** - 5th and 6th graders visit Reno Sparks Indian Colony for the Paiute Language Bowl hosted by Native American Culture and Education Program.
- **May 29** - Track and Field Day 9:00 a.m.
- **May 29** - Kindergarten Promotion at 5:30 p.m. at SES Multipurpose Room
- **JUNE 4** - Last Day of School- 6th Grade Send Off, and 4th Qtr. Awards Ceremony at SES Multipurpose Room



YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES

The Education Department coordinated with the Environmental Department and Schurz Elementary School to host outdoor Earth Day tabletop activities at the Schurz Community Park on April 22, 2024. The workshops consisted of a composting demonstration, making birdfeeders, DIY plants growing activity, cloud in a bottle activity, and arts & crafts. The Education staff provided lessons on different mint plants (peppermint, spearmint, and sweet mint) rosemary, and strawberry plants then distributed to attendees. Thank you to the Great Basin Conservancy for tabling and teaching about Nevada wildlife and the surrounding natural plants. We also had a raffle of garden supplies!



NYCP Coaches lead info-table on various mint plants and edible plants.



Student's demonstrate *Cloud in a Bottle* using recycled materials, rubbing alcohol, and a bike pump.

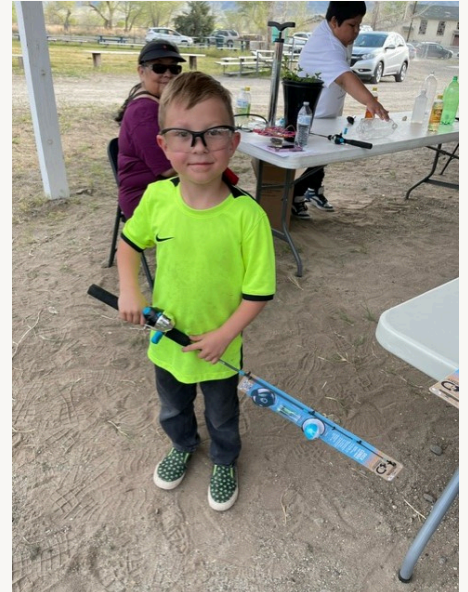


A healthy meal was provided for all attendees



Students share their DIY (do-it-yourself) bird feeders using recyclable materials.

EARTH DAY PHOTOS



Winners of raffle items!



**Plants Need Water and Light activity:
Attendees grew their own plants using plastic cups, cotton balls, water, seeds and sun!**

Student demonstrates easy composting activity with soil, egg shells, straw, banana peels, and other compostable materials.



YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN SPRING PINENUT BLESSING

The Education Department provided transportation to the Spring Pinenut Blessing to 16 youth members this year in our Education vans. We also provided snacks and water for the trip. The youth were able to watch and listen to the elders during the blessing and learn important instructions about how the ceremony is conducted for offering prayers in the spring for a good harvest in the fall. Youth participated in the circle dance and shared a meal with the other attendees. Several of our youth members helped clean up trash after the luncheon and assisted where needed.



Students walking up the dirt road to the blessing area.



Young Pinecones growing on the trees.



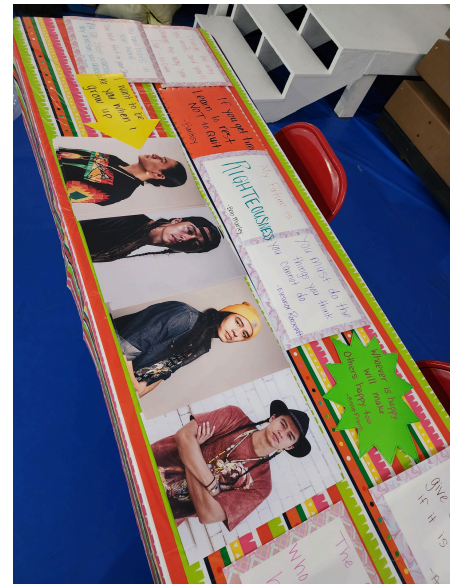
Snowcapped mountains on the road to blessing area.



Students having lunch near the river.

FRANK WALN VISIT TO THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

The Education Department held a motivational speaker event entitled: ZUYA - My Life's Journey featuring Frank Waln (Sicangu Lakota), multi-genre music artist, public speaker and curator. Frank shared his lived experience of coming from a rural reservation in Rosebud, SD, and pursuing his passion in music and performance while remaining rooted in his cultural identity. We had 40 attendees in the audience during this event, and were grateful for Frank's time and contributions to the Walker River Paiute Tribe!



ARTICLES BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAFF



Education Department staff attend online Wellness in the Workplace training hosted by Native Wellness Institute

Wellness in the Workplace- We touched on topics of being resilient and self-care, being a team player, working well with others and cooperation. Also, inner healing of ourselves so we bring our best selves to the work environment. We've done small group discussions on how to manage stress, and ways we will show up for ourselves and coworkers. In the training we discovered we have a very workable flexible team in the Education Department.

-Submitted by Aimee Johnson, Education Specialist

On May 9 & May 10, 2024, the NYCP Coaches attended a ZOOM training with the Native Wellness Institute (NWI) on *Wellness in the Workplace*. The presenters were: Jillene Joseph, Executive Director, Theda New Breast, Board of Directors, Shalene Joseph, Project Coordinator, Josh Cocker, Trainer, and Tomas Amaya, Trainer. Each morning and before closing they request what they call Healthy Risk Takers. Healthy risk takers are individuals who are willing to speak up with prayer, positive talks, or thanks for the workplace and the people. There were approximately 24 people who attended the training. We had small break out session groups that talked about conflicts of previous or current workplaces and how to resolve them and what was learned from that experience. From this training we have learned that healthy communication and being able to have a good working relationship with your colleagues within the workplace and outside is most effective. We must create a balance of life and work to be able to succeed in a healthy working environment.

- Submitted by NYCP College & Career Coaches

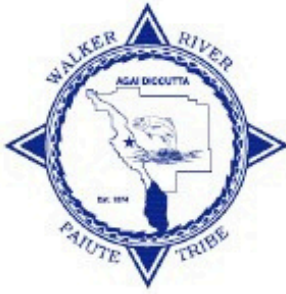
**"HEAL SO YOU CAN HEAR WHAT IS BEING SAID WITHOUT THE FILTER OF YOUR WOUND."
- THEDA NEWBREAST**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT NATIVE WELLNESS INSTITUTE,

PLEASE VISIT THEIR WEBSITE:

WWW.NATIVEWELLNESS.COM

BOARD OF EDUCATION



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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 05/20/2024 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 still taking sign-ups of Native students ages 7th-12th grade, to UNLV Native Youth College Camp and the Lake Tahoe 4-H Summer Camp. Please read through the overviews below for each one and contact the Education Department if you have a student interested in attending.

Communication with our Education Department staff and NYCP College and Career Coaches is key to ensuring every student has their applications turned in and registered for these events! Please contact us if you have any questions.

Contact for Sign-ups:

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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.



UNLV

PALMS



NATIVE YOUTH COLLEGE CAMP

JUNE 24-28, 2024

This free camp provides Native American students (7th-12th grade) with a unique and fun college & career readiness experience.

Camp participants will:

- ✓ Explore the UNLV campus & learn about degree programs and campus life
- ✓ Meet other Native youth from across Indian Country
- ✓ Enjoy off-campus tours at the Springs Preserve, Tribal-owned Palms Casino, and more!
- ✓ Delve into topics like tribal hospitality & gaming, Indian law, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math)



For more information, email Tammi Tiger at tammi.tiger@unlv.edu



**SCAN OR
CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**

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!



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SAVE THE DATE

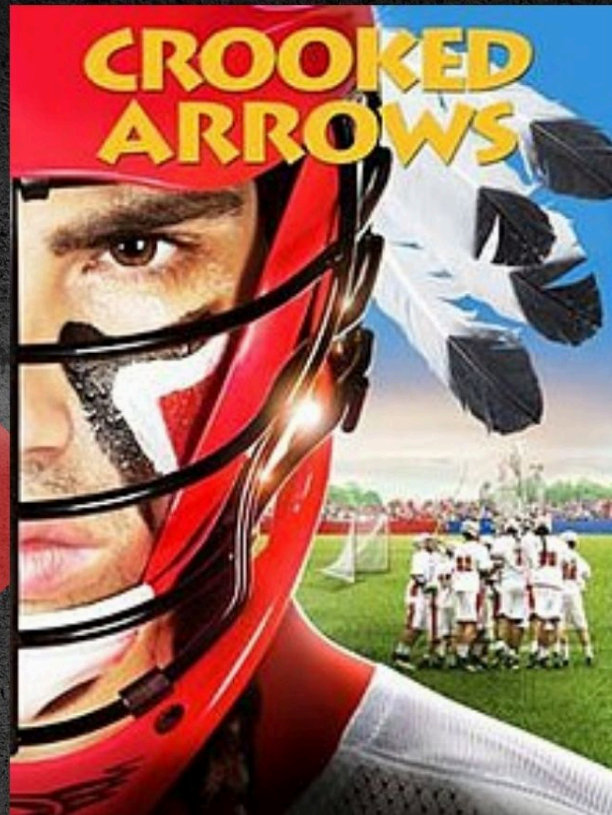
American Indian/Alaska Native Summer Camp in Lake Tahoe
July 29 - August 2, 2024
Target audience is high school students
Photo taken by Trevon Tiger Barnes (@tigers.i)

CULTURAL MOVIE NIGHT



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

▶ CULTURAL MOVIE NIGHT ◀



THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION WILL BE
SELLING HOT DOGS,
POPCORN, DRINKS
AND SWEETS!

THURSDAY

MAY 23

Crooked Arrows is a film about lacrosse, the game's Native American roots, and the honor, tradition, and cultural identity that goes along with the game for many of its players.

SCHURZ TRIBAL GYM

5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

CONTACT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION
(775) 773-2306 EXT. 2160

PAIUTE LANGUAGE BOWL 2024

The Education Department is coordinating with Paiute Language Instructor, E'Sha Hoferer, to help transport YHS and YIS team 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.

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