

Wa:k Newsletter

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SAWRSA UPDATE

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and Maggie Alvarez

June 15, 2012

Greetings from the SXD-SAWRSA Office: Hope everyone is enjoying the start of summer!

The San Xavier District -SAWRSA office and San Xavier Cooperative Association (SXCA) Board and management this past year have been conducting preliminary work on the proposed development of the San Xavier Farm Extension. On May 26, 2011, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) approved a one year revocable permit for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and SXD-SAWRSA to initiate preliminary survey of the farm boundary and archeological survey of the proposed farm acreage. The preliminary work has not been completed. An additional area on the westside of I-19 has been identified for consideration as part of the farm extension. At present all work has ceased due to the expiration of the revocable permit which expired on May 26, 2012. The BIA is requiring that SXCA and SXD-SAWRSA ensure that affected allottees are provided with a current notification of the proposed project and provided an opportunity at a public meeting for allottees with questions or concerns on the proposed projects to convey or share their concerns or question(s). A written notification will be sent to all affected allottees with a map of the project sites. Also, allottees will have an opportunity to attend a **Public Meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at San Xavier District Center at 6pm** on which the SXD-SAWRSA staff will provide a written and oral presentation to interested individuals with information regarding the proposed farm extension and related activities and address any question one may have regarding the proposed farm extension.

Also, the Arroyos 15 and 19 projects which is on a separate revocable permit will also be presented at the public meeting. The Arroyos project has been in the development for the last ten (10) years and is considered a success as a recharge activity and will be considered for a long term/permanent recharge facility. The Natural Resource Department staff will present the project and address any questions at the public meeting.

If you are an affected allottee and want to know more about the farm extension and Arroyos projects or have concerns about either of the projects, you are invited to attend and share your concern and interest.

The deadline for the August Edition of the Wa:k Newsletter is
Friday, July 20, 2012. Please submit your articles early.

WA:K NEWSLETTER



RANGER NEWS

New Staff:

We would like to welcome Mr. Elias McCovey to the Ranger Department; his first day of employment was June 11th, 2012. He is a member of the Tohono O'odham Nation and is from our community. There will be more information next month.

ANIMAL CONTROL:

How many of you got your pet vaccinated for rabies last month? IHS and the District held a free rabies vaccination clinic on June 8th, 2012. It is important that you get your pet vaccinated it helps prevent the spread of rabies and other types of sickness that can be passed on to other animals or humans. Keep your eyes open for the next rabies vaccination clinic.

STATS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2012

Animal Control – 20, Assist other Department – 1, Community Assist – 1, Property Damage – 2, Suspicious Activity/Person- 3, Trespassing- 3, Security/Welfare Check-4, Public Assist - 1, Special Detail – 1, Other Agency Assist – 2, Environmental Hazard/Nuisance - 1.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Emergency	911
Tohono O'odham Police	622-1587 / 879-8900
Ranger Department	807-8499
Ranger Supervisor	807-8484
On Duty Ranger	471-8092
Ranger Supervisor cell	349-1359

Summer Youth Worker

We would like to say thank you to Emma Ortega who worked with the department during the summer. Emma worked with the dispatchers learning the fundamentals, she is a fast learner and within a week she was talking on a two-way radio and answering the telephone. It was a great pleasure to have her working with us. Emma stay in school, God Bless you and we hope to see you here next year.

FIRE SAFETY

As you all are aware it is pretty dry out there in the desert. Here is some information to help you prevent a fire from happening.

- When cooking outside be sure the fire is completely out when done.
- Keep an eye on the fire at all times.
- Make sure that the children are not playing with the fire or with matches.
- Keep control of your weeds around your house.
- Do not burn any trash or weeds.
- Have and know how to use a fire extinguisher.

We would like to send our prayers to the Wilson Family and to all who have lost a loved one, may the Creator be with you during this time.

Hi:kdan Business Park Scholarship Program

Applications are available for higher education scholarships, for the Fall 2012 school year. Scholarships are available to qualified applicants who are enrolled members of the Tohono O'odham Nation and the San Xavier District.

New students will be required to submit completed applications along with the required documentation which is listed on the application. Continuing students only need to submit their grades from the previous semester you were funded for, receipts from previous funding, official documentation stating the amount due for your new tuition and book expenses and a statement of your progress and goals regardless if they have changed or not.

Please don't wait until the last minute to pick up the application. It takes time to acquire and complete the requested documentation. We will be offering assistance with the application process on July 24th at our office, 7765 S. Comobabi Street in the Hi:kdan Business Park, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. AND on July 25th at the San Xavier Education Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Applications can be picked up from our office and at the SX Education Center.

Questions? Please call us at 520-746-3692, Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WANTED

Looking for work? We are in need of a dependable, trustworthy, hardworking person who is able to do yard work and simple house maintenance. Must be able to follow directions and work unsupervised. Work is paid for by the job and not until the job is completed. No advances. Work is usually once a week unless there are multiple projects, in the summer and once every two weeks in the winter.

Call 908-8886 for inquiries.

WA:K SENIOR SERVICES

Greetings to our fellow elders and community members. I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and safe from this extreme heat. Please observe the warning about our high temperatures and drink plenty of water keep yourself and especially the kids hydrated.

The elders enrolled in the senior program had a full schedule for the month of May. Some of the activities that were offered were; a religious retreat at the San Xavier Mission Church in the St. Clare room attended by the congregate.

May 12 we transported elders to the Nation's Elders Day gathering at the Desert Diamond Casino, Pima Mine Rd.

May 21 a pottery class was given to elders and staff by Kathy Vance. Miniature potteries were made by all and we are looking forward to another class in the very near future.

On the 24th Joseph Enos from Gila River District 5 did a motivation talk to the elders. Joseph will be making three more presentations in the next three months. Joseph is a traditionalist, spiritual leader and provides counseling to the youth, adults and elders throughout O'odham country.

Elders were transported to the District cemetery to attend the Memorial Day ceremonies on May 25 at the Veterans Memorial monument.

The District's Human Resources Department kicked off the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) on June 4, 2012. Senior Services has three youth workers working for various programs in the department. These young women and young man are Shawn Lopez working with the Tradesmen, Brianna Alvarez working with kitchen staff, and Aryanna Anaya with the Adult Care Givers. These young adults will be learning living skills that will help in their everyday lives such as cooking, cleaning, laundry, and minor home repairs, and plumbing. We welcome these individuals and are privileged to have them working with us.

I would like to thank the staff in these programs; Adult Care Givers Elena Marcus, Priscilla Encinas, Tradesmen Bert Ruiz, Chris Gastelum and Kitchen cook Mel Ortega for sharing their talents in training these young adults. Staff will be attending a workshop sponsored by the Adult Protection Services on "Elderly Abuse Awareness" at the Sells recreation center.

Pima County will be doing a presentation on "Health Living" to the elders on congregate day June 18th.

June 28 we will be hosting the Gila River District 5 Casa Blanca seniors at our congregate. This gathering will be held at the District's Hik:dan riparian area. These are a few of the activities planned and more to be added which have not yet been confirmed.

For more information regarding eligibility and services offered by the senior services, please **contact me at 349-4323 (cell), 573-4064 (office) or email me at tburrell@waknet.org** and I will be honored to answer any questions. I encourage you to come visit us. The staff and clients of the program would like to thank the District Administration and Council for their support in funding this department which is here to serve the s-ge'e ho:g hemajam (elders) of Wa:k.

We should always be thankful to God for living in this community which in this day and age we are blessed to have services available to us when our country and so many of our communities are struggling.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

1 Corinthians 15:58

WA:K SENIOR SERVICES INVITATION

Any and all Native American seniors 55 years of age and older, community members and non-community members are welcome to attend our "open congregate".

Come and join our congregate and socialize and enjoy lunch with the seniors of the community. "Open congregate" is held one day a month on the 3rd Thursdays of the month. Any questions regarding our "open congregate", please contact us at

573-4064 or 349-4323.

Have a blessed and safe summer.

Caregivers of Memory-Impaired Persons Acquiring Successful Strategies

COMPASS

The educational presentation for family caregivers will provide better understanding of how Alzheimer's Disease can disrupt daily life and learn practical strategies to get back on track.

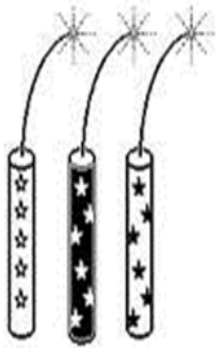
COMPASS provides you with the directions you need.

Date: Thursday, July 26th 2012

Place: San Xavier District Center

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon)

Contact Tony Burrell for additional information at (520) 573-4064



4th of July Word Search

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The San Xavier Allottees Association
ANNOUNCES ...

July 24th 2012

Will Writing SERVICE*

9am – 4pm

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED CALL 520.807.2121

APPOINTMENTS ONLY

**in partnership with the U.A Indigenous Law Program & Native People's Technical Assistance Office*

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES

AVAILABLE AT THE SXAA OFFICE!

Come visit the Office M - F 8am to 5pm

325 E. Vamori St
Tucson, Az 85756

Questions?? Call: 520.807.2121



ATTENTION

IIM ACCOUNT BENEFICIARIES

**OST/IIM AND BIA PROBATE STAFF
WILL BE AT THE SAN XAVIER ALLOTTEES
ASSOCIATION OFFICE
(NEW LOCATION)**

**325 E. VAMORI STREET
(1ST LIGHT SOUTH OF THE DESERT DIAMOND
CASINO)**

**TUCSON, ARIZONA
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012
9AM TO 4PM**

**TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR IIM
ACCOUNT OR CURRENT PROBATE MATTERS**

TOHONO O'ODHAM DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FAMILY
ASSISTANCE DIVISION INTAKE
SCHEDULE FOR SAN XAVIER

JULY 2, 2012 8:00-5:00 pm

AUGUST 6, 2012 8:00-5:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 8:00-5:00 pm

OFFICE LOCATED AT
SAN XAVIER DISTRICT CENTER
(CHILD WELFARE OFFICE)

OFFICE PHONE (520) 807-8657

SELLS PHONE (520) 383-6250

Wynona Peters

Bingo Fundraiser



WEDNESDAY

JULY 4, 2012

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SAN XAVIER CO-OP FARM

CONFERENCE ROOM

FOOD & BAKE SALE

Given by the Family

for Personal Expenses

for her trip to Rome, Italy.

Thank you for your support!

OTHER

JACKPOT PRIZES

10X10 POP UP TENT

ICE CHEST/ADULT BIKE

TABLE/BAG GROCERIES



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WAK INDIAN DAY ROYALTY IS IN THE PROCESS OF RECRUITING YOUNG LADIES FOR THE 2012-13 ROYALTY

!!RECRUIT!!

!!RECRUIT!!

DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS ARE ON SEPTEMBER 24TH

IF YOU ENJOY TRAVELING, MEETING NEW PEOPLE MAKING NEW FRIENDS & LEARNING TO FUNDRAISE, SELF-DEVELOPMENT & LEARNING ABOUT YOUR CULTURE THIS MAY BE FOR YOU!!

YOU MAY CONTACT ANY OF THE CURRENT ROYALTY & PARENTS.

FIRST THINGS FIRST Ready for School. Set for Life.

Family Support & Child Development Program

New Program

Using home visitation our goal is to educate parents, caregivers and families about the importance of early childhood development and health, support families in advocating for their children's needs and how to access resources of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

Serving children ages birth through 5

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL

520-383-6124

OR

520-383-6030

Division of Special Need Tohono O'odham Nation Department of Health & Human Services Mildred Manuel, Program Manager, Senior (520) 383-6033

San Xavier District Council

**Meeting of July 3, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.
Location District Center**

AGENDA - Tentative

- Welcome and Open Remarks:
- Invocation:
- Review and Approval of Agenda:
- Unfinished Business:
- Julie Ramon-Pierson, San Xavier Allottee Association Chairperson –
- New Business:
- Marian Joaquin, SXDC Personnel & Policy Committee Chair – Presenting support of changes to the dance permit increase fees.
- Chairman’s /Vice Chairman’s Activity Reports:
- SXDC Minutes:
- Announcement:
- District Community meeting scheduled on July 14, 2012 at 9 a.m. will be held in the District Center.
- Second Council meeting scheduled on July 17, 2012 at 7 p.m. will be held in the District Center.
- Adjournment:



San Xavier District Community

**Meeting of July 14, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.
Location District Center**

AGENDA - Tentative

- Welcome and Open Remarks:
- Invocation:
- Review and Approval of Agenda:
- Call to the Audience:
- Darlene Lopez, Tohono O’odham Cancer Prevention Chairwoman – Present the Tohono O’odham Comprehensive Cancer Prevention and Control Plan and overview of program.
- TOLC Reports:
- SXDC Reports:
- Announcements:
- Second Council meeting scheduled on July 17, 2012 at 7 p.m. will be held in the District Center.
- District Council meeting scheduled for August 7, 2012 at 7 p.m. will be held in the District Center.
- District Community meeting scheduled on August 11, 2012 at 9 a.m. will be held in the District Center.
- District Council meeting scheduled on August 21, 2012 at 7 p.m. will be held in the District Center.
- Adjournment:



San Xavier District Council

**Meeting of July 17, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.
Location District Center**

AGENDA – Tentative

- Welcome and Open Remarks:
- Invocation:
- Review and Approval of Agenda:
- Mr. Harold Stuth, SXD Finance Manager – Presenting the Districts monthly finances report – closed session.
- Unfinished Business:
- New Business:
- Chairman/Vice Chairman’s Activity Reports:
- SXDC Minutes:
- Announcements:
- Adjournment:



San Xavier District Council Resolutions adopted for the month of May 2012

Date	Res. No.	Title
05/01/12	05-12-01	<p>"Appointing Adam Andrews to the Community at Large position for the SXDC Finance Committee under the New Staggered Term policy"</p> <p>Motioned by Janice Felix and second Dennis Ramon, tally results; 3 for, 0 against, 2 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried</p>
05/01/12	05-12-02	<p>"Amending the San Xavier District's FY12 Budget to Participate in the Tohono O'odham Ki:Ki Association's 50/50 District Challenge Program"</p> <p>Motioned by Dennis Ramon and second Mona Cristan, tally results; 3 for, 0 against, 2 not voting, 0 against. Motion carried.</p>
05/01/12	05-12-03	<p>"Tabling the Draft Resolution Authorizing Signers as Having Authority to Direct the Office of Special Trustees of the Bureau of Indian Affairs"</p> <p>Motioned by Janice Felix and second Dennis Ramon, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 1 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
05/01/12	05-12-04	<p>"Accepting the SXDC Minutes of September 20,2011 as Amended"</p> <p>Motioned by Janice Felix and second Mona Cristan, tally results; 3 for, 0 against, 1 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.</p>
05/01/12	05-12-05	<p>"Accepting the SXDC Minutes of February 7, 2012 as Presented"</p> <p>Motioned by Michael D. Enis and second Mona Cristan, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.</p>
05/01/12	05-12-06	<p>"Accepting the SXDC Minutes of March 6, 2012 as Presented"</p> <p>Motioned by Michael D. Enis and second Mona Cristan, tally results; 3 for, 0 against, 1 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.</p>
05/01/12	05-12-07	<p>"Accepting the SXDC Minutes of March 20, 2012 as Presented"</p> <p>Motioned Michael D. Enis and second Mona Cristan, tally results; 3 for, 0 against, 1 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.</p>
05/15/12	05-12-08	<p>"Agreeing to Conduct a Closed Session for the SXD Financial Monthly Report"</p> <p>Motioned by Felicia Nunez and second Tony Burrell, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
05/15/12	05-12-09	<p>"Approving the San Xavier District Opening a New Investment Account at SmithBarney to Repair Sinkholes within the San Xavier District"</p> <p>Motioned by Philbert Bailey and second Tony Burrell, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
05/15/12	05-12-10	<p>"Approving New Voter Application for Anatasha Rope to be added to the San Xavier District Voters List"</p> <p>Motioned by Dennis Ramon and second Tony Burrell, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
05/15/12	05-12-11	<p>"Approving a Home Site Recognition for Tressa Alvarez on Allotment #285 at 8184 S. Little Nogales Road"</p> <p>Motioned by Dennis Ramon and second Felicia Nunez, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
05/15/12	05-12-12	<p>"Supporting the Health, Wellness and Safety Fair"</p> <p>Motioned by Dennis Ramon and second Tony Burrell, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>

Copies of resolutions and related information can be obtained at the San Xavier District Council office, upon proper request



SAN XAVIER MISSION NEWS

No Baptisms in July

Next Baptism Class: August 14

Baptisms: August 25

July 13: Come honor Blessed Kateri at 8:30 Mass

July 14: Blessed Kateri Feast Day

August 20: Registrations for Religious Education Classes Begins

- ⇒ Elementary K-8
- ⇒ Teen Confirmation: 16-18 year olds
- ⇒ Adults for Sacrament Preparation
- ⇒ Teens and Adults choose sponsors who:
- ⇒ Have all their sacraments completed
- ⇒ Are practicing their Catholic faith
- ⇒ Are able to come to classes and activities with you

July 4-Aug 3 : Sister Carla and Sister Pat will be in Wisconsin for Community Meetings and Home visits. We wish you all a safe and healthy summer.

Thank you for saving aluminum cans for San Xavier Mission School this year. The students were happy to reach their goal of \$1,000 The total raised was \$1,017.71

Please continue to save your aluminum cans for San Xavier Mission School during June and July and drop them off at school in August. Thanks for your support! Have a safe and healthy summer.

God bless you,
Sister Delores Vogt
Aluminum Can Coordinator



ANNOUNCEMENT

[SWAP MEET SALE]

[Saturday, July 7th 6:00 AM to 11:AM]

[Tentative Location : SX DANCE RAMADA]

You can sign up day of event

\$10.00 Per Space

Bring you own canopy and chairs

Food Sale will be sold by Community Volunteer Committee



GREAT NEWS! John Fendenheim owner of Wiwpul Du'ag Trading Post located at the Arts and Crafts Plaza make a generous donation of \$1000.00 to the Education Department at the store's grand re-opening of his newly expanded shop on June 2, 2012. Mr. Fendenheim presented an oversized check of the donation to Tina Rodriquez representing SXD Education. The funds will go to support Standing Strong activities for community youth ages 10-17 years of age. Wiwpul Du'ag Trading Post at San Xavier Plaza is the second of two stores, the first has been in San Pedro Village, SR86 Mile Post 140. Wiwpul Du'ag Trading Post at San Pedro Village has been open for more than 16 years. Heartfelt appreciation to John Fendenheim from the students and staff of SXD Education Department.



Wa:k Newsletter

JULY 2012

Hello my fellow Wa:k O'dham

June has been a busy month for Education Department. It felt like school never ended. We have our summer reading programs for K- 5th, "Infant & Toddler" and "Middle School summer Program". As for our "Summer Reading Program" In celebrating Arizona State's 100th year our theme is "Our State, Our Stories". This summer I will be spending my time with 4th & 5th graders. In our first session we had seventeen students participate in our program. Mr. Badilla has spent his time with the students on reinforcing math, reading and writing. He challenges the students reminding them of the importance of education. I know that most of our student's weakness is math and reading. He sends the students with homework to help them practice what was taught through the day. The next morning the students are given a timed math test. This is to refresh the mind on what homework was given. Along with their math they are given some reading material with questions that help the teacher to see if the student understands what they just read.

In the afternoon students spend their time with the great staff from SX Recreation Center and HOPP. Here the students are able to get in some daily exercises and are educated on healthy food. Every Thursday afternoon the children spend some time in the pool. Now, I know this brings a smile to the kids, they have fun and get some exercise as well. Students are able to spend some time with Ms. Tomasa, who is our culture/language teacher. Our students picked up some new songs, O'dham coloring books on O'dham alphabets. A lot of it was done hands on.

Students have gone on their field trip to Colossal Cave. I will provide an update from both summer sessions next month. This group of kids have taught me that no matter at what age you are at you are still able to learn and have some fun!

IMPORTANT DATES:

July 06, 2012- Completed "Tuition & Books" applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. for August, 2012 agenda.

July 27, 2012- Completed "Bus Pass" applications are due for August, 2012 bus pass. Due no later than 5:00 p.m.

Tina Rodriquez



Kim Ortega, Community Liaison

Well summer is officially here and we are just about ready to go back to school. Parents if you have allowed children to “relax” for the summer now is the time to start refreshing their memory with things they learned in the previous school year.

Have your kiddos pick up a book and read to you or themselves at least 15 minutes a day. (who knows maybe they might get interested in what they’re reading and read more than that); then have them write you a short summary of what they read.



They can also go online (with your help and permission) and find free websites that will help them refresh

their memories on math. Or you can even quiz them on adding, subtracting and multiplication. It can be little things such as counting cars on a trip or if there is 12 eggs in a dozen and we used 4 eggs for breakfast how many eggs are left? Little things like this will keep the brain focused and slightly challenged.

Take time to share your child's education, it benefits everyone when parent and child are on the same page. Also parents need to start prepping students for bed midway through July so that they can get used to going to bed at a reasonable time and wake up early. Schools are starting the first week in August!! REMEMBER it's the students job to participate in school and it's **THE PARENT'S JOB TO GET THEIR STUDENT TO SCHOOL!**

So lets get them to bed early and get them up on time to catch the School Bus!

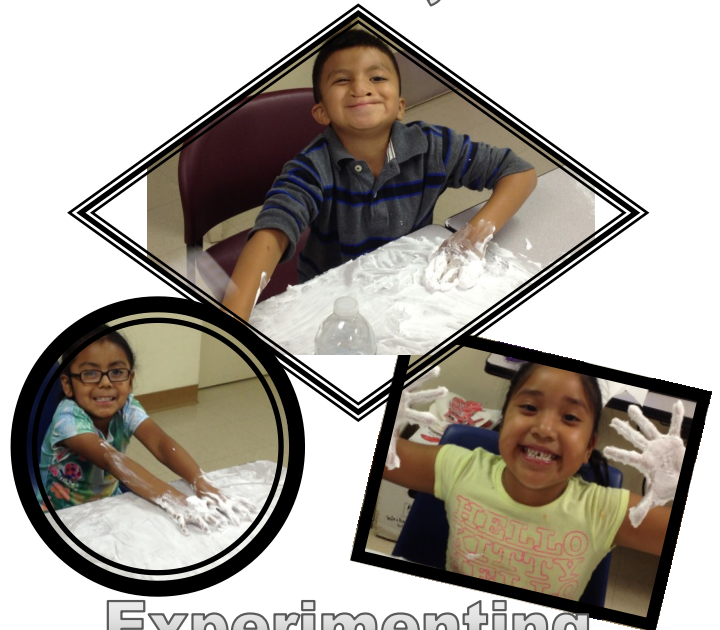
Have a great summer and stay hydrated!



Classroom Time



Summer Program June 4-21, 2012



Experimenting with Shaving Cream



S-ke:g Tas! Wa:k Community!

We have finished another chapter in our lives and the most important thing about it , is, we are here! Creator has Blessed me by putting me here!

Look forward to another year! AND remember Creator is in control of everything! Ha:sañ Bak Masaḍ is the start of a new year for us!

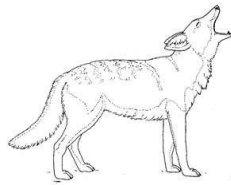
We have finished the first session of summer school .

The children learned O'Odham songs, some vocabulary words and the Infant and toddler program worked on our Himdag. It was so uplifting to see father's coming with their child/children! Keep that communication open at all times! Ask your child questions, ask them to sing the songs they have learned. It was really cool! Hearing them sing the Ban song , as they were doing their coloring!

You can sing the song too!

Ban Song

Ban ia meliwa - k keihina
Ban ia meliwa - k keihina ha
U'owi ha - gagid - Ke
Kiwa K'an Keihina ha



Let's see who can match the colors

s-kubjuwĩ	red
s-uam	brown
s-wegium	purple
s-wegĩ	gray
s-ko:magĩ	yellow
s-añil:magĩ	pink
s-ce:dagñ	white
s-tuha	orange
s-i:bhaimagĩ	green
s-cuk	blue
s-nalasmagi	black

Carmen Martinez, Community Liaison

Hello Wa:k Community,

I am excited to be given the opportunity to be part of "One State, Our Story" 2012 Summer Reading Program for the 2nd & 3rd grade student participants. The entire program began June 4th and ended on June 21st with a finale of a trip to the Colossal Cave.

First of all, I would like to introduce the 2nd & 3rd grade students from session I of the "One State, Our Story" 2012 Summer Reading Program:

- * Esteban Rios—2nd Grade
- * Dancing Bear Osegueda—2nd Grade
- * Roman Campos—2nd Grade
- * Teresa Cupis—2nd Grade
- * Rene Jose, Jr.—3rd Grade
- * Darian Rios—3rd Grade
- * Ty Campos—3rd Grade
- * Jashawna Jose—3rd Grade
- * Damien Lopez—3rd Grade
- * Elianna Lopez—3rd Grade



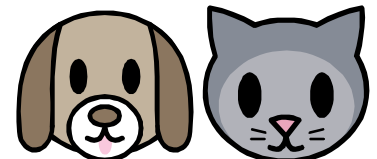
The program for the 2nd & 3rd grade students was designed to promote literacy development of the children. Activities of literacy involved children in all language modes of listening, speaking, reading, writing and O'odham Language. Basic math activities were also incorporated. The emphasis for the 2nd & 3rd grade children was to provide experiences that were developmentally appropriate focusing on listening skills,



following directions, and time on task.

It has been my pleasure working with Ms. JoLynn Begay (2nd & 3rd grade teacher) and Jeremy Lopez (Summer Youth Employment Worker). I have enjoyed getting to know your children and watching them learn and grow with the "One State, Our Story" 2012 Summer Reading Program.

Carmen H. Martinez
Community Liaison



News from the Learning Center

Greetings from the Learning Center!!!! We are so excited as we have completed the first sessions of our Summer Infant/Toddler program. It was fun! And went Great! Our program consisted of early literacy, Music, Tohono O'odham Culture and Language, Story Time, arts & crafts, physical education with the Tohono O'odham HOPP program, Nutrition presentation by Indian Health Service (Ruby Flores) field trips to the Reid Park Zoo and the Children's Museum. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who participated in our program.

Our next session will begin on July 9-27, 2012. There are only a few slots open, you can come in and fill out your application at the Education Center. Our morning session which begins at 9am-11am is for children 0-2 years of age and must be accompanied by parents, or caregiver. Our afternoon session begins 1pm-3pm for the 3 & 4 years old. A graduation Breakfast was also served it was Fantastic!! Thank you Francine Johnson for all your hard word.

A special thanks to the Friends of the Tohono O'odham Library for supporting our program.

Learning Center hours have been changed due to our summer infant/toddler program. We are closed except for the following hours.

OPEN: Mon—Wed. 3pm-5pm.

OPEN: Thurs-1pm-5pm

OPEN: Fridays 8am-5pm (Occasionally staff will be in training so please call 807-8620)

Congratulations to the children and most of all Congratulations to the parents/caregivers for allowing your children to be a part of this program which has been so successful. Our learning center staff is always proud to see and teach your children. Thanks for all you have done Joshua Eleando.

Three & Four Year olds Below.



From left to right Michael Franco, Elijah Alvarez, Christina Miles, Maliyah Juan, Jordan Saraficio, Daymion Martinez, Robert & Demarco Brave Bird, Daunte Corella & Maritza Cupis



Zero to 2 years old Below: Caylon Franco, Elissa Cupis, Dennis Wolfchief, Kylie Wolfchief, Taylor Juan, Cessalie Miles

Not pictured is Angeline Philips

Ramona Casillas, FGDM Facilitator

Sa:p ia ma:sama Wa:k community? M an a sa:pe.

July is Ju:big Masad – Rainy month and I sure hope the community gets lots of rain to cool down mother earth and so we can smell the se:gai (greasewood)!

I would like to share some information from the “Developmental Milestone Workshop that Education and the Dept. of Justice Tribal Youth Program grant (DOJ TYP) sponsored in Collaboration with TON Special Needs Division.

Childhood Facts or Fiction (answers at bottom of page)

1. T/F Newborn babies do not need to be strapped to a changing table.
2. T/F If you pick up a crying baby, you will spoil him/her.
3. T/F Newborn babies’ heads do not need support.
4. T/F Babies say their first words around 12 months of age.
5. T/F It is normal for a 2 year old child to hit another child during an argument.
6. T/F Temper tantrums are normal for 2 year old children.
7. T/F It is normal for preschoolers to be afraid of the dark.
8. T/F Preschoolers can sit still for 10 to 20 minutes.
9. T/F “Hands-on” activities help 3-5 year old children learn.
10. T/F By age 6, children have most of the language skills adults do.

There are 7 Principles of Development: here are two of them

These principles or characteristics describe typical development as a predictable and orderly process; that is, we can predict how most children will develop and that they will develop at the same rate and at about the same time as other children.

Answers: 1 false, 2 false, 3 false, 4 true, 5 true, 6 true, 7 true, 8 false, 9 true, 10 true

Development proceeds from the head downward. This principle describes the direction of growth and development. The child gains control of the head first, then the arms, and then the legs.

Development proceeds from the center of the body outward. This means that the spinal cord develops before outer parts of the body. The child’s arms develop before the hands and the hands and feet develop before the fingers and toes.

Here are several last points to consider regarding a child’s development:

Opportunity: Development is influenced by the opportunity to try out new skills. If a child had not been exposed to the opportunity, he/she may appear to have a delay in development.

Differences in Ability: All children are unique individuals who travel on a path of growth and development at their own pace. Children with special needs may take longer traveling on the development path.

Culture: Some cultures value self-sufficiency and encourage children to become independent at a very early age. On the other hand, some cultures value the child as a dependent member of the whole group. Behaviors such as toileting, weaning, and sleeping alone may occur at different times in development depending on the culture of the family.

May 31, 2012 Marcine Lopez, Education Administrator and I traveled to The Tribal Campus-Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community to examine their “Kinship Conference Series” under their Department of Health & Human Services, Behavioral Health Division (BHD).

The BHD program “Educate to Elevate” is a prevention program which sponsored the “IMIK – family Kinship – MASHWISH” conference series. “The vision for their series is to strengthen the connection among people within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community through conversation and activities.

Ramona Casillas, FGDM Facilitator

By knowing our family circle, a feeling of belonging can be created. This sense of identity or self-esteem is inherent in knowing one's family history and culture. This bonding creates a stronger family unit."

The intention of our traveling group was to learn about their program and see how we could utilize the information for the development of a Maze curriculum for the Wa:k community. I think the Kinship series is a reminder to the Wa:k community of "Saicu Si SapAp Ju-What Did We Do Right," and title of the SX DOJ Tribal Youth Program under Education. There is a saying "everything we need is inside us (the Creator put it there)."



The Middle School summer program began on June 25th and runs through July 19th with many role model presenters participating. Some of those scheduled are:

Adam Andrews, Wynona Peters, Rainey Carlyle, Tomasa Jose, Jerry Carlyle, Mandy Cheromiah & Russell Juan.



Happy Birthday to:



Who needs High School???

Dropping out of school was something I wanted to do, only because I wanted to get away from everybody, even my own friends, also known as “homies”. It’s crazy how they said they’d have my back, but where were they when I got in my first high school fight? Standing right behind me, not saying anything while I stood in front of three fools’ faces. Just seeing them all behind me, not even trying to help me out, pissed me off. I used to ditch classes with them and get high with them at school when they wanted me too. As “bad” as I thought my friends were, they didn’t even want to help me fight the guys we did not like.

After all that happened, I found myself not wanting to be around my homies and decided to drop out of school. For six years, I sat around at home not doing anything. My mom used to give me money so I could support myself and I watched my sister’s daughter for money. At twenty years of age, I started to get into the drug business with some people I knew. That was fun for me. For a while, money was in pocket and all was well. But what goes up must come down. Sometimes, people get caught by the police and get locked up. When that happened, the business was closed for good.

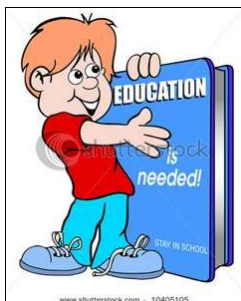
I’ve had two jobs. The first was okay and paid enough for me to take care of myself. After about two or three months they let me go because I had no high school diploma. My second job was easy. All I had to do was clean up yards at KB homes all over Tucson.

It didn’t pay much, but I got by until I was let go because I had no education. I tried to look for other jobs, but everywhere I went they were looking for people with high school diplomas. I came back home to the reservation with no money.

I decided to go back to school and get my GED so that I can support myself. I have recently started formal testing but still need to pass math and earn more points. Things have changed and I have a family of my own to care of!

Sometimes I sit and think to myself about how I should have just stayed in school. I should have ducked and dodged all the “B.S.” then I probably would be where I want to be. All I want to say to you is stay in school, graduate, get a job, be somebody. Friends are not always going to be there.

By Anonymous TO GED student Sells, AZ.



Earning a GED

Too many young people drop out of high school before they graduate and later wish that they would have stayed in school and earned their high school diploma. Fortunately, it is possible to go back and earn a high school degree even if you have been out of school for quite some time. It is never easy to go back, but almost every person who goes back to get their diploma or pass their GED is happy that they did. There are quite a few different reasons why you may wish to finally get your diploma. These will usually include boosting the number of job opportunities you are qualified for, establishing a school record so you can apply for college or technical school, or perhaps just for your own sense of achievement. No matter what your issues are, you have a certain amount of motivation you can use to help you complete your studies. There are a few good choices for earning a diploma these days. You can study for and take the GED test, attend a high school diploma course at your local community college or even take course online. When deciding which of these alternatives is right for you, try to determine which one will be the easiest for you.

If you are really good at studying and learning by yourself, you may want to go ahead and just take the GED test. You will have to get some GED test preparation guides which will help you brush up on high school topics and they will also include practice exams you can take to see how likely it is that you will actually pass the exam. Be sure to cover the major topics, such as reading and writing, math, social studies and the physical sciences. Be sure to get started studying quite a few months before you will be sitting for the exam. There will be a lot of different topics to read up on. Another option for you may be some test preparation classes at an area school.

Individuals who enjoy participating in classes or perhaps feel that they benefit from a rigid program routine could consider enrolling in a community college. Several community school offer standardized classes that may help you earn your degree. After you have attended and passed the required number of credits, you will be receive your very own diploma. If you are currently working full time during the day and need a continue working while you complete a diploma, online courses might be right for you. Plenty of online schools now offer high school programs and some campus based colleges also offer learning online program. Before committing to any one online school, find out if the course are taught according to a strict or variable schedule. Some classes require you to be online at set times of the day or evening while others are more flexible.

With all of the opportunities for earning a high school degree these days, there is little justification not to try to get your. If you need structure and a weekly routine, you might want to join a course at a local community college. In case you prefer self-directed learning, try learning online or sitting for the GED exam



ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE

SYLVIA P. DAWAVENDEWA



Summer Reading Program Session I had 49 students enrolled. There are three classes, kindergarten and first grades in one class, second and third make up the second class, and fourth and fifth grades make up the last class. The three teachers are Mrs. Rene Singleton – K & 1st, Ms. JoLynn Begay – 2nd & 3rd, and Mr. Ernesto Badilla – 4th & 5th. Ms. Singleton is a teacher for Santa Clara Elementary School and is on loan to us per an agreement with Principal Islas. SXD Education staff working with the summer program are Tina Rodriquez – site supervisor, Kim Ortega – 1st & 2nd teacher aide, Carmen Martinez – 2 & 3rd teacher aide, and Irasema Carrillo – 4th & 5th teacher aide. In addition, there are three SXD Summer Youth Program Workers assisting in the classes, those are Jeremy Lopez, Ashley Bailey and Jordan Davis. The first session will ended on June 21, and the second session is just starting. Teachers and aides will remain the same but we will

have a new group of youth workers. Once again, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Sunnyside Unified School District (SUSD) for collaborating with SXD in making the summer sessions possible. Many people are not aware of all the details that go into planning and carrying out the summer programs. We began planning in February through a series of meetings

in-house and with SUSD administrators and Principal Islas to make all the arrangements. Thanks to SUSD the children have two meals per day, they have comfortable class rooms and a computer lab to use. They have a big bus to take them to school, bring them back, and for their fieldtrip. Were it not for SUSD we could not serve 50 students per session. Our hours and dates are based on discussions between SXD and SUSD as we both have our limitations with budgets, staff, and time, all play a part in our summer schedules. Thanks to this collaboration, we are able to enhance the education of the SXD students.

We have a few more openings in the **Summer Reading Program Session II** so sign up now. The Kindergarten and First grade class is full for session II. Pick up an application at the education center.

The **Infant & Toddler Program** has also begun, both sessions

have been filled. Thanks to Ms. Gertie Lopez’s great sales pitch, she was able to successfully request a donation for the program from the Sells Friends of the Library group. The donation of \$400 is being used for snacks, fieldtrips, and supplies for the four classes. Kudos! Summer Programs are the priority at SXD Education so please call for Learning Center and **computer lab hours** before coming over as Ms. Gertie makes full use of the LC with her classes.

The **SXD Middle School Summer Session** has also begun; Mr. Jasper Kinsley Jr., and Mr. Russell Juan (Sunnyside Native Education Program) will be teaching the class which is limited to 17 students. The classes began on June 25, and will end on July 19, 2012. This year students have been asked to write an essay on education as part of the application process and selections will be made by a panel which will review the essay and application. This is a way of introducing the students to application processes they will face in the future – our goal is to prepare them for their life as an adult, this is a small step. We will continue this practice in the future. The middle school students will have classes in Tohono O’odham Language & Culture taught by Ms. Tomasa Jose, a Career Exploration class taught by Ramona Casillas, as well academics and several guest speakers will also present. This is an educational program so there are expectations of the students with regard to doing work, testing, and behavior. Our goal at SXD is to improve the education of our students and raise their level of performance so they can become contributing members of the community in the future.

On June 15, Education staffers presented a day of workshops to the 30 **Summer Youth Employment Program** workers on topics such as: Household Budgeting, Renting an Apartment, Dressing and Preparing for a successful interview, Music and Tohono O’odham Culture. Through the fun interactive activities, the youth learned to appreciate the constraints their parents face as they work to support a family. Education staff participating included: Tina Rodriquez, Kim Ortega, Carmen Martinez, Gertie Lopez, Tomasa Jose, and Sylvia Dawavendewa. A good time was had by all.

Photo: Shawn Lopez practices tying his tie.



Administrator's Update—Sylvia P. Dawavendewa

Three SXD Wildcat students were selected to attend a **Pharmacy Camp at the University of AZ**, De Ana Antone, Shania Encinas, and Iris Antone had the privilege of attending the week-long camp thanks to Wildcat Principal Lina Susee who came to transport them to camp every morning. The PharmCamp is designed to introduce Tucson middle school students to the field of pharmacy and environmental health. The camp sessions are taught by UA College of Pharmacy faculty, student pharmacists and staff. De Ana said the camp was fun and she learned a lot, like how to make chapstick and other potions. We're all proud of the girls for doing a good job and completing the camp.



De Ana and Karen Antone show Pharmcamp Certificate

On Wednesday evening, June 13, 2012, representatives from Tohono O'odham Community College presented a workshop to SXD community members on **Climate and Weather**. The presentation was based on science and incorporated Tohono O'odham culture using O'odham words to describe clouds and various weather conditions unique to the area of the Tohono O'odham Nation. Interactive exercises had participants involved in study of the sun, energy, pressure and other phenomena that affect the weather. Reading the weather, predicting monsoon storms and dry spells were very important to the Tohono O'odham as they needed that knowledge to plant, collect desert plant foods, hunt game and move from lowlands to highlands for the different seasons. Some Tohono O'odham are still very adept at reading the signs of changing weather - one local leader predicted the start of the monsoon storm to the half hour. Casey Kahn-Thornbrugh and Eugene Enis were instrumental in the planning and coordination of the event.

Tohono O'odham and Native American College students and High School seniors interested in pursuing a Minerals Industry Program of Study (mining, metallurgy, geology, chemical or environmental) and needing financial aid should consider applying for the **Cyprus Tohono Corporation 2012 Four-Year Scholarship**. These funds can be used for tuition, fees, books, room and board at the rate paid by an AZ resident. The recipient will need to maintain full-time status and be in good academic standing with a 2.0 grade point average as a freshman and a 3.0 grade point average for the remaining three years of the student's college/university program. Criteria includes: ACT and or SAT scores, high school class rank, academic records, community service, school activities, and leadership qualities. Also required are a 1000 word essay, transcript, and letters of recommendation. The application is available at SXD Education.

Deadline: July 13, 2012.

The **Cyprus Tohono Corporation 2012 Josiah Moore Scholarship** is another scholarship for those interested in minerals engineering (mining, metallurgy, geology, chemical or environmental programs). It is awarded by the year, August 2012 - May 2013. This scholarship is also limited to Native Americans and Tohono O'odham students. Applicant must be one who has not previously attended a college or university; a full-time student in his/her freshman, sophomore or junior year in a two or four-year undergraduate program at a college or university. The criteria is similar to the one above but calls for a 2.5 grade point average and 800-word essay plus transcripts of all work completed. The application is available at SXD Education. **Deadline: July 13, 2012.**

NOTE TO PARENTS

Parents, if you need help registering your student for school please call the education department for assistance or transportation. The Community Liaisons – Kim Ortega and Carmen Martinez as well as FGDM Facilitator Ramona Casillas are available to assist.

NOTE TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

On July 24 and 25, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon SXD Education and Administration will host a **College Assessment Test - Prep Class** at the education center for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. This class will give you information that will prepare you for the ACT and SAT. As you may have noticed by now, colleges, universities and scholarship funders look at these test scores when determining your eligibility for admission or funding. Whether you plan to go to college right away or not you should attend this class as you may change your mind later on. These tests are offered in almost all high schools, some charge a fee and some give the test free so take advantage of this opportunity to gain some knowledge of what to expect and how to prepare. Continental breakfast will be served.





Administrator's Update—Sylvia P. Dawavendewa

NOTE TO SXD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

A **Back-to-School Gathering just for High School Students** (SXD members only) is being planned for Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the education center. Come enjoy refreshments, meet High School Principals, the Native American Advisors, and other important school staff. Come collect important information and your backpack with school supplies. Students must be enrolled in a high school to sign-up, applications will be available at the education center on July 13, 2012.

Family Group Decision Making Conferences

The education department is now offering Family Group Decision Making conferences to help families develop a family plan to address truancy and will continue do so through the school year. Local schools have been notified of this service and may refer or suggest SXD families for this service. Families participate voluntarily. Call Ramona Casillas, FGDM Facilitator for more information at 807.8681.

For information on any of these programs call SXD Education at 520.807.8620



Teah Parley, on the computer in the Santa Clara Computer Lab as part of the SXD Summer Reading



SYEP students in workshop—How to dress and prepare for a successful job interview by Kim Ortega and Carmen Martinez.



Summer Reading Program lunch crowd enjoying a hot burger. Rushing to get out on the playground.

All photos courtesy of Education Staff.

How to prevent kids from becoming couch potatoes during the summer.

The summer has not been dubbed the “lazy days of summer” for nothing. With a seemingly endless amount of time stretching in front of them, many kids find themselves sitting in front of the television a little too often. Fortunately, there are things you can do if you wish to prevent kids from becoming couch potatoes in summer. The following are some techniques you might want to try.



Limit the television-watching time

A lot of kids would spend all day in front of the television if you let them. What you need to do is to not let them. Some parents do not even have a television because they do not want their kids to watch it. Many others limit the television watching time so that the children will not become couch potatoes.

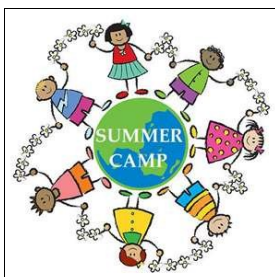


They may get 30 minutes, an hour, 2 hours or whatever the parent thinks is a fair amount of time that will not result in them spending all day in front of the television.

It is not just television watching that can turn the children into couch potatoes. Some may also spend all day playing video games which the parent might want to avoid. Therefore you can also limit that as well.

Put them in a summer camp

There are many great summer camps that can get your children moving. Many of the camps have a wide variety of physical activities such as sports outdoor games hiking boating and more. Your child will be so busy with these activities that he or she will not have time to be a couch potato.



Take him or her to local activities

If you do not want to do a camp, there are many other local activities that can help avoid your child from becoming a couch potato. For instance, you can sign him or her up for some sort of sport. You will have many choices from football to



baseball to basketball to soccer and more.

Also, you could take him or her to places like museums, theme parks, and other attractions. You could even just take him or her to some parks and playgrounds to get him or her moving.

Encourage them to play outside

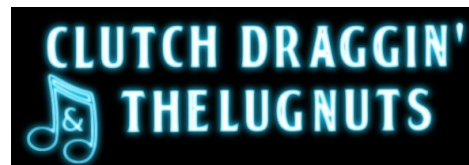
You can get a playground (if your children are the right age) and have them play in the backyard. You can go bike riding with your child. Foster fun physically active activities.

Most parents do not want their children to turn into couch potatoes. Consider the above tips to help you avoid this



ANNOUNCEMENT!!

July 27, 2012 5-8 p.m. Annual Back-to-School Rally and Community Fun Day! Come for food, fun, information and free haircuts for the students. Music by:



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