

Wa:k Newsletter



September 2013 * Volume 22 Issue 9 * Wasai Gakidag Masad – Dried up grass month



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ATTENTION ALL ALLOTTEES

We here in the Natural Resources Department want to keep our records updated with your latest contact information such as Names, Phone Numbers, and Current Addresses; we regularly update our Allottee Database with this information. The other document that helps us is any Probate Orders, so that we can add new allottees into our system; the BIA does not provide us with Probate information. This will make it easier for us to notify you if there are any projects or activities happening on your allotments. If you, or someone you know needs to update your contact information, or if you want to make sure we have your current information, please give us a call at the San Xavier District Office. In addition, you may also want to update your addresses with the BIA office in Sells.

Thank You,
Geena Johnson
Natural Resources Secretary
520-573-4055



ATTENTION ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Survey/Mapping office would like to remind you that we are now under the Natural Resources Department. If anyone needs to make a survey or map request please refer to the Natural Resources Department and if anyone should have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Dean Lopez	573-4095
Russell Alvarez	573-4096
Geena Johnson	573-4055



The Deadline for the October edition of the Wa:k Newsletter is September 13, 2013

WA:K NEWSLETTER



Animal Control:

The following information was taken from the Tohono O’odham Code Title 17, Chapter 7-Animal Control. Section 7405 Public Nuisance:

A – An animal shall be considered a public nuisance if it:

- Harasses any passer-by or chases any passing vehicle
- Attacks other animals
- Barks, howls, or creates other animal noises so as to disturb the peace and quiet of any person.
- Is repeatedly at large, especially on school grounds
- Overturns or spreads garbage about or
- Runs through or tears up gardens, landscaping, or lawns.

Child Safety:

Pesticides and children are a dangerous mix. Children are not merely miniature adults. They are more susceptible to exposure for several reasons. Children play closer to the ground where pesticides are directly sprayed, and on floors or rugs where pesticides are tracked in on shoes. Symptoms of acute pesticide exposure may include headaches, nausea, dizziness, diarrhea, vomiting, confusion, , memory loss, moodiness, learning problems, hyperactivity, fatigue, sleeping disorder, loss of coordination, weakness, skin rash, and respiratory problems. Be safe and watch where you put down your child.

Stats for the month of July 2013

Public Assist – 4, Agency Assist -2, Animal Control – 16, Suspicious Activity/Person – 4, Community Assist – 4, Special Detail – 1, Trespassing -2, Environmental Hazard/Nuisance – 1, Property Damage -1, Assist Other Department -2.

Environmental:

This is just a reminder look around and you will see someone with an accumulation of trash. Please do your part and take your trash to a landfill if you do not have regular trash service.

Los Reales Landfill

5300 E. Los Reales Road
(South of Los Reales Rd. on Swan Rd., Turn south on Craycroft off I-10)

Information:

Monday-Friday: 520-791-4183 **Hours:** Monday-Saturday: 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday: CLOSED

Closed:

Thanksgiving Day - Christmas Day- New Year's Day

The staff sends their prayers and thoughts to those families who have lost a loved one, May the Creator be with you during this time.

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

Hello community members, hope everything is fine with you and your families. Our budget for FY-2014 has been reviewed by the Budget & Finance, and the District Council. I will be presenting our budget to the Congregate on August 15, 2013, and at the Community Meeting set for August 24, 2013. I have no update on our move to the District Center, but will keep you informed on the progress.

The staff has been busy with client activities and work duties.

Activities for this August were:

- ◆ August 2, 2013 – seniors went to the 6th annual summer senior bash in Gila River.
- ◆ August 2, 2013 – Our staff assisted the Cultural/ Natural Resources Committee on the Reburial Ceremony.
- ◆ August 9, 2013 – Three of our clients went to the Deer Ceremony in Pisinemo, this was an all-night ceremony.

We will also be assisting in the upcoming reburial in September. I hope that you are enjoying the weather; it will be cooling down soon.

We are still recruiting for any community members that are 55 years of age or older and the “special needs” individual (s) to join our program. So if you know of anybody let them know. Please feel free to call our office at 520-578-4067 or stop by for more information.

Until next time
Dennis Ramon

ATTENTION
IIM ACCOUNT BENEFICIARIES

**OST /IIM AND BIA PROBATE STAFF WILL BE AT
THE SAN XAVIER
ALLOTTEE ASSOCIATIONS OFFICE
NEW LOCATION**

**325 W VAMORI STREET
1ST LIGHT SOUTH OF THE
DESERT DIAMOND CASINO ON
OLD NOGALES HWY
TUCSON, AZ**

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2013
9 AM – 3 PM**

**TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR
IIM ACCOUNT**



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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



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Tohono O'odham Veterinary Clinic

(520) 383-2298



Back to School Word Search

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See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Credited to Don Lindner
Grand Forks Herald 2011

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| 1. STUDENTS | 5. LEARNING | 9. GRADES | 13. READING |
| 2. SCHOOLS | 6. NEWSPAPERS | 10. PRINCIPAL | 14. WRITING |
| 3. BOOKS | 7. BUS | 11. EDUCATION | 15. MATH |
| 4. COMPUTERS | 8. TEACHERS | 12. CLASSES | 16. LIBRARY |

Please Join Us for the
7th Annual



Gathering of American Indian Veterans

Sunday, September 22, 2013

From: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Casino Del Sol Conference Center

5655 W. Valencia Road Tucson, AZ 85757

- Mark your calendar for a day of activities and services for American Indian Veterans, families and friends.
- Bring your DD-214 to enroll for health care
- Refreshments
- Activities for the kids
- One stop shopping for the latest Veterans benefits and services
- Health Screenings and Wellness Education
- Coin Presentation to honor Veterans

For more information contact: Phyllis Spears at (520) 629-4960
Vendor Information contact: Michael Spotted Wolf at (520) 884-7131



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Wa:k Ceksan Tas, October 17th, 18th & 19th

All vendors (Food, Swap Meet, Snack, Bake, Art & Crafts) who are interested in selling during the event are required to fill out a vendor form which includes: parade route, church area and around the Dance Ramada area.

Community Volunteer Committee is requiring that all vendors must have a health card if preparing food item, health inspection will be done during the event.

Forms are available at the District Office. All informational booths are waived-(i.e., Example: Voters, Health)

All Fees for this event go towards all expenses preparing for this event.

Deadline to submit form is October 14th

Usage of Feast House & Dance Ramada

San Xavier Community Members:

The current Feast Committee Group is requesting a reminder that when requesting to use the feast house or Dance Ramada, there is a form established that is needed to be filled out prior at the S.X. District Office. You are also responsible if any vendors selling at your event, that all items are taken when finished selling, including booth, stove, etc. Lately we have been getting late notices of events, building and dance area not cleaned up after your event. There is a required deposit along with the fee, if not cleaned up within the next day. However for wakes, food preparations, usage of refrigerators are waived with no fees, we ask that you take that responsibility to assure everything is cleaned and locked up, this also includes the bathrooms as well.

We have had broken windows to our feast house, so please talk to your children or family members to respect our community building which everyone uses yearly.

During the month of September, we will be doing repairs to the feast house, dance Ramada area and preparing for October feast days.

To all young ladies and parents,

We are looking for young ladies who are interested in learning and participating in traditional dancing with the Wa:k Tab Basket Dancers. This is a great opportunity to learn about our himdag as well as represent your community and nation. It gives young ladies a chance to participate in a cultural activity, meet other young people, travel and have fun. Our group has been in existence for many years and we enjoy working with the youth of the community in keeping the dances and songs alive.

If anyone is interested in joining the dance group, or has any questions you may contact Sally Pablo at 520-349-5877, or Wynona Peters at 520-834-7643 for further details.



We would like to invite you all to our Farewell Banquet celebration for representing you all as ambassadors of Wa:k Ceksan

Saturday
September 28, 2013
Program
4:00 pm - 7:00pm
Dance
7:00 pm - 12:00am
Music
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San Xavier Recreation Center

WA:K CEKSAN TAS

October 17 - 19, 2013

Thursday
Lil Miss/Jr. Miss/Miss Wa:k Ceksan Pageant @ 6:00pm
Featuring MC: James Bilagody (Native Comedian)
Location: San Xavier Recreation Center

Friday
Battle of the Bands (6pm - 10:00pm) @ San Xavier Dance Ramada
Comedian Show - James Bilagody (6 - 7:30pm) \$8/Admission Fee (San Xavier District Center)

Saturday
Parade @ 9:00 am
Entertainment
Bingo
Toka Tournament
Swap Meet & Food Sales
Battle of the Bands (Contd.)
Dance 7-12 (Winner of the Battle of the Bands)

FOOD, FAMILY GAMES, SINGING, DANCING AND FUN

AMERIND MUSEUM

AUTUMN FEST

Saturday October 5th 2013 10a.m. - 5p.m.

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CELEBRATING TOHONO O'ODHAM CULTURE

O'odham food vendors will be selling delicious treats.

A waila band will perform some toe-tapping dance tunes.

Traditional singing and dance groups will share their art with the public.

O'odham artists are known for their basketry, wood carvings, and paintings.

O'odham elders will make presentations about their people's culture and history.

Many O'odham artists will demonstrate their work and sell directly to the public.

O'odham men and women will demonstrate and teach traditional games, such as the women's intensely competitive field hockey game called "Toka."

All activities are FREE. There will be a \$5 parking fee per vehicle.



Expand your cultural horizons and join the Amerind for a family-friendly, fun-filled autumn day.
 Amerind Museum, 2100 N. Dragoon Rd., Dragoon, AZ

News from the Wa:k Youth Council

The 2013 newly developed San Xavier Wa:k Youth Council have been hard at work, attending meetings and setting up fund raisers. The group has held three meetings and attended three TON Youth Council Meetings held at the Desert Diamond Casino on July 12th, Sif Oidak District on August 9th and Gu Achi District on August 23rd, voicing concerns and goals on behalf of the Youth of San Xavier. Thank you TOLC Representative, Adam Andrews, SxD Councilman, Brandon Havier, community members Daniel Preston III & Denise Begay for getting this group started, offering guidance and transporting.

On Tuesday, August 20th the newly elected Tohono O'odham Nation youth representatives, Seth Donahue & Sabastian Preston, alternate, were officially appointed by resolution and on Thursday, August 22nd an inauguration dinner was held. Thank you San Xavier District Council Representatives for the encouraging words and support. Also a big THANK YOU to Chairman Nunez, for performing the Oath of Office for the Youth at the August 22nd Inauguration.



Arianna Jose, Emma Ortigas, David Lopez, Allison Campus, Joshua Preston, Mia Siqueros, Seth Donahue, Velvet Miguel, Sebastian Preston and Emily Ortigas

San Xavier Youth Council Officials
 Allison Campus, President;
 Joshua Preston, Vice President;
 Sebastian Preston, Secretary &
 David Lopez, Treasurer



Tohono O'odham Youth Council Representatives for San Xavier District
 Emma Ortigas, Representative
 ~ Emily Ortigas, Alternate
 Seth Donahue, Representative ~
 Sabastian Preston, Alternate

If you are between the ages of 10 -20, or if you know someone between these ages that may be interested in joining the youth group please contact Denise Begay at 573-4016.

Please support the group at the various community fundraisers... be on the lookout for flyers posted around the community.

Thank you all for your continued support.



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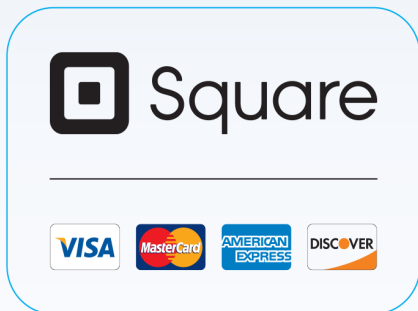
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Cream * Fountain Drinks ***

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Winter Native Art Shows in Tubac, AZ 2013/14

Tohono Village Plaza

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Featured Tribes and Dates:

10k and Fun Run Nov. TBA

Yaqui: Dec 21 & 22

O'odham: Jan. 18 & 19

All Nations: Feb 5th to 9th

Navajo: Mar 22& 23

Info: Carole J. Garcia

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TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
WILDLIFE AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



HELP PROTECT OUR
SONORAN DESERT TORTOISES

The beginning of the monsoon season means that we still start seeing one of our more well-known creatures moving throughout the desert -- the **Sonoran desert tortoise**. This means that these tortoises are at greater risk of being affected by human activities. Do your part in helping protect our population of tortoises on the Tohono O'odham Nation:

- If you come across a tortoise crossing a busy road and you can **safely** stop your vehicle, pick the tortoise up and gently move it to the other side of the road in the direction it was originally headed. Be careful to carry the animal so that it is level.



- Do not remove a tortoise from its habitat! Tortoise populations are declining throughout the southwest and each individual tortoise is an important part of these populations.

- Do not release a captive tortoise into the wild -- captive tortoises can carry diseases that can devastate wild populations.

- Keep dogs away from both captive and wild tortoises. Even gentle dogs can injure or kill tortoises.

For more information or to report an injured desert tortoise, contact the Natural Resources Department at 383-1511.

**San Xavier District Council
Meeting of September 3, 2013 at 7:00
P.M. – Location Council Chambers**

AGENDA - Tentative

1. Welcome and Open Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Appointing membership to the SXDC Committee vacant positions depending on letter of interest submitted from the Community at large.
 - B. Rescinding Resolution No. SXDC 08-13-02 regarding a monetary donation.
5. New Business:

Julie Rios, SXD Housing Coordinator – Proposing a land assignment relinquishment for Christine Lopez.
6. District Chairman Activity Reports:
7. Vice Chairman's Activity Reports:
8. SXDC Minutes:
9. Announcements:
 - ▶ District Community meeting is scheduled on September 14, 2013 at 9 a.m.
 - ▶ Second District Council meeting is scheduled on September 17, 2013 at 7 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the
Council Chambers

10. Adjournment:

**San Xavier District Community
Meeting of September 14, 2013 at 9:00
A.M. – Location Council Chambers**

AGENDA - Tentative

1. Welcome and Open Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Call to the Audience:
4. Sgt. John Manuel, San Xavier Sub-Station, Tohono O'odham Police Department – To present the monthly reports and statistics for the District.
5. Wendy Mesteth, Patient Benefits Coordinator, San Xavier Indian Health Center – Present an overview of The Affordable Care Act and Health Insurance Marketplace.
6. TOLC Reports:
7. SXDC Reports:
8. Announcement:
 - ▶ Second District Council meeting is scheduled on September 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
 - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on October 1, 2013 at 7 p.m.
 - ▶ District Community meeting is scheduled on October 12, 2013 at 9 a.m.
 - ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on October 15, 2013 at 7 p.m.

All Council/Community meetings will be held
in the Council Chambers

9. Adjournment:

**San Xavier District Council
Meeting of September 17, 2013 at 7:00
P.M. – Location Council Chambers**

AGENDA - Tentative

1. Welcome and Open Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Mr. Harold Stuth, SXD Finance Manager to present the Districts monthly financial reports in Closed Session.
5. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Appointing membership to the SXDC Committee vacant positions depending on letter of interest submitted from the Community at large.
6. New Business:
7. District Chairman Activity Reports:
8. Vice Chairman's Activity Reports:
9. SXDC Minutes:
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11. Adjournment:

San Xavier District Council Resolutions adopted for the month of July 2013

Date	Res. No.	Title
07/02/13	07-13-01	<p>"Approving a Tribal Land Assignment for Marlinda Alvarez"</p> <p>Motion by Felicia Nunez, and second by Brandon Havier, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent. Motion carried.</p>
07/02-13	07-13-02	<p>"Approving the San Xavier District Holidays for Fiscal Year 2013/2014"</p> <p>Motion by Janice Felix and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; 4 for, 1 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
07/02/13	07-13-03	<p>"Accepting the SXDC Minutes of June 18, 2013 as Amended"</p> <p>Motion by Janice Felix and second by Brandon Havier, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
07/16/13	07-13-04	<p>"Agreeing to Conduct a Closed Session for the SXD Financial Monthly Report and the Audit Report"</p> <p>Motion by Janice Felix and second by Brandon Havier, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
07/16/13	07-13-05	<p>"Approving New Voter Application for Dominic Enos to be added to the San Xavier District Voters List"</p> <p>Motion by Janice Felix and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
07/16/13	07-13-06	<p>"Approving New Voter Application for Arnoldine Smith to be added to the San Xavier District Voters List"</p> <p>Motion by Janice Felix and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
07/16/13	07-13-07	<p>"Approving New Voter Application for Daniel Lopez to be added to the San Xavier District Voters List"</p> <p>Motion by Brandon Havier and second by Janice Felix, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
07/16/13	07-13-08	<p>"Approving New Voter Application for Marvin R. Lohenia to be added to the San Xavier District Voters List"</p> <p>Motion by Brandon Havier and second by Janice Felix, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
07/16/13	07-13-09	<p>"Approving Funds to the SXDC Cultural & Natural Resources Committee to Host 2013 Rain Ceremony not to exceed \$230.00"</p> <p>Motion by Janice Felix and second by Dennis Ramon, 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



Baptism Class:
September 10

Baptisms: September 14

Registration for Religion
Classes:

Started August 19th. Hurry in!

Children's classes begin Sept. 16th.
Adult classes begin October 5th.

O'odham Advisory Council:

Monday September 23, 7:00 PM in St. Clare.

All are welcome to come and share your concerns, questions and musings about the Mission.

News from the Franciscan Sisters:

Sister Henrietta, a past principal of the Mission School went to her eternal reward on July 9, 2013. Sister Henrietta was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last fall. She inspired all of us by her joyful acceptance and kindness even in her sickness.

This summer Sister Pat found out she has Lymphoma. It has caused her spleen to enlarge. She is staying at the Motherhouse for her treatments. Please pray for her full recovery.

San Xavier Mission School has gotten off to a great start!

There are still openings for new students. There are **five spots** left in Kindergarten. There is also scholarship funding for ALL students attending the Mission school, so that the parent part of tuition is affordable.

What does San Xavier Mission School offer?

- Tohono O'odham Culture and Language Classes
- Small Class sizes
- Respectful educational environment
- Religion classes
- A full day Kindergarten with a teacher and classroom aide
- A school that students can attend from Kindergarten to Eighth grade
- Computers
- Art classes
- PE Class
- School Lunch program
- Dental exams
- Eye exams
- Sports program

For more information call Rebecca or Shirley at the school.

September dates to remember:

- September 9-13 - ITBS testing , dental exams for K-2
- September 10-24 – Great American Fundraiser
- September 18 – School pictures
- September 26 – All School Mass at 8:30 celebrating Native American Days



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish



22ND ANNUAL TEKAKWITHA INDIAN FESTIVAL

EL SEÑOR DE LOS MILAGROS CHURCH
(LOCATED BEHIND PUEBLO HIGH SCHOOL) SEE MAP ON BACK
3410 S. 16TH AVE TUCSON, AZ 85713 520-622-5363

Saturday, September 7th, 2013

Noon to 10pm

Sunday, September 8th, 2013

Noon to 9pm

FREE
ADMISSION

OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC

Entertainment:

DJ, LIVE MUSIC, DANCING, CHILDREN'S GAMES, BINGO AND MORE

Food and Vendors:

Authentic Indian Fry Bread, Indian Tacos, Beef Tacos, Snow Cones, Nachos, Native American Art and Crafts

Raffle:

1st Prize \$1000 ★ Kindle Fire ★ 3rd Prize \$50

Raffle Drawing, Sunday, September 8th @ 8:30pm

DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT



On behalf of the Miguel Family we would like to thank Chairman Austin Nunez, Vice-Chairman Jerry Carlyle and Johnny Merchant & Housing Department Staff for their quick response of assistance for our mom's house when a microburst damaged her ramada and the roofing of her home on June 30, 2013. Thank you and God Bless You All for your service to the Wa:k community Members.

**4th Year Anniversary
for
Anthony C. Pablo
1/10/62 — 9/8/09**

**Date: Sunday, September 8, 2013
9:30am—Mass at the San Xavier Mission Church**

**San Xavier District Center:
12pm—1st Rosary by St. Cecelia Prayer Group
1pm—4pm Open for Choirs, Singers, Bands
& Musicians
4pm—Last Rosary by Gabriel Encinas Prayer Group**

**Feeding will begin after 1st Rosary
Everyone Welcome**



Please come join us for Maryanna Norris 1st death Anniversary

**Aug 17, 1960 - Sept 28, 2012
San Xavier District Center
Sept. 28, 2013**

**Mass: 10:30am (SX District Center)
Rosary: Gabriel Encinas & group: 12 Noon to ?**

**All Choirs welcome
By: The Norris family & all relatives**



**The Encinas / Parley Families cordially
invite you to celebrate the death
anniversaries of:**

- Christine Parley - 4/7 (13 years)**
- Mary Agnes Encinas - 9/15 (10 years)**
- Bernadine Encinas - 5/18 (4 years)**

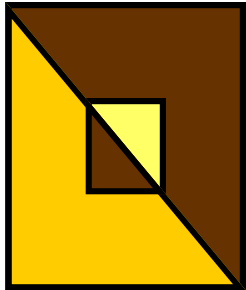
Saturday, September 14, 2013

**8484 S. Little Nogales Road
San Xavier, AZ**

**Rosary / Dinner:
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Rosary by San Xavier Prayer Group

**Entertainment:
1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Black Mountain Drum Group
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Pure Native
4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Carl & Buddies**



WA:K SPIRIT

San Xavier Education Department

SEPT. 2013



Hello Wa:k Community,

We have had a smooth start to the school year. The staff at the San Xavier Education Center have wasted no time in getting down to the business in preparing for the up-coming 2013-2014 "After School Program". I encourage all parents and guardians to take advantage of our program as we offer educational benefits such as your children learning new skills, receive tutoring, and develop positive relationships. I truly believe positive atmosphere results in your student's increased self-confidence and a desire to succeed in school.

NOTE: Applications for this year's "After School Program" is available for you to pick-up for your child at the San Xavier Education Center.

We look forward to having you get involved in your child's education this year. Parent/Guardian involvement has a direct correlation with a student's success in school. Together, we can ensure that your child makes the most growth possible and reaches his/her full potential each and every day! If you would like to know of any ideas on how to stay connected with your child's school this year, please contact myself and any of the staff at the San Xavier Education Center. We will more than happy to assist you.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **September 2, 2013:** Tuition & Books Grant application and required documents must be completed and turned into the Administrative Assistant no later than 5 p.m. for October 2, 2013 review.
- ◆ **September 3, 2013:** After School Program Parent Orientation at 5 p.m. at the San Xavier Education Center.
- ◆ **September 4, 2013:** 1st day of the After School Program at the San Xavier Education Center.
- ◆ **September 23, 2013:** Bus Pass application and required documents for October 2013 must be completed and turned in no later than 5 p.m.

In closing, thank you for your commitment and supporting your child's education throughout the school year. Look forward to serving you and everyone else as you continue your education.

Questions? Call Education 520.807.8620



Greetings from the San Xavier Learning Center

Although the students are back in school we continue to be busy as many people need help with online job search, applications, timesheet submission, resume' writing, email and class work.

We are here to serve you and if there is something that you need and we do not have we will certainly assist you in finding the resources.

We are looking forward to our after school program 2013-2014 beginning September 4.

LEARNING CENTER HOURS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

MONDAYS—8AM TO 6:45 PM

TUESDAYS—8AM TO 6:45 PM

WEDNESDAYS—8AM TO 6:45 PM

THURSDAYS—8AM TO 4:45 PM

FRIDAYS—8AM TO 4:45 PM

Call with questions 520-807-8621



Congratulations to Aric Donahue!!....

Aric Donahue was in for a pleasant surprise when he returned to school for his first day of class in sixth grade at the Math and Science Academy. He learned he was being promoted to the seventh grade following assessment tests that showed he is capable of handling seventh grade work.

Aric is the son of Kim Encinas both pictured above. SXD Education can certainly vouch for Aric's intellect as he attended our Middle School Summer Session 2013 and showed his outgoing personality, excellent academic and public speaking skills. Keep up the good work Aric. We're proud of you!



Chairman Nunez speaks to high school students.

Back-to-School Events a success

The Education Department had a wonderful summer filled with programs and activities that kept everyone busy regardless of the heat. We topped off the summer with two successful Back-to-School events that included motivational speakers and the school supply giveaway. Parents and students in K-8th turned out in droves on July 26, 2013 we almost didn't have enough room for everyone. Next year we'll have 3 events: Back-to-School for K-5th, Back-to-Middle School, and Back-to-High School so everyone can be comfortable. To date we have given out 236 bags of school supplies to Kindergarten through 8th graders and 88 bags to high school students. Due to funding limitations backpacks were limited to incoming Freshmen only. The events were filled with refreshments, dozens of door prizes, and introductions to the local school principals, Native American Education staff and words of encouragement from our Chairman Nuñez and Vice Chairman Jerry Carlyle. We also had a surprise visit from WFF MMA fighter Eddie Arizmendi.

Let's all work together to keep this spirit of learning alive in our students. The education staff are here to help if parents have concerns about their student's education, call or drop in.

LOOKING FOR A JOB THAT WILL LEAD TO A CAREER?

Here is a **program for 17-21 year olds. Career Yes!** Tucson Urban League 2305 S. Park Ave., might have what you are looking for. Contact: Debra Johnson, Employment Specialist (520) 791-9522 Ext. 2221. djohnson@tucsonurbanleague.org

DOJ Tribal Youth Program – Saicu Si Sap Ap Ju? What Did We Do Right?

Do you know someone who lived a difficult life? Maybe their father died early and mother became an alcoholic who then ended up in prison. Maybe there was abuse and neglect in the home and the only person who seemed to care was the grandmother. Well there is evidence that children in the most difficult circumstances can overcome all those difficulties to become a successful individual. If there is at least one person in their life who shows they care and who is consistently present and loving to the children of such a home this person can be the reason these children succeed. The Center for American Indian Resilience held a conference on this very topic August 7, 2013. There was a sharing of strengths and stories of American Indian resilience, this is how many of us have survived and become successful. Here is an activity you can do, write down a word for "resilience" that has meaning to you? A little challenging right? Before you give up on yourself or others learn the meaning of resilience. No matter one's circumstances, there is hope.

Calling for **students ages 10-17**, applications for the **Voices of Our Youth (VOY) Group** are available for pick up at the Education Center. Contact either Ramona Casillas 807-8681 or Stacy Hernandez 807-8624 for more information.

Future dates/events:

Sept 5 – VOY parent orientation at Education Center 5:30-6:30.

Sept 6 – SX Education/DOJ host DVIP meeting from 12:00-1:30 pm

Sept 11 – Introducing: Honor the Family Circle at Education 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Sept 12 – First Voice of Our Youth group meeting at Education 4:45 – 6:30 pm

Sept 18 – "Organizing Family Documents", hands on community workshop 5:30 -6:30 pm at Education Center
I look forward to the opportunity to provide a safe positive place for youth to learn, have new experiences and provide support for students to reach their highest potential.

Ramona Casillas, FGDM Facilitator

CAREER PATHWAYS TO HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS

Here is a program for adults on food stamps or ADES financial assistance. Learn one of 16 healthcare careers from EMT to Patient Care or Medical Records Technician. Attend a program orientation by calling HPOG at 520.206.5250 for session times and location. SXD Education can provide transportation, call 2 days in advance to schedule a ride.

September – Wasai Gakidag Masad – Dried Up Grass Month

Greetings W:ak Community,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and the kids eased back into their school routines successfully. We have been getting ready for our next set of programs. The After School Program and Voices of Our Youth will begin in September. Please call the Education center to see if space is still available. ASP parent orientation will be **Tuesday September 3, at 5:30 p.m.** and VOY is scheduled to begin **September 12, 2013 at 4:45pm.**

September 8th is Grandparents Day so remember to wish your grandparents a great day and thank them for their love and support.

On **Wednesday September 18, at 5:30 p.m.** Education will be hosting a workshop for **“Organizing Family Documents”** in room 118. We will give you tips and materials to help keep your documents safe and secure. Supplies limited to the first 15 registrants so sign up by Monday, September 16th to secure your spot.

I know it is hard to get the family back in school mode so here are a few ideas for motivating your kids and yourself to get back in the routine. These tips were taken from **Parents** magazine. The article is by Renée Bacher and it's about motivating your kids. Hope the tips help.

Six ways to motivate your kids

Consider praise as a reward. Limit bribery.

Remember to have “one on one” talks with your children just to see what is new or exciting at school, what they don't like etc.

Relax your standards when it comes to chores. Maybe they're not completing their chores the “right way” but compliment them for trying.

Ask what they need help with. If you don't ask, you will never know what is going on.

Express appreciation: a simple “please” and “thank you” goes a long way.

Lead by example: “saying what you mean, and meaning what you say,” can be highly motivating.

Have a great September and utilize all resources available here at the Education Center. Remember we are here to help. I will be available for tutoring this school year and if I cannot help there are others we can call on to assist. It is better to come in now rather than waiting for the end of the school year.

MISSED BUS TRANSPORT remember only 2 rides per month for middle school and high school students, 3 rides per month for K-5th graders. Students must have an application 2013-14 on file before being transported. Parents, when calling leave name, phone, student name and school name.

Good Luck students! Wishing you all a productive year.

Stacy Hernandez, Community Liaison

Other upcoming events to look for in your mailbox or on your local bulletin board. Dates to be determined:

-SUSD/SXD Parent and Principal Meetings will resume

-SUSD Calendars are out check for holidays & important dates

-SUSD Monthly Parent Council Meetings

-SUSD Native American Education Parent Committee Meetings

Call Education for a ride 2 days in advance.

-SUSD No School Oct. 9—14, 2013

-TUSD No School Oct. 7—11, 2013

-SUSD & SXD Education will host a workshop on **SUSD Special Education services**, if you have a child/grandchild with an IEP or 504 plan you should come. Families are sometimes overwhelmed by the information they receive at the quarterly meetings and feel alone. Come to ask questions, there are more of us than you realize who are raising children with special needs. Education can send someone with you to the meetings if you like. Date to be determined, call Education for more info.

S'Keg! Taş! W:ak O'Odham!

Tomasa Grijalva Language & Cultural Instructor
Time to change my schedule now that the summer is over and children are back in school. I'm working with the Rangers on Mondays, from 12:00-1:00, it's the Brown Bag class. You are welcome to join us. We meet at the Ranger conference room. There's something new that I started that I call the O'odham sentence of the week. I make up a sentence and e-mail it to everyone and they respond with their guess of the right meaning. That way everyone will be able to read the sentence, say the sentence and be able to see it in written form. The response has been wonderful—everyone from Maintenance to Administration has taken a shot at guessing the sentence. It's fun because sometimes I get a response in less than 5 minutes. I think the people know more of their language than they give themselves credit for. Thanks to all for making it worthwhile to learn to read, write and speak your language. That's our ultimate goal—to be fluent and literate in O'odham.

School has started with a good start! Keep it up parents!

Remember your child is learning from everything they see you do. We were blessed with a lot of rain now all the animals will be s-gi:g! The plants and everything else! Closing with Blessings!

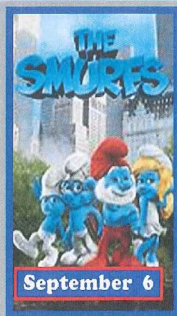


San Xavier Recreation

September 2013

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

September 3– Social (Milkshakes) 4pm-6pm
 September 5– Gym Games (Ping Pong) 4:30pm-5:30pm
 September 9– Cooking (Quesadilla) 4pm-6pm
 September 12– Craft (Wreath Flag) 4pm-6pm
 September 17– Cooking (Pizza) 4pm-6pm
 September 19– Gym Games (Scooter Basketball) 4:30pm-5:30pm
 September 23– Social (Tye Dye Cupcakes) 4pm-6pm
 September 26– Craft (Necklaces) 4pm-6pm
 September 30– Card Games 4pm-6pm



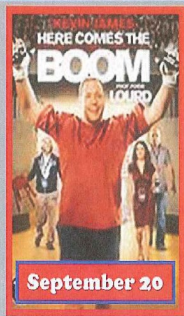
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MOVIE NIGHTS

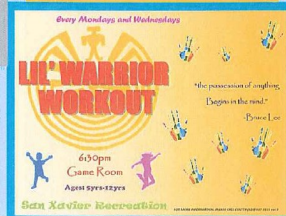
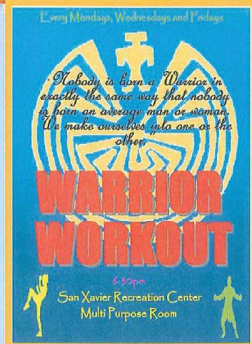
530pm-730pm

CENTER CLOSURE DATES

September 2– Labor Day
 September 27– National Indian Day



September 20



ONGOING SCHEDULE

Mondays

Individuals Sessions 10:00-3:00pm
 *Challenger Middle School 8:00-9:30am
 *Santa Clara Elem & SX Mission Schools
 Kindergarten & 1st Graders 2:30-4:30pm

Tuesdays

Individual Sessions 10:00-3:00
 *Challenger Middle School 8:00-9:30am
 *Santa Clara Elen & SX Mission Schools
 2nd Graders & 3rd Graders 2:30-4:30pm
 Mens Support Group 5:30-6:30pm

Wednesdays

Individual Session 10:00-3:00pm
 AA & Al-anon Meetings begin pick up @ 8:30am
 *Sweatlodge Ceremony– TBA
 Santa Clara Elementary School
 Santa Xavier Mission School
 Challenger Middle School
 Womens Support Group 6:00pm
 Womens Sweatlodge Ceremony 5:00pm
 (last Wednesday of the month)

Thursdays

Individual Sessions 10:00-3:00pm
 *Challenger Middle School 8:00-9:30am
 *Santa Clara Elem & SX Mission Schools
 4th Graders & 5th Graders 2:30pm-4:30pm
 Mens Sweatlodge Ceremony 6:00pm
 (1st Thursday of the month)

Fridays

*Challenger Middle School 8:00-9:30am
 Staff trainings, Administrative duties & client/program analysis

Sundays

“Sacred Smoke” Whitebison Combo Meeting
 (A.A. & Al-anon Meeting)
 San Xavier District Center, Conference Room
 10:00-11:30am

* These sessions are facilitated at the schools and continue at the Wellness House during the summer

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP SESSIONS

Promoting community-based wellness through education and support to the San Xavier Community:

- Learn new tools to help make healthier choices
- Provide chemical addiction (alcohol & drugs) services
- Address behavioral addictions:
 physical, verbal & emotional abuse

Hello Everyone,

The Wellness House has relocated to the old administration office, right across the street from the district center.

We are here to continue to provide support to the community and there are many types of ways that we have provided services: A phone call, needing to talk to someone, individual sessions, group sessions, continuous support, support for a one time incident, support & assistance to go to treatment for youth and adults, family interventions, CPS issues, juvenile probation/adult parole, suicide prevention/intervention, relationships.

If you should have any additional questions, please call us at:

Marcine A Lopez, Program Administrator
 Jim Funmaker, Cultural/Group Facilitator
 Rupert Encinas, Cultural/Group Facilitator
 William Brubaker “Bru”, Clinical Therapist

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***FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR EMERGENCY CALLS
CONTACT TOHONO O’ODHAM POLICE AT 622-1587 OR 911***

A NOTE TO PARENTS:

The SXD Education Learning Center has had a handful (5) of students attempting to “hang out” in the computer lab during school hours. A couple of the students have been caught “making out” in the hallway and staffers have told them this is not acceptable. We have made attempts to contact parents or guardians and sometimes we are lucky, other times we are not. Please remember school attendance is mandatory by Arizona and Tohono O’odham Nation law. Parents and guardians please know that students who come to the Center during school hours will be asked to leave. You should also know that failure to enroll a student in school at the beginning of the year can be viewed as educational neglect; if we (education) allow students to be here during school hours we are contributing to that neglect and breaking the law. So if you receive a phone call from Education regarding your student please respond promptly. Additionally, there have been a couple of students who are disrespectful toward education staff using profanity and name calling when it is pointed out that they cannot be here during school hours.

Community members should know Tucson Unified School District, Sunnyside Unified School District and many of the charter schools have been in session for more than three weeks. We do understand that some high school students will be attending boarding schools that start class the first week of September as will Ha:san. We are informing the community that starting the first week in September if these same students continue to come to the education center during school hours Tohono O’odham Police and or Child Protective Services will be contacted and a referral made. Students who start class late have a hard time catching up. Help your student to succeed by making school a priority. Thank you for supporting your child’s education.