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San Xavier District Cemetery Wash Drainage Improvements Projects on upcoming November 3, 2015 Pima County Bond Election (Proposition 431)

The San Xavier District Administration, Planning, & Natural Resource Departments have been working with Pima County over the last year and a half to get a project to improve the Cemetery Wash crossings on the San Xavier District on the upcoming November 3, 2015 Pima County Bond Election. After many meetings, and review, next month on November 3, Pima County voters will have an opportunity to vote on **Proposition 431**, Flood Control & Drainage Projects, of which the **Cemetery Wash Drainage Improvements Project (431.2)** is part of.

Phase I of this project would construct four 10 feet wide by 6 feet high box culverts on Mission Road at Cemetery Wash, and five 10 feet wide by 6 feet high box culverts on San Xavier Road at Cemetery Wash, which would accommodate an 100-year storm to allow emergency vehicles to pass during large storm events, and for adequate clearance for maintenance. The Benefits of this project is that it will allow provide all-weather access for Emergency Vehicles (Police, Fire, and Ambulance), School Buses, Residents, & Tourists to cross both Cemetery Wash roads crossing safely during large storm events. Presently approximately 900 of the 1,800 residents of the San Xavier District community are literally cut off every time a major rain event occurs. Flooding in Cemetery Wash prevents Emergency Vehicles (Police, Fire, Ambulance) from crossing the at-grade crossings over Mission Road and San Xavier Road, posing a grave threat to our citizens. Emergency vehicles are often unable to respond to calls during floods.

Phase II of this project will construct approximately 2100 lineal feet of levee & berms along Cemetery Wash, to collect and convey storm waters into constructed channels downstream of San Xavier Road, which ultimately drain into the Santa Cruz River. Pima County Flood Control staff estimates that the Phase II of this project mitigates flooding for a total of 70 homes, 30 on the San Xavier District and 40 in unincorporated area of Pima County.

Proposition 431 of the upcoming November 3, 2015 Bond Election, if approved, will cover the \$2 million cost of Phase I, with the approximate \$2 million for Phase II to funded by funding sources to be sought after by the San Xavier District. The District encourages all registered voters to get out on November 3, 2015, and **support Proposition 431** to improve the much needed Cemetery Wash drainage crossings on both Mission Road and San Xavier Road on the San Xavier District.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the San Xavier District, and Mark Pugh, Principal Planner at 573-4076, or Scott Rogers, Hydrologist, at 573-4054. Thank you.

WA:K SENIOR SERVICES...

Hello WA:K community members. I hope everyone is doing well. It is getting cooler now which is a relief from all the heat we had this summer, I hope you're enjoying the rain. In this article I will include for the month of August activities, sorry I didn't submit an article for September.

Client activities;

August 10, Representatives Irene Begay and Linda Preston attended the Elderly Advisory Council Meeting held at Vaya Chin, Hickiwan District.

August 24, a presentation on the Rocky Mountain spotted fever for the congregate.

August 27, Miss Tohono O'odham Nation Jamey Chilton and 1st Attendant Harriet Chewing attended the congregate requested by the elders, to introduce themselves and played a game with the elders. The royalty also spoke about their experience as royalty. They also asked the elders for advice about concerns that need to be addressed to the O'odham People. I gave them a tour of the administration building and introduced them to the District staff, Chairman Nunez and Vice Chairman Carlyle, some missed out because they were out of their office that day.

August 31, movie in the chambers.

September 10, they participated in a chair-volleyball tournament at the Sells Recreation Center. Our elder team White Doves won the championship!! Yea for them!

September 15-16, 2015, 3 of our Elders attended the Arizona Indian Council on Aging conference at the Wild Horse Resort & Casino.

If you are going to Magdalena, this year, please be careful, and enjoy the celebration. Also enjoy the October 3rd & 4th St. Francis Feast here in the District.

We are still recruiting for community members that are 55 years of age or older and "special needs" individual (s) to join our program. If you know of anybody let them know. Please feel free to call our office at 520-573-4067 or stop by for more information.

Dennis Ramon
WA:K Senior Services Director



RANGER NEWS...

Hello Wa:k Community

Stats for the month of August 2015

Public Assist – 2, Animal Control – 11, Trespassing - 3, Property Damage -4, Security/Welfare Check – 3, Environmental – 5, Property Damage – 4, Security Check – 3.

Important Telephone numbers:

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

Environmental:

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: New Year's Day - Thanksgiving - Christmas

Halloween Safety Tips:

Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Make sure that shoes fit well and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement or contact with flame. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.

Because masks can limit or block eyesight, consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives.

Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes. When shopping for costumes, wigs and accessories look for and purchase those with a label clearly indicating they are flame resistant. If a sword, cane, or stick is a part of your child's costume, make sure it is not sharp or too long. A child may be easily hurt by these accessories if he stumbles or trips. Obtain flashlights with fresh batteries for all children and their escorts.

Do not use decorative contact lenses without an eye examination and a prescription from an eye care professional.

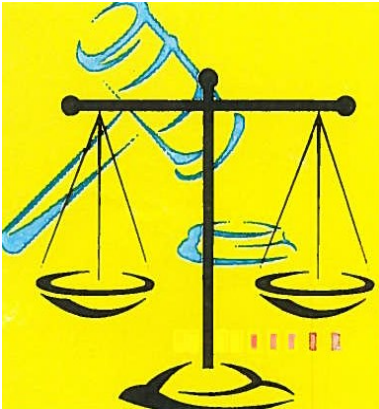
While the packaging on decorative lenses will often make claims such as "one size fits all," or "no need to see an eye specialist," obtaining decorative contact lenses without a prescription is both dangerous and illegal. This can cause pain, inflammation, and serious eye disorders and infections, which may lead to permanent vision loss.

Teach children how to call 9-1-1 (or their local emergency number) if they have an emergency or become lost.

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

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Our legal services are no cost, no
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We provide legal assistance,
advice and direct representation for
the following legal matters within the
jurisdiction of the Tohono O'odham
Nation:

Probates
Indian Wills, General Durable Power
of Attorneys, Health Care Directives,
Medical Power of
Attorneys (sometimes called Living
wills, Adult Guardian-
ships/Conservatorships, Minor
Guardianships/Conservatorships
(both temporary and permanent)
Delegated Parental Power of
Attorneys Adoptions

Family law matters, including:
Paternity, Child Custody, Child Sup-
port
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Amended birth certificates, Name
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Application for legal services can be
done by phone, walk-in, appointment, or
online

Please bring all documents pertaining to
your legal problem whether you think
they are important or not.

We represent all persons with legal
issues arising within the Tohono
O'odham Nation whether they are
residing within the territorial boundaries
of the Tohono Nation or residing off
reservation.

**“Vacant positions to the San Xavier District Council Recommending Committees and District Council Alternate positions
for District enrolled/voter members”**

Finance Committee – (1) vacant position

Election Committee – (2) vacant positions, (2) terms up for Sally Pablo and Geri Antone

District Council Alternates – (2) vacant positions to Philbert Bailey and Phyllis Valenzuela.

Interested individuals from the community at large may submit a letter of interest to the San Xavier District Council department. The Council staff will notify you to be present at a future Council meeting for appointment to fill in the vacant positions by a Council resolution. All vacant positions are being advertised in the monthly Wa:k Newsletter to the community at large must be a District enrolled and registered to vote. District members may apply for more than one committee, the District Council and their Alternates may represent one committee. You may call the Council department for questions at (520) 573.4026, 573.4028 and 573.4006.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Cheryl Conde and Floyd Alvarez – appointed to the Health & Education Committee

Marlinda Alvarez – appointed to the Planning & Housing Committee

**San Xavier District Council
Meeting of October 6, 2015 at 7:00
P.M. – Location Council Chambers**

AGENDA - Tentative

Deadline date to submit items to the agenda is on September 29, 2016 at 5 p.m.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Unfinished Business:
5. New Business:

A. Richard De La Cerda, Manager, Materials Management Department – Present the new Districts Procurement Manual.

B. Vivian Miguel, Coordinator, Community Volunteer Committee – Request for a monetary to host the Annual Wa:k Ceksan Tas on October 15 – 17, 2015.

C. Ms. Gloria Rios, SXDC Election Committee Chair – Request support for a new voter applicant to be added to the San Xavier District Voter List.

6. Chairman's Activity Report:
7. Vice Chairman's Activity Report:
8. Minutes:
9. Announcements:

- ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on October 20, 2015 at 7 p.m.
- ▶ District Community meeting is scheduled on 24, 2015 at 9 a.m.
- ▶ Wa:k Ceksan Tas even on October 15 – 17, 215.

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

10. Adjournment:

**San Xavier District Council
Meeting of October 20, 2015 at 7:00
P.M. – Location Council Chambers**

AGENDA - Tentative

Deadline date to submit items to the agenda is on October 13th at 5:00 p.m.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Unfinished Business:
5. New Business:

A. Mr. Wesley Rothermel, SXD Finance Director – Presenting the District monthly financial reports in closed session.

6. Chairman Activity Report:
7. Vice Chairman Activity Report:
8. Minutes:
9. Announcements:

- ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on November 3, 2015 at 7 p.m.
- ▶ District Community meeting is scheduled on November 21, 2015 at 9 a.m.
- ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on November 17, 2015 at 7 p.m.

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

10. Adjournment:



**San Xavier District Community
Meeting of October 24, 2015 at 9:00
A.M. – District Council Chambers**

AGENDA Tentative

Deadline date to submit items to the agenda is October 16th at 5 p.m.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Call to the Audience:
4. Lt. Martin Robledo, TOPD San Xavier Sub-Station – Present the monthly statistics report.
5. Janice Pablo, TON Human Services Department – To present HIP program.
6. Richard De La Cerda, Manager, SXD Materials Management Power point presentation on the SXD Materials Management Department.
7. Mr. Mike Bends, Director, SXD Planning Department – To present the Mission Gateway Project.
8. District Council power point presentation.
9. TOLC Reports:
10. SXDC Reports:
11. Announcements:

- ▶ District Council meeting is scheduled on , 2015 at 7 p.m.
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- ▶ District Community meeting is scheduled on , 2015 at 9 a.m.

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers

12. Adjournment:



San Xavier District Council Resolutions adopted for the month of September, 2015

Date	Res. No.	Title
09/01/15	09-15-01	<p>“Accepting the Tohono O’odham Mix Recycling Pilot Project”</p> <p>Motion was made by Brandon Havier and second by Phyllis Valenzuela, tally results: 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/01/15	09-15-02	<p>“Denial of Michael S. Wilson’s Transfer Voter Registration”</p> <p>Motion was made by Brandon Havier and second by Dennis Ramon, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/01/15	09-15-03	<p>“Requesting Authority from Legislative Council to deal with Small Interests of Tribal Land Contained within Certain Allotments on the San Xavier District Reservation”</p> <p>Motion made by Janice Felix and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/01/15	09-15-04	<p>“Renewal of General Counsel Contract with the Law Office of Scott A. Ewing, PLC”</p> <p>Motion made by Janice Felix and second by Phyllis Valenzuela, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/01/15	09-15-05	<p>“Accepting the Minutes of July 7, 2015 as amended”</p> <p>Motion made by Philbert Bailey and second Brandon Havier, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/15/15	09-15-06	<p>“Agreeing to go into a Closed Session for the SXD Monthly Finances report”</p> <p>Motion made by Janice Felix and second by Felicia Nunez, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/15/15	09-15-07	<p>“Supporting the request by the Tohono O’odham Nursing Care Authority for Annual Funding by the Tohono O’odham Nation for Fiscal Year 2017 in the amount of \$6,731.00”</p> <p>Motion made by Philbert Bailey and second by Felicia Nunez, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/15/15	09-15-08	<p>“Approving the FY 2016 San Xavier Allottee Association Budget from the San Xavier District 9B Farm Cashout Fund”</p> <p>Motion made by Janice Felix and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/15/15	09-15-09	<p>“Approving a monetary donation for Veronica Alvarez in the amount of \$500”</p> <p>Motion made by Janice Felix and second Phyllis Valenzuela, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/15/15	09-15-10	<p>“Appointing Cheryl Conde to the Health & Education Committee for a term from September 2015 to June 2017 under the Staggered term policy.</p> <p>Motion made by Janice Felix and second by Brandon Havier, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/15/15	09-15-11	<p>“Appointing Floyd Alvarez to the Health & Education Committee for a term period from September 2015 to June 2017 under the Staggered term policy.</p> <p>Motion made by Brandon Havier and second by Janice Felix, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/15/15	09-15-12	<p>“Appointing Marinda Alvarez to the Planning & Housing Committee for a term from September 2015 to June 2017 under the Staggered term policy.</p> <p>Motion made by Brandon Havier and second by Felicia Nunez, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/15/15	09-15-13	<p>“Authorizing Special Counsel Contracts with the Law Offices of Thomas E. Luebben PC, and Johnson Barnhouse & Keegan LLP”</p> <p>Motion made by Philbert Bailey and second Felicia Nunez, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09/15/15	09-15-14	<p>“Accepting the Minutes of June 2, 2015 as Amended”</p> <p>Motion made by Phyllis Valenzuela and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>
09-15/15	09-15-15	<p>“Accepting the Minutes of July 7, 2015 as Amended”</p> <p>Motion made by Felicia Nunez and second by Brandon Havier, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent. Motion carried.</p>



St. Francis of Assisi Celebration

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Feeding 12:00-5:00pm
 PABLO BAND 1:00-5:00pm
 Procession at San Xavier Church 7:00pm
 TO Combo Band 7:00-1:00am

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Mass 9:30am
 Feeding 12:00pm-5:00pm
 PABLO BAND 1:00pm-5:00pm
 Procession at San Xavier Church 7:00pm
 LOPEZ BAND 7:00pm-1:00am

2014-2015 FEAST COMMITTEE

Elliot Ortega & Meleanie Ortega
 Vernon Scott & Milly Scott
 Joseph Angelo & Delores Lopez
 Harlan Moreno & Geraldine Encinas
 Steward Gilmore & Denise Rios
 Basil Morrillo & Lavern Morrillo
 Ralph Corella & Rosie Rios
 Aloysius Encinas & Andrea Encinas
 Elias Joaquin & Marian Joaquin
 Esequiel Alvarez & Katrina Hernandez
 Eddie Harvey & Karen Capone

Skug-Hudnig Wa:k Community,

My name is Mia Gonzales Francisco. I am the 1st attendant to Lii Miss Wa:k Ceksan, 2014-15. I am very honored and proud to be representing my beautiful Wa:k. I've learned a lot about my himdag and other himdags as well.

Some of the places I've enjoyed going these past months was Native American Recognition day at Chase ballpark, royalty from all over got to watch the Diamondbacks game in a suite. In June we went to the Miss Salt River pageant. It was beautiful. We went to the White Mountain Indian Reservation. We also went to White River. I really enjoy spending time with all the other girls. They will always be my big sisters. We are getting towards the end of our year. I would like to thank James for taking our beautiful pictures and also a great big thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising.

Thank you,
 Love, Mia Gonzales Francisco



Hello Everyone,
 My name is Danielle Rios. My brother is David Rios, and my sister is Denise Rios. We are the children of Lisa Moreno and Angelo Rios. Our Grandmother is Leona Anita.

On behalf of my family, we would like to take the time to thank everyone who came out to help and support our family and myself. As many of already know, we lost our mother, Lisa at the end of last month. She was only 46 years old and had grandchildren. My mom loved her family and friends, she was always talking about them. She loved to talk about her granddaughter, Danaliah. My mom was taken too soon but that's okay, she's in a better place. We would like to thank Stewart Gilmore, Gloria Rios, and their family for helping us along the way as much as you did. The St. Francis Feast Committee for all the help and support you gave us. Gabriel and his group that came to say the rosary and help send my mother on her journey home. Chris Gastelum and his family for taking the time to help us out at our home, Austin Nunez and his group of singers for singing at our home. Our grandma Florence and Melissa Moreno for helping us with everything you did. We would also like to thank those who donated their time to help with our moms services, as well as those who helped donate to our family. Words cannot describe how thankful we are to our family and friends.

Thank you so much
 Rios Family





San Xavier Mission News

San Xavier Mission
Sunday Mass Times Change to Winter Time:
8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:30

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Sat. Oct 3 7:00 PM Procession
Sun. Oct 4 9:30 Mass
Sun. Oct 4 7 PM Procession

Oct. 20: Baptism Class

Oct. 24: Baptisms

A Message from Sister Carla & Sister Ellen:
A big **THANK YOU** to all who came to pray and celebrate with us on Sept. 13th. It was such a heart-warming gathering! Special thanks to Linda Preston, her family and all the elders who coordinated the event.
May God Bless you All!

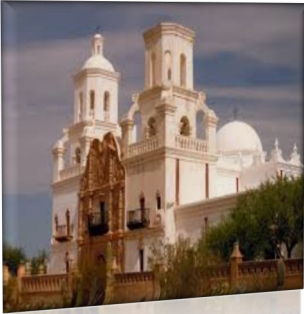
Father Tom Frost will lead a study of Pope Francis; encyclical on the care of our "Sister Mother Earth"

Tuesdays, November, 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15 at 10:00am in St. Clare. If you plan to come, please call 294-4639 by Nov 3rd so we can order copies of the encyclical. The cost will be \$10.00.

Mission San Xavier del Bac

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR DOCENT TEAM

The San Xavier Mission is seeking volunteer docents. Upon completion of the training program, docents will give tours and share the history of the Mission with visitors from around the world. Everyone is welcome.



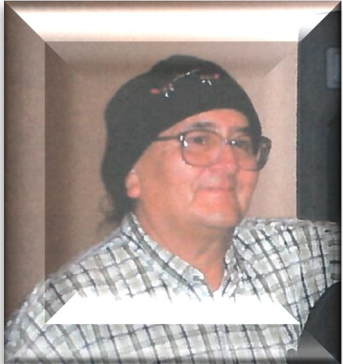
Program and training information will be presented:

October 14, 2015
10:00am
Mission San Xavier del Bac
St. Claire Room

If you are interested in becoming a docent, please attend the meeting on October 14th, or you may call or email for more information:

Sally @ 777-8143
Tom @ 284-2509
Email www.patronatosanxavier.org

**ANNIVERSARY MASS
FOR
DANIEL RIOS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
8:00AM AT
SAN XAVIER MISSION**



1st Anniversary Daniel Rios and Edmund Garcia



*Friday, October 30, 2015
3:00pm~ 10:00pm
San Xavier Feast House
Traditional singers 3-5:00pm
Gabriel Encinas Prayer Group 6:00pm*



Prayer groups and singers welcome



Wa:k Spirit

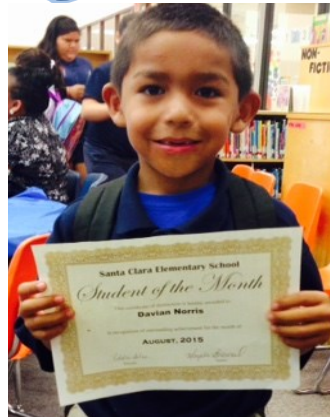
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Recognition Wall



Student of the Month
Apollo Middle School
Ameliah Tenario-8th Grade



Student of the Month
Santa Clara Elementary School
Davian Norris-1st Grade



Student of the Month
Santa Clara Elementary School
Ty Campos-6th Grade



Thank you to ALL students who continue to get up every morning to go to school! Continue to learn as much as you can. We, the Wa:k Community are behind you! If you need help, we are available.

A message from the Education Department Administrator, Sandra Alvarez...

Our After School Program is going great! We have 28 students enrolled. We have space for two 4th graders and one 5th grader. We help the students with their homework, do fun Science Experiments, and teach other educational lessons. The 1st session will end on December 17th. The 2nd session will run from Jan. 11—May 5th. Please enroll your kindergartener –5th grader in the 2nd session as soon as possible. Students in the 1st session will be able to join the 2nd session only if there is space.

We are also busy with our One-to-One Tutoring service. This is offered to K-12th grade students for 1 hour tutoring sessions. We have 14 students signed up for this service.

THANK YOU to all the parents, guardians, community members, principals, and teachers that attended our last Parent/Principal Meeting on Sept. 8th. The Tohono O'odham Nation, Division of Special Needs did a wonderful presentation on Special Education. Our next Parent/Principal Meeting will be on October 20th at 6pm and we will have a presentation on "How to Help my Child with His/her Homework." These meetings are very informal and more like social gatherings. It is a time for parents/guardians to voice their concerns and hear about what is going on at the schools. Santa Clara, Challenger, Desert View, San Xavier Mission principals are always present and eager to talk to families. SUSD Native American Dept. and TUSD Native American Dept., and SUSD Transportation Dept. participate in these meetings too! Last month the principal and staff from Vesey Elementary came to the meeting. It's exciting to see so many educators collaborating with us. Ha:san and South Gate are always invited. Hope to see you on Oct. 23rd.

Please help me welcome our new Community Liaison, Sara Williams. We are thrilled that she is part of our staff. Her article will appear in next month's issue.

The Education Staff is going to miss Maggie Alvarez. She's moved on to pursue her education journey in the nursing field. We wish Maggie the best and hope she visits us from time to time!

GREETINGS FROM THE LEARNING CENTER LIBRARY WHERE THE COFFEE IS HOT!! AND SO ARE THE BOOKS!!

We are in full swing to begin our after school programs as well as serving the daycare, head start, elders all for “Library Time”. The library fall hours is 8am—7pm. However, through out the week we do have programs on certain days to include the after school program so please call to make sure the library is open at **520-807-8620 or 520-807-8621**.

Basic Guitar classes will be held on Mondays from 5:00—6:00 beginning on September 14, 2015. No worries if you do not have a guitar because we have guitars. No worries if you are left handed because we have one left handed guitar as well. For more information or questions please call Gertie Lopez at the above mentioned number.

Also on Monday mornings from 9am—10am—We have “Coffee In The Library”. Come in for a cup of coffee, read the newspapers, magazines or grab a good book and enjoy your coffee.

To all parents/guardians of kindergarteners and 1st graders. There are 10 spaces available for the after school program for January 2016—May 2016. So come by and get your application in as we would very much like to have your child in our program. Priority for this semester will be for all the students who did not attend in September - December 2015.

Literacy and language skills begin to develop from birth, and early language abilities are directly related to later reading abilities. *This information taken from Read On Arizona.*

A message from Rowena Carlyle, Language and Culture S-ke:g Tas Wa:k Community, Happy Feast Day! We are already approaching the winter months, I hope you all are ready. With winter coming, I will be scheduling storytellers to come and share some O’odham legends with you all. Please take advantage of these free teachings about who you/we are as O’odham. For hundreds of years, our people used stories/legends/songs to teach about different aspects of our *himdag* (way of life). If you listen carefully with each story, there are connections that you may make, to your surroundings, to your family, and most importantly to your self. These stories carry powers that will help you think about life as it was, as it is, and how it will be. I encourage you all to come out and LISTEN!

“Our stories were us, what we knew, where we came from, and where we were going. They were told to remind us of our responsibility, to instruct, and to entertain. There were stories of the Creation, our travels, our laws. There were legends of hard-fought battles, funny anecdotes, some from the smokehouse, some from the trickster and there were scary stories to remind us of danger, spiritual and otherwise. Stories were our life and they still are”

-Larry Hill, Seneca

I wish you a well and productive month! Happy Halloween!



These are the storytellers that shared last year. There were many similarities made between each story although most of the individual came from a different tribe.



A message from Stacy Hernandez, Community Liaison

Hello Wa:k Community,

I hope you are all doing well and have a good routine going with work and school. October is a very busy month and I hope you all get a chance to take part in the community events throughout the month. Progress reports will be going home for the first quarter. A few students have had a hard time staying motivated so the following are tips from education.com. Help your children set a goal for the year so they have something to strive for (EX: I want a B in Language Arts/English). By setting a goal, students are willing to go the extra mile to achieving their goal. By motivating and encouraging your children they are more likely to overcome obstacles. Motivation can help your child focus, comprehend and process information. Motivation will determine if they will be rewarded or penalized for their efforts (If I want a B in LA/English, I will work hard and do the homework vs. I did not put all my effort into my work so I received a C). Parents you can motivate them by giving them something to look forward to (If I receive a B in LA/English we can rent the Redbox game/movie, they can stay up an extra hour over the weekend, go over to a friend's house etc.).

I have also noticed that students are having a hard time with math. So here are a few tips for math from education.com that apply mostly to Middle School on up:

1. Do all the homework
2. Go to all the classes
3. Find a study partner (in case you do miss class there is someone who will have the notes)
4. Establish a good relationship with the teacher
5. Analyze and understand every mistake



A message from Carmen Martinez, Administrative Assistant
Greeting Wa:k Community,

October is here and with it the arrival of cooler weather, pumpkins to carve, Halloween decorations to put up, and (hopefully) long sleeves and jackets!

For SUSD students, this month marks "9 Week Report Card" and "Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences"! Please attend your upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference from Oct. 27th—30th, 2015. We encourage you to continue to support your child's study habits by setting up goals, reviewing homework, and their report cards with your youth teachers.

Our Voices of Our Youth program is off to a great start! For the 2015—2016 year, a total of 29 SxD youth have joined the program and they are:

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| *DeAna Antone | *DaNea Antone | *Josecell Bailey |
| *Danielle Benson | *Aric Donahue | *Journey Garcia |
| *Dae Dae Johnson | *Angelique Jose | *Arianna Jose |
| *Jazmynn Jose | *Annaleah Joaquin | *Elianna Joaquin |
| *Eliho Joaquin | *Ashley Lopez | *Fallon Norris |
| *Jaycee Norris | *Milla Norris | *Aliza Osegueda |
| *Devon Preston | *Sebastian Preston | *Sereleia Preston |
| *Naomi Reyes | *Irma Reyna | *Ismael Reyna |
| *Anacia Rios | *Jaylen Rios | *Brianna Rodriguez |
| *Sonya Salway | *Ameliah Tenario | |

In continuing to give the youth a vision of what their future would look like in attending an out-of-state college, the Voices of Our Youth participants and chaperones took an out-of-state college campus tour to the University of San Diego on Sept. 15—18, 2015. This was another wonderful experience for the youth! As I have mentioned before, even though many of these youth are years away from graduation, it's not too early for the youth to visit a college. The purpose of this visit was to give each youth a vision of their future. To plant a new way of thinking about furthering their education beyond high school! **Note:** Group picture will appear in the November 2015 Wa:k Newsletter.

As always, thank you for your commitment and supporting your child's education. Look forward to serving you and everyone else as you continue your education.



Strengthening Our Community

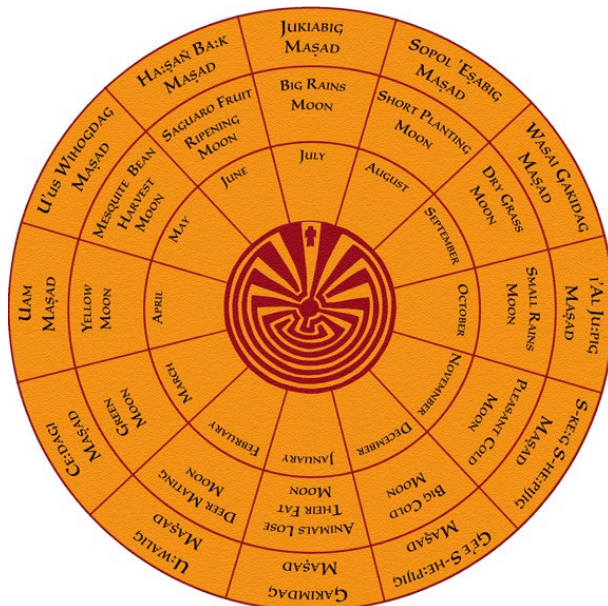
Friday, Nov. 13th at 5:30pm– Fun Run behind San Xavier District Complex. Bring your flash light!.....

Saturday, Nov. 14th, 7am-4:30pm at the San Xavier District Complex.

Outbreak Sessions include: I:mig, Clans, Womanhood, Traditional Clothing, Traditional Games, Heathy Eating, Healthy Relationships, and Feast Committee's .

There will be informational booths and Arts & Crafts Vendors (San Xavier Community selling their goods).

If you are interested in having a booth or attending this FREE event, please contact 807-8622.



October 3 & 4: FEAST days

October 5: Offices CLOSED

October 5: Hasan NO School

October 5: TOCC CLOSED

October 5-6: SXMS NO School

October 6-8: Hasan Galileo Testing

October 8-9: MASSA NO school

October 9: SUSD In-service/Grading day
NO School

October 9: TUSD Grading Day No School

October 12-16: TUSD Vacation Days

October 12-16: SUSD Intersession

October 17: Wa:k Ceksan Tas Event

October 19: SXMS Parent/Teacher
Conferences

October 20: Parent/Principal Meeting-Ed
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ATTENTION

IIM ACCOUNT BENEFICIARIES

OST STAFF WILL BE AT
THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT OFFICE

**FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER, 14, 2015**

TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR IIM ACCOUNT OR IN
UPDATING OF YOUR IIM ACCOUNT