



San Xavier District Wa:k Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE!

WA:K KI:KAM TOWA TAS GEGUSID

THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT INVITES THE WA:K COMMUNITY TO A THANKSGIVING MEAL.

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

SXD COMMUNITY BUILDING
11 AM - 2 PM

PLEASE CALL THE SXD MAIN LINE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
(520) 573-4000



SXD Chairman Nunez/Vice Chairwoman Pablo Report & Highlights

OCTOBER 2024	
<p>10/1/24 Met with Admin, Education, TON Dept. of Education to debrief on our Wa:k O'odham Language Program and to plan for continuing the program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SXD Council Meeting 	<p>10/2/24 Attended a planning meeting for the next Women & Water Conference scheduled for 11/13 & 14, 2024 sponsored by the SXD and Planet Women Organization. Registration is currently open.</p>
<p>10/3/24 Confirmed with TON Public Health Nursing Program to schedule COVID-19 and Flu Vaccination clinics for 11/15 & 22, 2024 in San Xavier.</p>	<p>10/8/24 SXD, BIA, SAWRSA Office staff met regarding the Monitor Well Project right of way and revokable permit process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided community overview and our stance against Highbay to 30 reporters from different parts of the country, 2 from Canada, and 4 were indigenous.
<p>10/9/24 Met at DDC for introduction of Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) Board and staff. General Manager updated on Colorado River and Post 2026 negotiations and status of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Met with an indigenous reporter from Canada regarding the Jaguar issue on our ancestral lands. ▪ Met with Planning Dept staff regarding a parcel of land recommended by the Planning & Housing Committee as a No Build area. 	<p>10/10/24 Attended morning start to the Eagle Ceremony.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Met with TOPD Chief Begay on his Dept's activity: additional officers will complete their training in the next few months and will be on duty thereafter. • Attended the TON Hazard Mitigation Plan presented by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to review sections: Hazard Profiles-Vulnerability Assessment and Current Mitigation Projects. The Plan would cover all the 11 Districts.
<p>10/15/24 Met with ARPA Office, Finance, Council and Admin regarding the status of the Utility/Housing Assistance Program; all funds are exhausted as of today. A notice will be sent to the community informing them of this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Met with consultants, SXD Natural Resources Dept, BIA, BOR on the Cemetery Wash Project to hear updates on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process and to get BIA's assistance on any permitting requirements. • SXD Council Meeting 	<p>10/17/24 Met with the TON Education Dept, SXD Education and Admin staff to discuss the Wa:k O'odham Language Program future plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Attended monthly SAWRSA Projects Update meeting. ▪ Community Meeting
<p>10/18/24 SAWRSA Implementation meeting held at San Xavier with Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), TON Water Resources Committee, SX Allottee and Coop Farm Boards on status of Colorado River supplies, CAP water deliveries, Coop Fund, Shortage Guidelines, and District reports.</p>	<p>10/22/24 Presented a gift on behalf of the SX District to Ms. Frances Stout at her birthday celebration held at the TON Nursing Care Authority Campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited Planning, Natural Resources, & Ranger Depts to participate in the OEM Tribal Hazard Mitigation Workshop held in SX District.
<p>10/23/24 Attended the monthly District Leadership meeting at Gu Achi District.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Public Meeting regarding Valencia Road Widening Project by Pima County at the GracePoint Church. 	<p>10/24/24 SAWRSA/Coop Staff meeting held at the Coop Admin Conference Room.</p>
<p>10/25/24 Assisted with the Cemetery Cleanup hosted by the Ranger Dept.</p>	<p>10/29/24 Women & Water Conference planning meeting to finalize the program for November.</p>

SAN XAVIER DISTRICT COUNCIL & COMMITTEE CALENDAR

November 2024 - S-ke:g S-he:pjig Ma:sad

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 5:30 pm Culture & Natural Resources	5 6 pm Council	6 5:30 pm Election	7	8	9
10	11 SXD Closed	12 5:30 pm Heath & Education	13 6 pm Finance 6:30 pm Planning & Housing	14	15	16
17	18 5:30 pm Culture & Natural Resources 5:30 pm Election	19 6 pm Council	20 6 pm Finance	21 6 pm Community Meeting	22	23
24	25	26 5:30 pm Heath & Education	27 6:30 pm Planning & Housing	28 SXD Closed <i>Ma:nsi:gi:ng</i>	29 SXD Closed	30



Vacancies:
 Finance (1)
 SXD Council Alternate (1)
 TOLC Alternate (2)

Recruiting Community members to fill vacant positions on a voluntary basis. Please submit letters to interest to the SXD Council Department.

Please be advised that meeting dates and times are subject to change



News from the Council Department

S-ke:g taş Wa:k Community,

Per the Tohono O’odham Nation’s Election Office, during the month of October, the following individuals were approved as new registered voter of the San Xavier District:

- | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Amanda Tucker | Daniela G. Araiza-Salas | Francisco J. Araiza-Salas | Francisca Salas-Rodriguez |
| Ruben D. Araiza-Salas | Danielle F. Stephens | Roman A. Campos | Brianna M. Rodriguez |

If you have any questions please contact the Council Department at 520.573.4026 or Council Secretary Rina Encinas at 520.573.4028

The Tohono O’odham Nation’s uniform election Ordinance, 12 T.O.C. Chapter 1, was amended by the legislative Council Resolution NO. 23-021 to clarify voter eligibility and registration requirements, effective January 18, 2023. This action did away with the district’s council review and approval processes on new voter registration applications and voter transfer requests

Reminder

Vacancies:

- ◆ **Finance Committee— (1) Vacancy**
- ◆ **SXD Council Alternate—(1) Vacancy**
- ◆ **TOLC Alternate—(2) Vacancy**

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O'odham Ap'edag Ki: People Wellness House

Practicing Gratitude

Gratitude is giving thanks for the gifts Creator has given us. It's recognizing that something good has happened to you. Having gratitude is associated with several mental and physical health benefits. It helps to slow down your breathing and heart rate by noticing the quietness of your surroundings, and to notice the morning sunrise and give thanks to Creator for another day.

Science has documented the positive effects of Gratitude; it's noted that it has benefits to health and wellness. It may lead to better sleep, higher self-esteem, decreased stress, and less anxiety. Gratitude helps people stay in the present moment, to focus on the good rather than thinking about negative thoughts.

Take time during your day to list two or three things that make you appreciate the small things. Write 2 to 3 things on paper and post it where you'll notice it every day.



S-keg Tas Wa:k Community,

We hope all community members are in good health and safe in their environments. Here at the Ap'edagi Ki, October has been a little slow due to the holidays and the children's fall break. On the days students were in attendance, they were introduced to the month of October (Al'ju:pig Masad) and events within the month, involved in Halloween projects that were fun and messy; these projects focused on hand and eye coordination (see picture above).

Staff reminds students to be safe by walking in groups, constantly checking their surroundings, and informing parents of their whereabouts.

This week's discussion topics were Respect and the history of RAP music. The discussion was about the importance of being mindful of listening to music that promotes positive energy and respect, engaging our students in a thought-provoking conversation.

Thank You

Margaret Unito – PWH Case Manager



Women's Wellness Circle

All women are invited to the support groups at the O'odham Ap'edag Ki: People Wellness House. Located at 2039 W. San Xavier Rd. across from the San Xavier District Building.

Groups are every Wednesday



11:00 am to 1:00 pm & 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Transportation provided for the 11:00 am group.

Please contact Genevieve James for more information at (520) 807-8662, gjames@waknet.org

November 2024

San Xavier District Events

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 5:30 pm Culture & Natural Resources, CR	5 6pm SXD Council Mtg. in Chambers 11am-1pm Community	6 5:30 pm Election, CR 11am-1pm PWH-Women Circle	7	8 6pm PWH-Sweat lodge	9 10am-4pm Plaza Grand Opening	10 1030am-12pm PWH-White Bison
11  SXD Offices Closed	12 5:30 pm Health & Education, EC	13 6 pm Finance, CR 6:30 PHC, CR	14 Turkey/Ham Distribution	15	16 SXCA Annual Allottee Mtg @ SXCA	17 8-2 Community Swap Meet (SXM)
18 5:30 pm Culture & Natural Resources, CR 5:30 pm Election, CR	19 6pm SXD Council Mtg. in Chambers 11 am-1 pm Community Thanksgiving Luncheon	20 11am-1pm PWH-Women Circle 6pm Mya Harris Presentation @ EC 6 pm Finance, CR	21 6 pm Community Meeting, C	22 6pm SXD Community Mtg. in Chambers	23	24 1030am-12pm PWH-White Bison
25	26 5:30 pm Health & Education, EC	27 6:30 pm PHC, CR	28  SXD Offices Closed	29 SX D Offices Closed	30	1
2	3	<p><i>Notes</i></p> <p>CB= Community Building C= Chambers PWH= People Wellness House EC= Education Center CR= Conference Room</p>				



O'ODHAM VOTE 2024

TONATION-NSN.GOV/OODHAMVOTE

CELEBRATE 76 YEARS OF OUR RIGHT TO VOTE
ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 5

Suggested candidates and ballot proposition choices from the Tohono O'odham Nation Executive Office:

U.S. President
Kamala Harris

U.S. Congress, District 7
Raúl Grijalva

Pima County Recorder
Gabriella Cázares-Kelly
(Tohono O'odham Nation Member)

U.S Senate
Ruben Gallego

Pima County Supervisor, District 3
Jen Allen

U.S. Congress, District 2
Jonathan Nez

State Senate, District 23
Brian Fernandez

Proposition 314
Vote "No"

Proposition 135
Vote "No"

U.S. Congress, District 6
Kirsten Engel

State Representative, District 23
Mariana Sandoval

Proposition 134
Vote "No"

Proposition 136
Vote "No"



Be on the look out for announcements from the TON Health Care Vaccination teams for vaccine clinics held in the community. Clinics will begin soon, continue to keep our community safe from Covid-19

COVID NEWS

Covid cases are raising at rapid rates across the country!

The CDC still recommends keeping your covid vaccination up to date. According to the CDC vaccination reduces risk to serious complications by 50%. 2023-present, 95% of covid hospitalizations were not up to date on their covid vaccine.

DIAPER & MENSTRUAL PRODUCT MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION

NOVEMBER 12TH-28TH Size availability vary.

Availability varies! Limit per month! For children of SxD members. For a Diaper Emergency outside of the distribution dates please call!

COVID OFFICE PROVIDES...

- Covid Tests
- Covid Box (if you test positive) includes Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies for your household.

PPE for community events




For any questions, reach out to us at the Covid Office:

(520)573-4010 or covid@waknet.org



**SAN XAVIER DISTRICT
OF THE
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION**

2018 WEST SAN XAVIER ROAD • TUCSON, ARIZONA 85746
TELEPHONE: (520) 573-4000 • FAX: (520) 573-4089

TO: Whom It May Concern
FROM: Benjamin Davis, Covid Coordinator 
San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation
DATE: October 15, 2024
SUBJECT: Exhaustion of ARPA assistance funds for San Xavier District

As of October 15, 2024, we the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation have exhausted our ARPA funds for Rent/Mortgage Assistance and Utility Assistance. This will conclude the assistance program under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant.

Please allow the Covid Department time to contact applicants about your application status. We appreciate your patience and consideration.

If you have questions, please contact me at (520)573-4010 or at covid@waknet.org .



*First Come,
First Serve!*

**HAM & TURKEY
GIVEAWAY**

Thursday, November 14, 2024

SXD MPR



*One Distribution
per Household!*

- Must be an ENROLLED SXD Member to receive a box. (or registered voter with document, AP-PROVED Relinquished Letter, Family Tree, and/or proof of residency-Bill, driver license or State ID)
- MUST have TRIBAL ID Available Letters are required if you are unable to retrieve your own food (with tribal number and home address)
- MUST be 18 years old
- OBEY SIGNS & Rangers assisting
- DO NOT BLOCK thru traffic or Employee Parking Lot Entrances

2 Distributions

Per vehicle

Wa:k Senior Services

For the past month, Wa:k Senior Staff have been busy with clients; we had a few field trips, presentations, and scheduled arts & crafts. We took a trip to Apple Annies; clients had the opportunity to pick veggies and fruits. We also had presenters come spend time with our clients. Paula Lugo, a Community Health Nurse, gave a presentation on mosquitoes and excessive heat,. Carlos, with Human Services, gave a presentation on Bed Bugs and our very own Housing Department did a presentation on sink drainage, and AC filters. We transported nine clients to the Senior Games in Hanam Ke:k. Clients had lots of fun playing the different games set up for them. A nice, hearty lunch was provided for them by the SX Co-op Farm.

Thank you to our cooks who continue to make and bake delicious food for congregate and homebound clients.

We also held Arts & Crafts with congregate. Many clients were saying things like I can't do this, this hurts my hands, this is too difficult for me. Some became frustrated, so we encouraged them to keep trying, and be patient with themselves. Once their project was complete....the smiles on their faces says it all. For this project, we would show them how to work with the embroidery floss, then we would undo the embroidery floss so the client could do it themselves, and their response was, "Eeeeeee!"

Wa:k Senior Services would like to send out a Friendly Reminder: For Transportation,

PLEASE *** PLEASE *** PLEASE

Please call 520-349-3551 for transportation. **NOTIFICATION MUST BE MADE 5 days in advance.** We transport to the San Xavier Clinic and other medical appointments in the Tucson area. We know medical appointments are scheduled weeks in advance, so you can call us weeks ahead to be placed on our transportation schedule.

ANOTHER FRIENDLY REMINDER:

If you or your doctor has canceled/rescheduled your appointment/s, PLEASE PLEASE call us and let us know. We arrive at homes to pick up clients, and they are either on the road already with family or letting us know their appointment was rescheduled or canceled. Please notify us so we can transport someone who needs a ride; we can only schedule so many per day, and when someone cancels or goes with someone else, it takes away from others. Call to cancel your transport (520)349-3551 or (520)585-3241.



Natural Resources

Greetings Wa:k Community! We hope you are doing well and getting a chance to get outside and enjoy the weather this time of year. Our staff has been quite busy collectively; we presented on our department activities at the community meeting last month, we also attended an Update Meeting with Asarco Representatives and UKLA to discuss livestock matters, attended an archaeological site visit near Reddington Pass, continued with our participation with the Eco-Truths for Indigenous Youth group sessions, and had the Water Leadership Institute visit the Wa:k Hikdan.

During this time, I would like to recognize Ms. Cie'na Schlaefli. For those of you who did not get a chance to meet Cie'na, she served as our Natural Resources Specialist here in our office. She is such a fantastic person who brought a lot of energy and was enthusiastic about the many projects she started or participated within the District. One such project that comes to mind is our employee garden. Cie'na started and put a lot of hours and effort into the garden. Now, an area that was once bare has vegetation such as mint, pomegranate, and fig trees that employees and others can now harvest, and the garden is partly irrigated using rainwater runoff. She was instrumental in spearheading our Climate Change Workshops held early this year. These workshops got our community to think seriously about climate change and its negative effects on the environment and human health; these led to discussions on coming up with solutions. Everyone very much appreciated these workshops. It's bittersweet to have Cie'na leave our department and accept a position with the Tohono O'odham Nation's Natural Resources Department. As I stated above, Cie'na has a "can do" attitude and what I listed above doesn't cover the many other projects she had going on and the assistance she offered others here at the District. We will miss seeing and having Cie'na in our department, but we know she will do well in her new position with the Nation, and we WISH HER ALL THE BEST!!!

Next, we have a new employee that joined our team, and her name is Ms. Eugenia Tashquinth. Eugenia has accepted the Administrative Assistant position and started on October 14th. We will have her give a little bio about herself in next month's edition.

If you have any questions, please call us: David Tenario (520) 573-4056, Geena Johnson (520) 573-4055, Morgan Parsons (520) 573-4057, or Eugenia Tashquinth (520) 573-4053. Thank you, and have a nice Thanksgiving!

David Tenario, NRD Director



San Xavier Mission

November Wa:k News

Nov. 1: Happy All Saints Day!

Nov. 2: Happy All Souls Day!

Baptisms: November 9

Next Openings in April

Happy Thanksgiving!

Wa:k Ceksan Royalty 2023-2024

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

	Raffle Basket/Item:	WINNER
1.	Water Balloon, water guns, water toys, inflatable water toys in a bucket	ROSE R.
2.	Ice chest w/ drinks, snacks, etc.	ARIA E.
3.	Lottery Ticket Basket	MARIA R.
4.	Gift Card Basket (gift cards to different places)	FRANCINE S.
5.	Kitchen Basket (baking stuff, apron, towels, bowls, baking or cooking pans, etc.)	KAREN A.
6.	Cleaning Supplies Basket	ANABEL
7.	Coloring/Crayola Basket (coloring books, crayons, markers, etc.)	MARK M.
8.	Movie Basket (popcorn, soda, snacks for a movie night at home)	PAULA J.
9.	Lunch Box/Bag w/ snacks	MONA C.
10.	Selfcare Basket w/ Beadwork	MAGGIE A.
11.	Ribbon Shirt for boys/men	MILTES S.
12.	Ribbon Skirt(s)	AMANDA S.
13.	\$60 Grocery Store Gift Card	DANIELLE S.
14.	Fireworks Basket	OLIVIA R.
15.	Headphones	TRUDY S.
16.	Kitchen Basket (baking stuff, apron, towels, bowls, baking or cooking pans, etc.)	WENDY W.
17.	10x10 Canopy w/ Chairs & Ice Chest	LANCE T.
18.	Hamilton Beach Microwave	BERNADETTE M.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINNERS!!

&

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT,
WE APPRECIATE IT!!!**



GET YOUR **game on!**

funpass

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR FUNPASS AT THE REGISTER

Purchases at the kiosk are not donated to the organization.

enjoy FOOD & FUN

AND RAISE SOME DOUGH

15% of all food, beverage and funpass game credit sales benefit

San Xavier Mission School

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Place: Peter Piper Pizza at
Calle Santa Cruz
5385 Calle Santa Cruz
Tucson 85706

CAN'T MAKE IT OR IN A HURRY?

You can still donate by ordering online or through the app.

1. Order at peterpiperpizza.com or through our app on the fundraiser date
2. Select the restaurant hosting the fundraiser
3. Enter the promo code **FRESHDOUGH** at checkout for donation contribution



scan QR code to download our new app!



Present this flyer to the cashier when ordering | ©2022 Peter Piper, LLC

2025-2026
SCHOOL
YEAR

Kindergarten ROUND-UP

SAN XAVIER MISSION SCHOOL

1980 W. San Xavier Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85746

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 24, 2024
11:00AM-1:00PM

REGISTER
NOW
520-294-0628



SCAN ME

HIGHER LEARNING AWAITS YOU



SCAN ME



Now Let's
Celebrate
Together

SXMS- AZ Information Booth at the San Xavier District Swap meet. When: Sunday October 20 from 8am to 10am Located at 1950 W. San Xavier Rd., Tucson, AZ 85746



WA:K SPIRIT



S-KE:G S-HE:PIJIG MASAD NOVEMBER



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

November is here! I wish all the families a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful start to the Holiday Season.

October was a busy time for the Education Center, especially during Fall Break. With school out, children’s bodies and brains need to remain active. With this in mind, we collaborated with the AZ Sonoran Desert Museum for their Fall Break Camp from October 7—11, 2024. We took a total of 10 SXD students ranging from grades 1st to 6th grade to the AZ Sonoran Desert Museum. The students explored and learned how plants and animals survive and thrive in our desert environment. As well as having up-close encounters with their live animal ambassadors, such as stingrays.

Looking ahead, the Education Center is excited to announce our upcoming “FAMILY STEM NIGHT” and a range of additional programs and events for SXD students. We can’t wait to see you and your family at these engaging and educational activities. As always, we appreciate your commitment to your child’s education and look forward to serving you as you continue your educational journey.

Carmen H. Martinez, Program Administrator

Wa:k Kikam Em-Maşcam Has Masama ’O Na:to G Şobbiđ

(Doll Making Class for the Wa:k Community).

Presented by: Frances Benavidez

Saturday, November , 23, 2024 •10:00am - 12:00pm

San Xavier District Education Center

Room 118



**For further questions contact SX Education Center
Front Desk (520) 807-8620 • Lisa Ortega (520) 807-8626**



S-ke:g Taş N-hajun,

This month, the San Xavier Community members' Wreath Making class learned to make crepe paper flowers, ribbon flowers, and artificial flowers for the wreath.

The participants enjoyed learning the history of the All Souls Day Celebration for our loved ones. The crepe paper flowers were the first thing the elders were taught, then cutting cardboard and using the green crepe paper for the ring—afterward, the colors of their choice to make their wreaths.

Second, the students learned to make ribbon flowers using ribbons.

Artificial flowers were also added to make a wreath. The community members liked that the most. It was easier than the crepe paper and ribbon. The students enjoyed making the wreaths, using ribbons and honeycomb, and being creative. Thank you to all the participants.

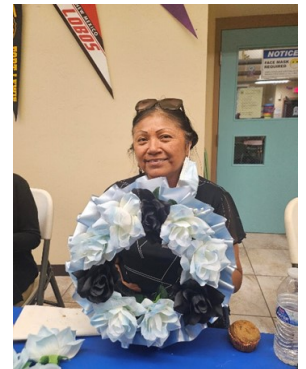
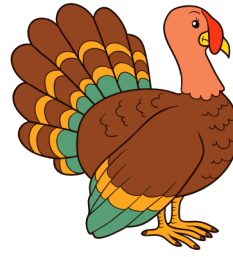
The next event is the Doll Making class on November 23, 2024.

Christmas Caroling Practice begins December 10, 2024 & December 17, 2024. Flyers will be posted.

Have a Safe Holiday!!

Elizabeth Ortega

San Xavier Culture Language Teacher



THE LEARNING CENTER

GREETINGS FROM THE SAN XAVIER LEARNING CENTER LIBRARY



HAPPY NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH 2024



The library continues to be on the upswing as we successfully serve our Wa:k Community with our reading programs. We are excited to announce Mya Harris' presentation on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, in Honor of Native American Heritage Month. This event will start promptly at 6:00pm with a light dinner, and the presentation will begin at 6:30pm.

For more information, contact Gertie Lopez or Elissa Encinas at 520-807-8621.

Gertrude Lopez—Learning Resource Coordinator

Elissa Encinas—Learning Center Aide

COMMUNITY LIAISONS

S-keg Tas Wa:k Community,

First, I would like to introduce our new Community Liaison, Aliza Osegueda!

Hello Wa:k Community! My name is Aliza Osegueda, the daughter of Lavonia and Boyd Osegueda and granddaughter of Clarice and Franklin Carlyle. I'm so excited about starting my new position as a Community Liaison. I am an alumni of Voices of our Youth and a past after-school student. I also have worked alongside the famous Gertie Lopez as a Learning Center Aide. My time there was fun, and I learned a lot, especially working with kids. I have worked there for three years, but it was my time to go and learn something new. I am familiar with working with kids, especially the After School Program. Now, I need to get familiar with working with older kids, which is going GREAT! Thank you for taking the time to read a little about me. I hope to do great things for the community and the children of Wa:k. THANK YOU!

Blessings to all; it is that time of year again with the holidays around the corner, and our students are getting ready to wrap up the first semester with upcoming finals just around the corner. I hope you and your families are off to a good start for the holidays; here at the Education center, we have been working with the students in our ASP and Voice of Our Youth programs for a couple of months now. In October, our VOY students had a successful haunted house to close the month with a great start to our VOY program. I want to take the time to thank the staff and students who dedicated time to putting the haunted house together to make it a big success; I also want to thank our older students from our ASP who also kindly volunteered their time to help as well you guys did an excellent job in stepping up and moving out of your comfort zone. Our ASP program made wreaths for all souls. This is always a wonderful time to share our traditions and get our students to understand the importance of All Souls in the O'odham

community. Also, our students from ASP have been working throughout the month putting center pieces together for our yearly community Thanksgiving dinner; students, thank you for all your hard work. Next, our VOY students will volunteer at our local soup kitchen in the local area. This will be a fantastic experience for our students.

For more information, please keep looking for future events and flyers posted on our Wa:k page. We had a successful start to our programs, and I want to thank all those who signed their kids up for the programs. It is greatly appreciated. With their participation, our VOY students will have the opportunity to learn about the O'odham history and culture and the importance of continuing their education to higher levels. Over the year, VOY students will learn about opportunities to continue their education after high school. We also continue to have VOY meetings for students in 7th – 12th grade here at the Education center. If your student is interested, please contact the education center. Also continue to check our monthly newsletter and Wa:k Facebook page to see updates on our programs at the education center.

As we navigate these challenging times, I want to remind you that Aliza and Anna are here to assist students and families. Your safety is our top priority, and we are all teachers in our own ways to our children. Let's continue to be vigilant and supportive of each other. May the Creator watch over all of you today and always.

Anna Butler and Aliza Osegueda
Community Liaisons



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