

# Four Directions

Where the Tribes & Kyrene come together as one!

April 2009

# Kyrene School District Indian Education

Happy Spring!

Please join me in celebrating all the wonderful parent volunteers who have participated in our fry bread fundraisers this year! If you haven't had a chance to come out to taste or help, there is still another opportunity to do so on Friday, April 17th at the Kyrene de los Niños Spring Fling. Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet your Kyrene Native American community and shows your children you support their education.

We hope that your family is weathering the current economic climate; however, if you are experiencing difficulty, please don't hesitate to contact us so that we can help get you help and resources! Your child's well-being and education are our first priority.



*Terry Rodriguez*

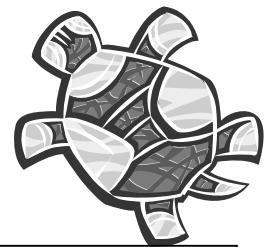
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## We Shall Remain Essay Contest

The Kyrene Native American Parent Advisory Committee is pleased to sponsor an essay contest celebrating the groundbreaking PBS documentary *We Shall Remain*



Please see contest details on page 4

### Kyrene Indian Education Mission Statement:

We create and implement services designed to provide educational and cultural enrichment for American Indian/Alaskan Natives students (AI/AN) while promoting an active Native American community within Kyrene schools.

### Services We Facilitate Providing:

- Native American Academic and Cultural Enrichment (i.e., group mentoring & tutoring) at select schools
- Cultural Resource Library for Kyrene Staff
- Four Directions Newsletter, Website, and Listserv
- Native American Parent Advisory Committee

### Who is Eligible for Services?

- Federally recognized members of a tribe, band or other organized group of Indians including those terminated since 1940.
- Children or grandchildren of any such member mentioned above.
- An Inuit, Aleut or other Alaskan Native.
- Considered by the Secretary of the Department of Interior to be an Indian.

*We need Eligible families to complete an Indian Certification Form (506) so that we can continue to receive funding!!*

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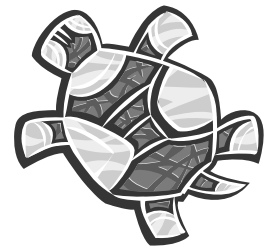


## Student Spotlight


Congratulations to Paulina Poleyumptewa, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, who is the top speller at Kyrene Monte Vista. Paulina earned the opportunity to participate in the District Spelling Bee on January 14, 2009 and competed against 20 of the top spellers in the Kyrene School District!

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding academic achievement during the Fall semester:

Claudia Contreras, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Niños Principal's list  
Patricia Valencia, 5th grade, Niños Principal's list  
Alisha Garcia, 4th grade, Niños Principal's list  
Bianca Gastello, 4th grade, Niños Principal's list  
Dina DeLeon, 8th grade, Kyrene Middle School Scorpion honor roll




### 2008-2009 Native American Academic Enrichment Leaders



<b>Aprende</b>	Certified Teacher	<u>Tracy Waggoner</u>
<b>Aprende</b>	Certified Teacher	<u>Jessica Mackie</u>
<b>Aprende</b>	Certified Teacher	<u>John Sadauskas</u>
<b>Lagos</b>	Certified Teacher	<u>Kate Taylor</u>
<b>Lagos</b>	Certified Teacher	<u>Sharon Lotz</u>
<b>Manitas</b>	Instructional Assistant	<u>Lori Parkhurst</u>
<b>Mariposa</b>	Instructional Assistant	<u>Barbara Keeney</u>
<b>Milenio</b>	Instructional Assistant	<u>JoAnn Smith</u>
<b>Niños</b>	Instructional Assistant	<u>Patti Benster</u>
<b>Paloma</b>	Support Staff	<u>Stephen Schaeffer</u>

### Subscribe!!



Sign-up to receive e-mail communications from Kyrene's Indian Education Program! Delivered right to your inbox: information about upcoming events and other important news!

Log on to [www.kyrene.org](http://www.kyrene.org) and click on the "Subscribe" link located at the bottom right-hand corner. Select "Kyrene Indian Education News," fill in your e-mail information and click the Subscribe button!

### Have you completed a 506 Form ?

Much of our success in providing quality academic assistance programs for our Kyrene Native American students is made possible by your family's completion of the **Title VII Student Eligibility Certification** form, otherwise known as the 506 form. Completed 506 forms determine the amount of funding we receive each year to provide culturally relevant academic assistance programs. (This form only needs to be completed once.) **Please help us continue to provide services by filling out your child's 506 form today!!**



## ***Upcoming Events in Kyrene...don't miss the fun!***

**NAPAC Fry Bread Sale**, Niños Spring Fling, April 17, 6:00 pm, 1330 E Dava Dr, Tempe

**NAPAC School Year Celebration**, Friday, May 15, 6:00 pm, Location to be announced—watch your e-mail and backpacks.

**NAPAC Summer Film Night and Ice Cream Social**, Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 pm, Ben Furlong Education Center, 8700 S. Kyrene Rd, Tempe



## ***Community Meetings***

**Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Spring Into Health**, Friday, April 10, 10:00 am—2:00 pm, 4212 N 16th St, Phoenix, Tobacco Prevention, Safety, Contests, Crafts, Egg Hunt

**23rd Annual Pow Wow at Arizona State University**, April 17—19, ASU Band Practice Field, Sixth St and Rural Rd, Tempe, <http://powwow.asu.edu>

**Ceremonial Dances of Our Ancestors**, April 18, 10:00 am—5:00 pm, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 3530 N 32nd St, Phoenix

**NABI (Native American Basketball Invitational) "Chasing the Sun" Powwow and 10K Run**, May 2-3, University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, For more information call (602) 254-1952 or (480)446-7052

**Native Health Women's Health Fair**, May 12, 10:00 am—1:00 pm, 4520 N Central Ave, Phoenix, 3rd and 6th floors

**3rd Annual Take Charge—Native American Leadership Today Conference sponsored by the Southwestern Institute for the Education of Native Americans (SIENA)**, September 25, Desert Willow Conference Center, 4340 E. Cotton Center Blvd, Phoenix



## **Helpful Websites for Parents**

Native American Community Health Center	<a href="http://www.nachci.com/">http://www.nachci.com/</a>
Native American News	<a href="http://www.nativetimes.com/">http://www.nativetimes.com/</a>
National Fatherhood Initiative	<a href="http://www.fatherhood.org/">http://www.fatherhood.org/</a>
AZ Department of Economic Security	<a href="https://www.azdes.gov/">https://www.azdes.gov/</a>
Talking with Kids about Tough Issues	<a href="http://www.talkingwithkids.org/">http://www.talkingwithkids.org/</a>
Community Services of Arizona	<a href="http://www.csaz.org/case-management.html">http://www.csaz.org/case-management.html</a>
Pascua Yaqui Tribe	<a href="http://www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov/">http://www.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov/</a>
Navajo Nation	<a href="http://www.navajo.org/">http://www.navajo.org/</a>



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## NAPAC is proud to sponsor an Essay Contest celebrating the groundbreaking mini-series *We Shall Remain*

*We Shall Remain* is a provocative multi-media project that establishes Native history as an essential part of American history. Five 90-minute documentaries spanning three hundred years tell the story of pivotal moments in US history from the Native American perspective. PBS will air these episodes on Mondays beginning April 13. Get more details by visiting their website at [www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain).

NAPAC invites all Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Kyrene students to participate in an essay contest—here's how:

View the PBS mini-series *We Shall Remain*

April 13: After the Mayflower

April 20: Tecumseh's Vision

April 27: Trail of Tears

May 4: Geronimo

May 11: Wounded Knee

Compose an essay after viewing the mini-series.

Try to answer some or all of these questions in your writing:

What did you learn about Native Americans in the US?

Who were some of the well-known Native Americans that the series highlighted and what were their notable actions?

If you are Native American, how did this mini-series make you feel about your heritage?

If you are not Native American, did the series change your views of Native Americans in US history?  
How?

### Here are the guidelines for entering your writing in our contest:

Please include:

Your Name

Your Grade (the grade you will be entering in August, 2009)

Your Address, Phone # and e-mail address

### Submissions are due by May 20, 2009

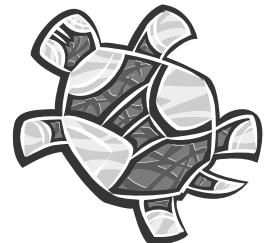
Mail or drop-off your essay to:

Kyrene School District

Native American Student Services #14

8700 S. Kyrene Road

Tempe, AZ 85284



**All students who submit essays will receive a Certificate of Participation.**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners will be named in each of these grade categories:**

Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades

(This grade level may submit a series of pictures instead of writing, if desired)

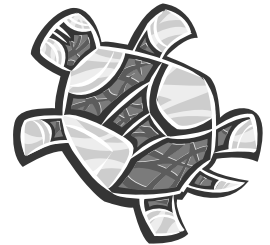
3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades

Winners will be announced on our website and will be celebrated at NAPAC's very own Film Night and Ice Cream Social on June 24, 2009, beginning at 6:00 pm. (Winners are not required to be present, but we hope you will be!)



## ***Jr. ACE and Hoops of Learning***



All 6th—8th grade students were recently invited to attend presentations by the Maricopa Community Colleges Jr. ACE and Hoops of Learning programs. Students had the opportunity to learn about planning their future educational goals and getting started on their path to success now. Please ask your student to share their experience with you.

**Jr. ACE** (**A**chieving a **C**ollege **E**ducation) is a 5-week summer program that targets students entering 8-10th grades and is designed to expose students to Math, Science, or Technology classes. Students can earn college credits and tuition is paid by the ACE program.

The **Hoops of Learning** program targets students entering 9th - 12th grades and is designed to provide Native American high school students the opportunity to earn college credits while attending high school. The program includes cultural courses, support for academic achievement, community connection, financial assistance, and leadership development.

Thank you to Suzette Johnson, Native American Education Liaison, for coordinating the presentations and to NAPAC for providing pizza lunches. Please ask your child about what they attended!



### ***Summer and Fall Registration for Kyrene Community Education Programs underway!***

**Summer Academy  
Summer Kids Club  
Fall 2009-10 Kids Club  
Fall 2009-10 Montessori**

**2009 Summer Academy Locations:  
Monte Vista, Mariposa and Pueblo  
June 1 – 25, 2009**

**2009 Summer Kids Club Locations:  
Monte Vista, Lomas, Brisas and Sureño  
May 27 – July 31, 2009**

**See course offerings and register online at [www.kyrene.org/eservices](http://www.kyrene.org/eservices)**

Please deliver to:

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## **Save the Date!**

**School Year Celebration**  
**Friday, May 15th**  
Details will follow

**Help plan this event!**  
**Join us Tuesday, April 14th**  
**at 6:30 pm**  
**Furlong Education Center,**  
**8700 S. Kyrene Road in Tempe**

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