

Four Directions

Where the Tribes & Kyrene come together as one!

September 2008

Kyrene School District Indian Education

Kyrene Families & Friends Welcome Back!

We hope the new school year has gotten off to a great start for you and your family! A very special welcome to students and families that are new to the Kyrene School District! In addition to our Four Directions Newsletter, you will also receive communications from Indian Education via flyers and postcards, emails (via our listserv) and our website (www.kyrene.org/nass).

It is our sincere hope that you will communicate with us, as well! We want to hear your input about our academic and cultural programs. Your help and guidance is the foundation of our programming. Please call (480-783-4091) or e-mail me (trodriquez@kyrene.org) at any time – I would love to hear from you!

Please consider getting involved with our Parent Advisory Committee. This is an amazing group of parents that helps guide our programming and is also very active in planning evening and weekend events for our families. This is a great way to meet new members of the community and have an impact on your child's learning experience.



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Back to School Kick-off Meeting

**Wednesday, September 17
6:00 pm**

**Ben Furlong Center
(northwest corner of Kyrene & Warner)**

NADAC is hosting a lite dinner and Ice Cream Social for all families to get together and share and will be followed by Officer Elections.

Please join us!!



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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Hoops of Learning Scholarship Program

The Hoops of Learning Program is an early college, high school to college bridge program administered by the Maricopa County Community College District. Born from a need to help Native American students stay in school and pursue a college degree, the Hoop of Learning Program has celebrated over a decade of success and continues to grow. The Hoop model offers a conceptual program design specifically tailored to meet the academic and cultural needs of Native American students.

- Scholarship provides all tuition and fees, books, applicable supplies and even bus tokens.
- Students can earn at least 24 college credits if they start their Sophomore year of high school.
- The program is open to students in 9th-12th grade (open to exiting 8th graders).
- Hoop participants are provided unlimited learning assistance, individual support services and retention assistance.
- Students meet regularly with their program advisor.

Contact:

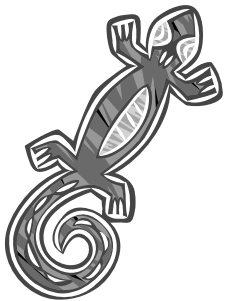
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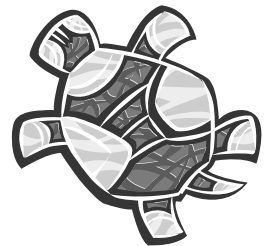
2008-2009 Native American Academic Enrichment Leaders



Aprende
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Lagos
Lagos
Manitas
Mariposa
Milenio
Niños
Paloma

Certified Teacher
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Certified Teacher
Certified Teacher
Instructional Assistant
Instructional Assistant
Instructional Assistant
Instructional Assistant
Support Staff

Tracy Waggoner
Jessica Mackie
John Sadauskas
Kate Taylor
Sharon Lotz
Lori Parkhurst
Barbara Keeney
JoAnn Smith
Patti Benster
Stephen Schaeffer



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 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 Meetings & Events in Kyrene

NAPAC Social and Officer Elections, Wednesday, September 17, 6:00 pm, Ben Furlong Education Center, 8700 S. Kyrene Rd, Tempe



NAPAC Presentation to Kyrene School District Governing Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 pm, Ben Furlong Education Center, 8700 S. Kyrene Rd, Tempe

Community Meetings

Arizona Women's Conference, "Motivating, Inspiring, and Empowering Women," Friday, September 12, JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa, Tucson, Information and registration: www.arizonawomensconference.org

Arizona State Parent Information Resource Center, "Reach the Summit," Thursday, September 18, Chandler Center for the Arts, Chandler, Information and registration: www.azpirc.com/summit

2008 Pascua Yaqui Education Conference, SEWA Life: A Tradition of Lifelong Learning, Friday & Saturday, September 26-27, Day One is designed for parents and educators, Day Two will be dedicated to students, Information and registration: Julian.Garza@pascuayaqui-nsn.gov

26th Annual Native American Recognition Days—2008 Parade, Saturday, October 11, 9:00 am, 3rd Street & Oak to Steele Indian School Park, Additional information: www.nativeconnections.org

2008 American Indian Youth Conference, "Strengthening Culture & Education to Empower Our Youth," Thursday & Friday, November 20 & 21, Student Union Memorial Center, The University of Arizona, Tucson, Information and registration: AIEACORP.org



Helpful Website for Parents

Living well with ADD & Learning Disabilities	http://www.additudemag.com/
American Academy of Pediatrics	http://www.aap.org/parents.html
National Fatherhood Initiative	http://www.fatherhood.org/
New Parents Network	http://www.newparentsnetwork.org/
Parenting 24/7	http://parenting247.org/
Preventive Ounce	http://www.preventiveoz.org/
Talk With Your Kids	http://www.talkingwithkids.org/
Helping Children Stay Drug-Free	http://www.theantidrug.com/

We need your nomination!

for the 2008-09 Native American Parent Advisory Committee Executive Board.
Elections will be held on **September 17, 2008** at the
NAPAC General Meeting!

The Kyrene School District Native American Parent Advisory Committee (N.A.P.A.C.) is requesting Executive Board Member nominations for the 2008-09 year. We are looking forward to continuing a strong, successful, and growing parent committee for our Native American students. N.A.P.A.C. is Native American parents making a difference in our students' education for success. The following events are great examples of accomplishments that N.A.P.A.C. and Kyrene Indian Education have put forth: Ice Cream and Pot Luck Socials, Fundraising Events, Family Picnic, and scholarships. Executive Board members' attendance at the following meetings is crucial to our Indian Education program's success: Executive Board, General, and Event Meetings. We also greatly appreciate the participation of Board Members who may work with organizations outside this group.

Please nominate yourself or someone you know that would be a leader for our Kyrene Native American Community.

Please forward your nomination by September 15 or request more information to our Indian Education Program Coordinator Terry Rodriguez @ 480-783-4091 or trodriguez@kyrene.org

Candidate Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Email Address: _____

Candidate's Children(s) and which Kyrene School(s) attending:

Circle position: **President** **Secretary** **Historian**
Vice-President **Treasurer**

In 25-50 words tell the Committee why you are nominating yourself or someone for this position.

You may email the completed form to trodriguez@kyrene.org or fax it to 480-783-4051 or mail the form to the following address:

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