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~Message from the Executive Director~



I am especially pleased to send greetings to the School and community and to all those who have been a part of Navajo Preparatory School's history to mark its 20th Anniversary. I am humbled to have played a role, along with the Board members and Tribal Leaders, in the school's creation in 1991. It is particularly gratifying to see our School in the forefront of education for Native American students twenty years later.

During the establishment of Navajo Prep School, the Navajo Nation shared a profound commitment to provide qual-

ity and choice in education to produce "Leaders of Today and Tomorrow – Yideeskáággóo Nat'áanii." These words are as true today as they were twenty years ago. Navajo Prep School sends 95%-100% of its graduates to colleges and universities across the Nation in any given year. We have achieved Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for nine consecutive years since the No Child Left Behind Act was signed into law in 2002.

Navajo Prep School has come a long way and accomplished a great deal in its 20 year history. We have completed a \$40 million new construction and historic renovation project on an 83.24 acre campus. While we have worked to preserve the old Methodist School buildings, our 21st

Century Student Center is designed for sustainability to meet the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED).

With your support and hard work, Navajo Prep School continues to move forward into the next century, leading the effort to provide quality education. Navajo Prep School is a living testimony that Native American students can achieve and excel at and above the national level. Thank you for helping us add another chapter to our proud history. Congratulations!



Submitted by: Betty Ojaye

Welcome Back from the Residential Staff

Our Residential & Security Team would like to welcome everyone back to school. We are looking forward to having a great school year. You can see our evening after school activity on our school website.

Parents if you would like to volunteer for any of our evening activities, please feel free to give me a call. The students will be adjusting through the first few weeks of schools. Let's all work together to make this

residential environment a great experience by providing a group effort of support.

We look forward to working with you!

*Submitted by: Sabrina Hood
Dean of Student Life*

~Business Office/Human Resource Manager~



Roberta Begay

Meet the New Faces of NPS

Roberta Begay was born in Manhattan, New York and raised in the suburbs of New Jersey. After she graduated from high school, she moved to Phoenix where she attended Arizona State University for four years and majored in Business Administration. After meeting her husband, Victor, they moved to the Four Corners Area and have lived in the area ever since. They have raised three daughters and now also have one grandchild. Roberta never lost her hopes of completing her education and eventually returned to school. In 2005, she graduated with honors with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting from Fort Lewis College. Roberta has over 20 years of experience in Accounting and Business Management. She has worked in a variety of businesses and has experience in working as a Business Manager for other local area schools. To say that Roberta's passion in life is her work, is a major understatement. She is especially excited to be working for the wonderful place that Navajo Preparatory School is. She is looking forward to doing everything that she can to continue making Navajo Prep a better place for educating our children for generations to come.



~Academic Counselor~



Nancy Wray

Nancy Wray, the new academic counselor, originally comes from Green Bay, WI. She earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in psychology and sociology and her Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in vocational rehabilitation counseling. She has worked at San Juan College for 12 years and 15 years at Farmington High School. Her interest is in riding and breaking horses. She has three horses; Star, Fred, and Sweetie. Sweetie is a rescue horse, who was adopted in June of this year. Star and Fred have been with her for five years. Nancy is married and has five grandchildren that she loves to visit.

NPS Parent Day

Fri. Sep. 03, 2010
8:30 am - 4pm
Farmington Civic
Center

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News from the Residential Counselor

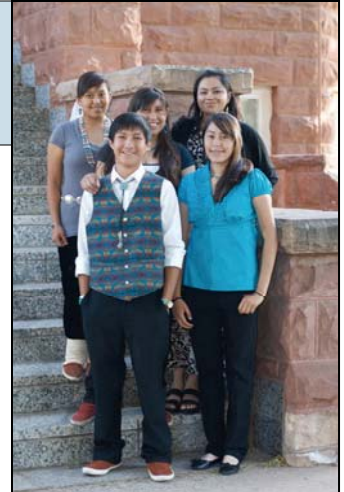
A new school year that will lead to many new experiences and opportunities is very exciting. Your student will learn and grow and change this year. We want to do everything possible to support your student to grow emotionally, physically, and spiritually as well as academically. Supports for new students as they adjust to high school and being away from home will be our focus as we start this school year. Recognize that this exciting time of changes may be stressful for your child. We ask that you, as parents, help us to assist your student. We will be asking you to complete a short survey to give us some ideas about what helps your son or daughter cope with stress. We also ask that you let us know if there are any special circumstances away from school that may be upsetting or causing your student to worry. I am really looking forward to working with you to make this a wonderful year.

You may contact me at 505-330-9411, lleclair@nps.bia.edu, or stop by my office, Room F143 in the Betty Ojaye Student Center. *Linda Leclair, Residential Counselor*

Naat'aanii Youth Leadership Council

The members of Youth Leadership had a very busy summer! Beginning the first week of June, four members participated in the 2010 Youth Leadership Summit at the Northern Arizona University campus in Flagstaff, Arizona. While at the summit, Navajo Prep students conducted a presentation of their projects and activities from the past school year. In addition the five-day conference provided activities focused on building leadership skills with a focus on community service. Activities and workshops provided for students were:

- ✦ Leadership After High School
- ✦ Climate Change
- ✦ Service Learning (on-site at North Leupp Family Farms and Grand Canyon)
- ✦ Ropes Challenges



Students had the opportunity to meet other students from other Navajo Nation schools and various Pueblos. The week was packed with positive development of leadership skills, combined with team building and opportunities for students to enhance their individual characteristics!



In addition to the Youth Summit, four students and I went on the road to attend the 2010 National UNITY Conference in San Diego, California from July 14th to 21st. Last school year, the students chose to create By-laws and a Constitution that would govern their Youth Council. As affiliates with UNITY (United Indian Tribal Youth) the students agree to conduct community service projects, encourage good health, and promote youth leadership. This year's conference motto was "Together We Will" and proved to be action-packed and very busy! The students got



meet and network with Native Youth from across the country, including Alaska, and Canada who are actively involved with their own communities. Some highlights from this year's conference include:

- ✦ National UNITY Council Reps: Korey Mike and Nakisha Antonio
- ✦ Motivational Speakers – Howard Rainer, Chance Rush, Dr. Pearl Yellowman, Kimberly Norris-Guerro, "Aunt Bea" Shawanda
- ✦ Clan groups and Team Building
- ✦ Brian Jackson, Cherokee, set a new world record
- ✦ Native Youth Culture Exchange
- ✦ Native Youth Talent Show that featured Rap artist and actor Lite Foot
- ✦ Conducted Fire watch for the UNITY Fire



Numerous workshops focused on health and wellness, youth leadership, culture, and motivation.

All in all, participation in this year's UNITY conference was a very powerful experience for us. As we traveled back from San Diego, I could feel positive energy and motivation emitting from the students and I look forward to see how they will use that energy this year!



Submitted by: Denise Joe



**“Yideeskaagóó Naat’aanii”
Leaders Now and Into the Future.**

NPS MISSION STATEMENT

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The mission of the school is to educate talented and motivated college-bound Navajo and other Native American youth that have the potential to succeed in higher education and become leaders in their respective communities. The school provides a rigorous academic program based on a strong foundation of Navajo philosophy supported by a residential environment that enhances individuality and independence. This mission statement is reflected in the School’s motto, “Yideeskaagóó Naat’aanii”, Leaders Now and Into the Future.

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McKenzie School Based Health Center



We are looking forward to the start of another great year! We are excited to meet our new students, as well as to catch-up with our returning students. Our plans are already underway to offer students many wonderful health services this year, including: sports physicals, vision screening and FREE eyeglasses, comprehensive dental services, general health screenings, and health promotion presentations. A primary health provider will be in our clinic at least 3 days a week to address student health issues; and a mental health counselor will be providing clinical mental health services 8 hours a week.

UPCOMING EVENT: *Sports Physical Clinic Tuesday, August 10, 2010.* Contact Rita Donaldson at 326-6571 ext. 116 to schedule an appointment. Sports Physical forms are available from Karla Charlie, Athletic Secretary, ext. 120.

REMINDERS:

Health Forms & Immunization Records are due BEFORE your child can attend school. Please turn them in TODAY to avoid delays when you bring your child to campus.

All student medications must be checked-in with the Residential Advisor or the School Nurse upon arrival.



OTHER NEWS: *Dental Health Services Survey* on or before Parent Day, September 3, 2010. We are looking for the best way to provide full dental services for students. Please look out for this survey on Parent Day and help us provide the best and most meaningful services for your child!

Rita Donaldson, RN, MPH
School Nurse / McKenzie SBHC Coordinator

Beverly Washburn
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