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Naat'aanii Youth Council in Full Swing



After a brief hiatus, the Navajo Prep Naat'aanii Youth Council of Navajo Preparatory School kicked off the 2011 year by conducting their first community service project. On January 6th, fourteen Youth Leadership students delivered 10 bikes to Ojo Amarillo Elementary School and Nenahnezad Boarding

School. The recipients of the bikes were nominated and chosen by their teachers and administrators. Students

received the bikes for having perfect attendance, good grades, display of leadership, and active participation in sports. The bikes were given to Youth Leadership by Futures For Children. On the day the bikes were delivered, two representatives from the Al-

buquerque office accompanied the group.

In addition, students have served as guides for visiting students and will be traveling on recruitment trips.



Student members of the Naat'aanii Youth Council at Ojo Amarillo Elementary School

Youth Council Members (left to right): Nakisha Antonio, Korey Mike, Aretina Mitchell, Jasmine Jishie, Delta Higdon, Tsookie Holiday, Joe Fernandez, Lynshellrae Begay, Sarena Gray, Waukera Smith, Nicole Benally, Michael Sam, and Elijah Yazzie





**NO BUS
RUNS ON
FRIDAY
FEB. 11th!**



**Spring 2011 New
Moon Run Dates**

January 14

February 4

March 4

April 8

May 6

Parent Teacher Conference Feb. 11

Greetings! The 2011 Spring Semester is in full swing and the Navajo Prep Community welcomes Parents, Relatives and Guardians to join us for **Parent Teacher Conference on Friday February 11 from 1pm -6pm.** This conference will be a student led conference that will enable parents/guardians to pre-

view portfolios, tests/ quizzes and to meet the Faculty.

This student led conference holds students accountable for what progress they have made in the classroom. In addition, our Navajo Prep Team hopes that this will help minimize waiting in a line. We encourage your attendance during this conference. If

you have more in depth issues regarding your child's success in a particular class we will have sign up time-slots from 5pm-6pm. Please notify the office for further information or make arrangements with the Instructor.

For More Information call Roxanne Lee, Dean of Instruction

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Academic Counselor Update

Attention Junior Parents!

The Standards Based Assessment/HSG is now the required test for graduation. It starts with the graduating class of 2012. The test will be given on April 12, 13, and 14 to all junior students. Please do not make any appointments for your student on those days. It is important that all juniors have the opportunity to complete this test without interruptions.



**Nancy Wray
Academic Counselor**

SENIOR CLASS NEWS!!!

Herf Jones Orders

Due Jan. 31st

Graduation: May 21, 2011

10:00 a.m.

NPS Eagle's Nest



RESIDENTIAL LIFE ADVOCATES NAVAJO CULTURE ACTIVITIES

Ya'at'eeh Family and friends of Navajo Prep,

December has been very busy month for everyone, Final exams and the anticipation of Christmas and the New Year, has had students' eyes full of candy canes, presents, and A+ on those finals. Then January quickly came and now students are walking the campus with a fresh new Class schedule. Activities for December and January were provided to the students and many took advantage and were very proactive in participating and helping assist in the activities. Students have showed great leadership qualities and had a fun learning experience. MASA activities that students had the chance to engage in were; Fire building with the Bow

and drill, Coyote stories, String games, Silver-smithing Demonstration, and a presentation on the Navajo war cap, alongside their other MASA activities.

Students enjoyed and showed great interest in these presentations and many have expressed more hands on cultural activities in the Hogan, some regularly asking, "Is there anything going on in the Hogan tonight?" Other evening activities that are provided are Cultural Nights, Cooking nights, Wii Game nights, Recreation Center, and a fully equipped fitness center that are regularly scheduled for the students. The Residential Department has been working very hard in giving the students of Navajo Prep every opportunity to excel and

succeed in their academics and residential life; MASA, Study Hall, extra activity time for study, extra-curricular activities and evening activities are only a few of what has been offered.

The Residential Department has been working closely to provide many activities that advocate the School motto and philosophy in providing fun and safe activities.



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Requirements for NM/AZ History Class



- All students are required to purchase a copy of MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th Edition
- Books can be purchased from the Business Office for \$15.00 or any major Bookstore
- Books are required for a grade by Jan. 31, 2011

Denise Joe, NM/AZ History Instructor

~Note from the Writing Tutor~

Parents and Guardians,
Please encourage students to come regularly for tutoring. There is a sign-up sheet for twenty minute slots in the Student Success Center, or students can drop-in if I am not with another student.

For papers it is good to come in at the beginning and again for final proof reading with the student. The students learn this way and get better grades.

Students can also get help with assignments, MLA format, Atsa papers, resumes, and any other

work requiring writing. Please remind your students of this opportunity . It is an easy way to develop writing skills and get better grades!



Sincerely,
Frank Pecoraro
Writing Tutor

Nurse's Office & McKenzie SBHC News



Thank you for helping us "Promote Health for Academic Excellence!"

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to many exciting health-related programs and activities this Spring. We hope that you and your child(ren) join us!

Dental Services

Participa! Dental will come to Navajo Prep's campus in February. The dentist will be here Thursday, Feb 11th to provide dental exams. The hygienist will provide cleanings, x-rays, fluoride treatments, and sealants, on Feb 22-24. They do not provide restorative services, such as deep cleanings, cavity fillings or root canals.

A consent form will be sent home with your child on Friday, Jan.28th. If you would like your child to receive these services, please return the signed consent no later than February 9th.

Dr. Smalley is also working with us to provide comprehensive dental services. If you would like us to transport your child to this local dentist's office, please contact our office.

Clinic Schedule

Please call our office or encourage your child to come in to schedule an appointment.

Our SBHC **doctors** will continue their weekly clinic schedules as follows:

Mondays starting at 1:00pm - Dr. Waters (sports medicine & illness)

Tuesdays starting at 1:00pm – Dr. Carroll (general health issues & sports medicine)

Wednesdays starting at 8:30am – Dr. Powell (general health issues)

– Dr. Hatch *monthly services*
(female health issues & illness)

SBHC Mental Health counseling services are available weekly as well. Krista Rainwater, LPCC, has clinics on Sunday and Monday evenings starting at 5:00pm. She is also available to come in during students' lunch hours to accommodate day students.



Rita & Bev

Rita Donaldson, School Nurse / SBHC Coordinator

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School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)

In December, we started a new group on campus called SHAC – the School Health Advisory Committee. We are meeting about twice a month to discuss health issues that are important to our students and plan activities to address these issues. Currently, our group is working to plan an interactive health fair called the Maze of Life for April. We are working with San Juan College Nursing School and IHS Health Promotions office. All students, parents and staff are welcome to be a part of our group. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 12 noon in the Cafeteria Lounge.

School Medication Policy

The goal of the medication policy is to support the health needs of students while maintaining a safe environment for all.

Reminders:

All medications (prescription, over-the-counter, and traditional) must be checked-in and must have a note from the parent or the doctor explaining what the medication is for.

"Any over-the-counter medications that are not properly checked-in may be confiscated." (Student/Parent Handbook p.35)

Update:

As of January 5, 2011, students who keep self-administered medications with them (such as vitamins, inhalers, supplements, etc) must sign a Student Responsibility Statement when they check-in the medication. The statement is:

I understand that I am personally responsible to safeguard this medication and to take it as directed. I also understand that I am not permitted to share this medication with anyone else; and that if it is found in another person's possession, I may face disciplinary actions.

Please review this with your child and contact us with any questions.



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

NPS MISSION STATEMENT

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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PAC/IEC Fundraiser

The Parent Advisory Committee/Indian Education Committee is an active part of the Navajo Prep Community. These parents are raising money to aid in expense for attending and presenting at the Johnson O’Malley Regional and National Conferences.

Here is a sneak peek at what is for sale (other design available):

Long Sleeve:\$20

Short Sleeve:\$15

Hoodie: \$30

Purchase them from:

Michelle Woody or

Michele Peterson

NEXT PAC/IEC MEETING:

Feb. 13, 3:00pm SSC



At-a-Glance School Calendar

- ◆ **Jan. 28: Sophomore Parent Seminar 2-3:30pm SSC**
- ◆ **Feb. 3: Quarter 1 Ends**
- ◆ **Feb. 4: Half-Day**
- ◆ **Feb. 11: Parent Teacher Conference 1-6pm (No Bus Runs)**
- ◆ **Feb. 13: PAC/IEC Meeting 3pm SSC**
- ◆ **Feb. 16: Snow Day– Durango Mountain Ski Resort**
- ◆ **Mar. 4: Career Day/ Half-Day**
- ◆ **Mar. 8: Quarter 2 Ends**
- ◆ **Mar. 13: PAC/IEC Meeting– TBA**
- ◆ **Mar. 18: Junior Seminar TBA**
- ◆ **Mar. 21-25: Spring Break**
- ◆ **Apr. 12-14: NMSBA All Juniors**
- ◆ **Apr. 15: Quarter 3 Ends**
- ◆ **Apr. 18-21: Hozho Naasha Week**
- ◆ **Apr. 29: Parent Teacher Conference-Registration for All Returning Students.**