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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & THE FRESHMAN ACADEMY

Freshmen Academy had its Midterm Celebration on October 21 during study hall. This was a time to celebrate their hard work at NPS. Each freshmen teacher selected one student for academic excellence in their classes and the residential staff also selected two students. The following students received certificates:



Back row: Michelle Benally, Tristan Barbone, Brandy Calabaza and Chad Henderson.
Front row: Crystal Stewart, Deidra Lee and Dana Pinto

Mr. Young:

*Chad Henderson -Transitional Reading
Tristan Barbone -English I*

M. Yazzie:

Brandy Calabaza -Transitional Math

Mrs. Fernandez:

Deidra Lee -Geometry

Mr. Quimby:

*Natalia Sells - Physical Science
Shannel Garcia - Algebra*

R. Crisp:

*Isaiah Yazzie - P.E.
Shalayne Tsosie - P.E.*

Freshmen Seminar:

*Micheryl Benally - Mr. Young
Crystal Stewart - Mrs. Sorensen
Erica Woody - Mrs. Franklin
N/A - Mrs. Michael*

Residential:

David Wauneka - Manuelito Hall

Mrs. Franklin:

Computer - Dana Pinto



Freshman Academy Visits Sutherland Farm

For the Freshmen Academy's Big Brother Big Sister activity, students took a trip to Sutherland Farms in Aztec, NM. Students spent the evening on hayrides, had a marshmallow roast, carved pumpkins and walked through the corn maze. The freshmen were able to spend time with their

big brother, big sister (seniors) and enjoy an evening together.

All freshmen will continue to attend study hall every Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5pm and on Monday and Wednesday from 7 - 8 pm. If you have any questions, please call the school 326-6571.



Big Brother Big Sister Pumpkin carving at Sutherland Farms

Submitted by: Char Franklin,
Freshmen Academy Coordinator

Message from the Dean of Instruction

Parent Conferences were held on Friday, October 22, 2010. Parent turnout was tremendous; this is a testament to the parent involvement at Navajo Preparatory School. Altogether, parents/guardians of 136 students attended the fall parent conferences. This translates to 71% of our parents/guardians who attended their students' parent conferences.

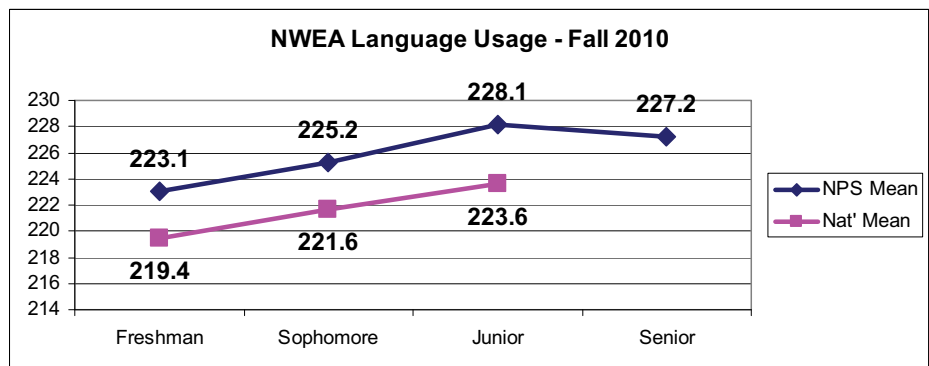
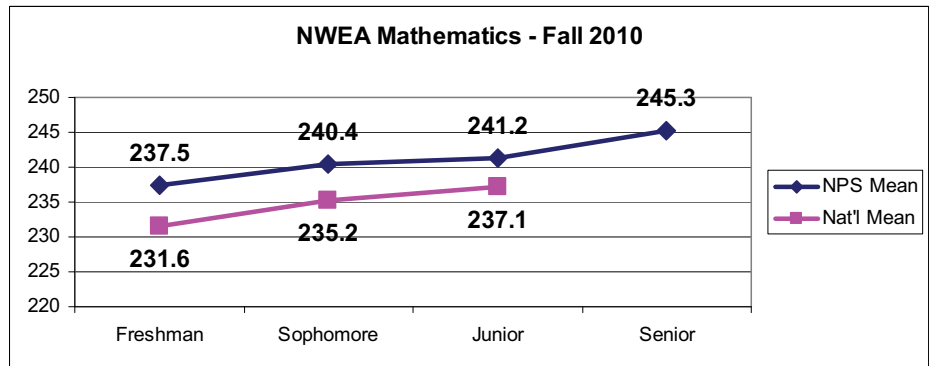
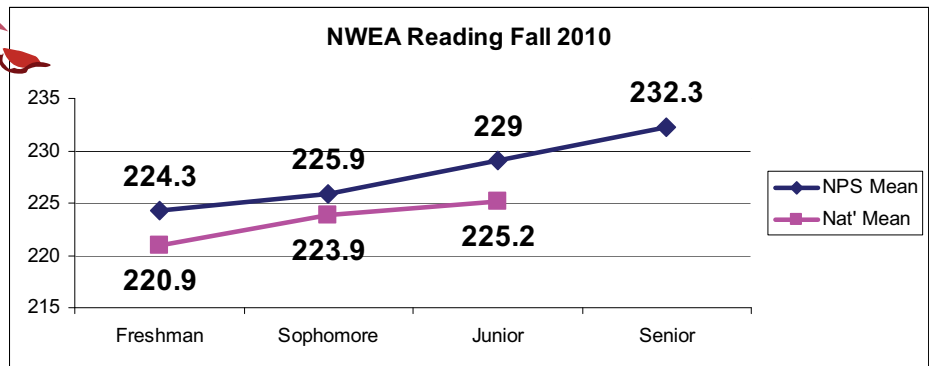
During the month of September, students were tested in the Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) of the **Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)**. Results from the NWEA testing, along with New Mexico Standards Based Assessment (NMSBA) results, are used to assist teachers to make adjustments to their teaching instruction. In addition, NWEA results allow the school to make predictions on how a student will perform on the NMSBA. This proves especially critical with our Junior students. Based on individual student NWEA scores, junior students can be identified who require additional instructional assistance in Reading and Mathematics. The school utilizes Plato Learning, Inc. to provide these students with additional instructional strategies.

NWEA

Fall 2010

Testing

Results





What the NWEA Graphs Indicate...

These graphs indicate that our students are performing above the national mean when compared to students nationally at the same grade level. At all grade levels, Navajo Prep students are making progress in their testing.

The senior class' performance in the Language Usage subtest does indicate some area for improvement.

Individual student results were shared with students through their Homeroom Advisors. If you are inter-

ested in obtaining your student's individual test report, please contact your student's homeroom advisor. Additional testing in NWEA will be administered in January and May of 2011.



Farewell Address by Mr. John Tohtsoni Jr.

I would like to *take this opportunity to thank the parents and guardians* of Navajo Preparatory School for their support of their students and the school. I have tendered my resignation with Navajo Preparatory School, effective November 05, 2010. I have accepted a position with Aztec High School. I am returning to teaching, a profession that I have enjoyed and missed the last several years.

I first came to Navajo Preparatory School in the fall of 1997. As with my first year then and still to this day, I have come to appreciate and love this school and its students. This school is certainly a unique school, not just among the Navajo Nation, but in all directions of this world. I have had the privilege to visit schools nationally and internationally and there is no student body

like ours. I will miss our students and this school, but opportunity has its way of emerging.

I have learned a lot in my last thirteen years at Navajo Preparatory School. I first started out as a Social Studies teacher. Along the way, I coached, administered a title program, sponsored classes and Student Senate, directed a Gifted and Talented program, and created the Sophomore Academy. For the last four years, I have served as the Dean of Instruction. In this capacity, I have been fortunate to meet many great parents and guardians.

During my tenure as Dean of Instruction, the academic teaching staff has focused their development in curriculum development, state standards, and data analysis. I have been most proud that Navajo Preparatory School

has met Adequate Yearly Progress for the last four years in spite of increasing annual measurable objectives. I leave this position knowing that the academic program is in stronger structure than when I entered.

Navajo Preparatory School will always remain an important part of my life. I will miss the school, the staff, parents/guardians, and mostly, the students, but the hand of destiny is pointing me in a new direction. I am happy knowing that I leave Navajo Preparatory School with my ethics in place and my principles intact. Until our paths cross again, and they will, thank you for the opportunity to serve your student(s) over the years. May the Holy People always keep watch over us and God Bless Navajo Preparatory School. It has certainly been my honor!

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Sophomore Class News



Sandra Westbrook,
Sophomore Class
Sponsor,
Admissions & Dev.
Coordinator



The Sophomore Class has spearheaded some major events in October such as the Northern Navajo Fair that was held on October 2, 2010 in Shiprock, NM and the NPS Homecoming Dance that was held on Thursday, October 7, 2010. Both of these events showcased the major talent that lies within the Sophomore class! Thank you to everyone that donated items and time to assist our Sophomores

with these two large events.

We have one last concession this month which will be at the Volleyball Game against Newcomb here at the Eagles Nest on Tuesday, October 26, 2010. After this, we will be fundraising, fundraising, fundraising! If you are able to assist at any of the fundraising events or activities, your support is greatly appreciate! We hope to meet and/or talk

with you parents during the Sophomore Class Seminar that will be held in the Spring and look forward to meeting you as the semester goes on. If you have any questions on any of our events/activities, feel free to contact either of us via email or at the extension following our name.

Sophomore Class Sponsors:

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What's Going on With the Senior Class?

The Class of 2011 have been busy planning their final year at Navajo Prep. In an attempt to fundraise for a class trip, Seniors and their parents are sponsoring a raffle ticket fundraiser with \$50.00 gift cards to:

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| ♦ Target | ♦ Red Lobster |
| ♦ Best Buy | ♦ Outback |
| ♦ Chili's | ♦ Olive Garden |
| ♦ Home Depot | ♦ Applebee's |
| ♦ Wal-Mart | ♦ Lowe's |

The drawing will be held on Nov.20th and tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased from Senior students. Thank you for your support!!

Denise Joe, Senior Class Sponsor

Parent Advisory & Indian Education Committees

A Parent Meeting was held on October 22 during Parent/Teacher Conferences. At the meeting it was decided that we combine the two Parent Committees and voted on the following Parents to serve as the PAC/IEC Committee:

Next Meeting: Sunday Nov. 14 @ 2pm
Student Success Center!

Chair Person:
Michele Peterson

Vice Chair Person:
Nadine Chatto

Secretary:
Cindy Ashley

Members At Large:
Cheryl Yazzie &
Michelle Woody



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

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Winners for our VB Raffle. Thank you everyone who supported the Lady Eagle Volleyball Team!

- Pendleton Planner:** Dennis Herman
- 2 Movie Passes:** Genova Lewis, Shiprock NM
- Necklace & Earrings:** Irene Harwood, Fruitland NM
- Dish Set:** Brittney Curley, Ganado AZ
- Shepherd Special:** Jerry Chee, Ganado AZ
- Slow Cooker:** Shawn Reynolds, Navajo Prep
- \$50 Olive Garden Gift Card:** Roger Kinsel, Gallup NM
- \$50 Red Lobster Gift Card:** Jennifer Begay, Cortez CO
- \$50 Wal-mart Gift Card:** Ray Jim, Fruitland NM
- \$50 iTunes Gift Card:** Sarena Grey, Navajo Prep
- \$30 iTunes Gift Card:** Lamekia, Navajo Prep
- \$30 Animas Valley Mall Gift Card:** Lorenzo Yazzie, Fruitland NM
- \$25 Outback Steakhouse Gift Card:** Calvina Pinto, Cuba NM
- \$25 JC Penney Gift Card:** Darlene Redhouse, Shiprock NM
- \$25 Olive Garden Gift Card:** Ruby Coggshell
- \$15 iTunes Gift Card:** Justin Gonnie, Navajo Prep
- \$15 iTunes Gift Card:** Jamie Pinto, Cuba NM



Admissions/Enrichment/Development Office

Scholarship Opportunity

Navajo Preparatory School is excited to announce another scholarship opportunity for Freshmen students at NPS! Applications will be available starting November 1, 2010 and will be mailed out to parents of Freshmen students. This is a \$1000.00 scholarship opportunity awarded by the San Juan Rotary Club. Rotary club members are business and professional leaders who volunteer in their communities and promote world understanding and peace. It is a service organization and one of the criteria of the scholarship is that students must be involved either on campus or in their hometown communities. All applications need to be returned to my office by Wednesday, November 19, 2010—4:00 pm.

Pow-Wow

We will be hosting the NPS Winter Benefit Pow-Wow Contest which has been set for Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 10:00 am – midnight. Proceeds from this event will go toward student scholarships.

The following is an outline of the day:

Navajo Prep Alumni Search

The Executive Director's Office is putting out a search for NPS Alumni between the years of 1991-2010 for inclusion in the Twenty-Year Anniversary Commemorative Magazine. We need the following information from you: Name (also maiden name if married), year graduated from NPS, Degree from College and Name of University/College, Military service, if applicable, a recent picture, Employment/profession, and family information. Please send to: Karla Charlie, at karla.charlie@bie.edu.

The deadline is February 28, 2011, but please don't wait until the last minute.

Admissions

Finally, we have started our recruitment efforts for SY 2011-2012. If you know of any eighth grade student that may be interested in NPS, please have the student or parents contact our school for more information on our application process, or they can go to www.navajoprep.com for more information.

<p>10:00 a.m. Gourd Dancing 1:00 p.m. Grand Entry 5:00 p.m. Gourd Dancing 7:00 p.m. Final Grand Entry MC—Elvin Keeswood (Shiprock, NM) Arena Director—Fred Keeswood (Shiprock, NM) Head Gourd Dancer—Everett John w/ White Eagle Gourd Society (Shiprock, NM) Host Southern Drum— Southern Outlaws (Shiprock, NM)</p>
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