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Helping Build Up A Library!

The Gifted and Talented Reading Group along with Student Senate and National Honor Society is helping to rebuild a library and we are asking for parental assistance. If you are not aware, the Mesa Elementary School was recently vandalized, resulting in the complete destruction of their library. They are currently

looking for book and financial donations. Navajo Prep is lending a hand! If you have elementary age books, grades K-5 and are willing to donate them, please bring them to the school. Members of the above student groups will be working through the month of October to raise money so that our librarian here, Mrs. Barbara

Sategna can order through her vendor the resources that Mesa Elementary needs. If you would like more information, you can check out this website:

<http://centralschools.org/~mes/Book%20Drive%20Flyer.pdf>

If you would like to make a financial donation please contact one of the below individuals:

Gifted and Talented Reading Group-Lesley Duffus ext. 313;
Student Senate-Scott Rodgers ext. 301;
National Honor Society-Betty Strong ext. 308.

This is a great way for NPS to give back to the community and the reservation.

Leslie Duffus
History Instructor



Come One, Come All!

Check out the new Digital Imaging Student Exhibit in the Ground Floor Dodge Hall Gallery. Exhibit will be changed quarterly and there is some fantastic work being done by beginning and advanced students.

Don't miss it!

Teri Michael
Digital Visual Arts Instructor

ATTENTION: Counseling Dates to Note

Important dates in October:

October 13-PSAT test for all Juniors at 8am in the S.S.C.

October 7-Eastern New Mexico State recruiter visit

October 8-New Mexico State University recruiter visit

October 25-College of Eastern Utah recruiter visit

October 26-Grand Canyon University



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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

The junior class is looking for donations for their concession stand. The junior class has a great fundraising opportunity at the **last home football game**. The game is on Saturday **October 30th** vs. the Dulce Hawks at 1pm. This is a District game and we need your help! We are looking to sell Navajo Tacos and Navajo Burgers. If you are interested in helping, please contact the sponsors, Lesley Duffus (ext 313) or Scott Rodgers (ext 301).

Donations needed are:

Flour or dough already made

Beans

Lettuce

Cheese

Onions

Tomatoes

Salsa

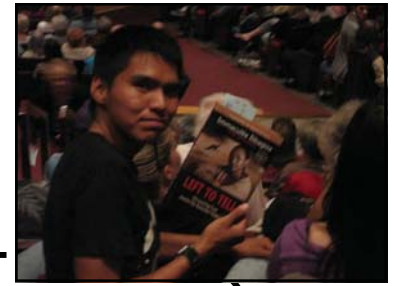
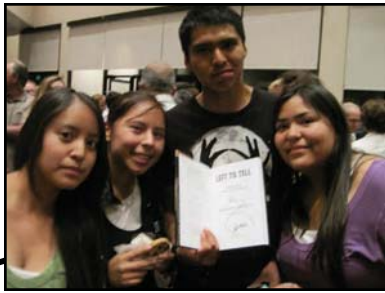
Burgers

Please help us with this fundraising event. All proceeds go to putting on the best prom ever!



Leslie Duffus
Junior Class
Sponsor

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Junior Class Sponsor



Students Attend Rwandan Refugee Speaker

Members of Ms. Duffus' Gifted and Talented Reading Group, and her World History and US History classes had the great opportunity to see Immaculee Ilibagiza, a refugee from Rwanda speak on September 23rd at the Farmington Civic Center.

Ms. Ilibagiza spoke about her time, as she hid in a restroom with

7 other women for a total of 91 days! Around her, the country of Rwanda descended into mass killings and genocide as the two tribal groups Hutus and Tutsis took up weapons against each other. In 3 months over 1 million people were killed.

The students were in awe of her inspiring and motivational com-

ments. She emphasized the importance of love and forgiveness. It was a fantastic night for all of the students to see such a speaker. Ms. Ilibagiza's book will definitely be a book that the G&T Reading Group will diving into in the Spring.

Leslie Duffus
G&T Instructor

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~Note from the Writing Tutor~

Please encourage your students to come for tutoring when they are working on papers. I can help them when getting their papers organized and can proofread their final copies. This can help the students improve their writing skills, and get better grades.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Student Success Center with 20 minute time slots. If I am not helping another student a person can also drop in.

The other subject tutors and I are at the Student Success Center Monday through Thursday, 5:00 to 9:00 P.M. Please talk to your students about coming in. Thank you.

Frank J. Pecoraro
Writing Tutor

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM NEWS

WOW!!!! Can you believe another month has passed here at Navajo Prep and the after school program is in full swing. The month was kicked off by NPS club rush and ice cream social. Students had the opportunity to participate in many choices of clubs. Students were able to join ROTC, Twilight Teachings, Adventure Club, Cheerleading, TUPAC, Skateboard Club, and many more. Students also enjoyed the 2nd annual corn roast and kneel down bread making. This was the first time that NPS students made use of the out door oven. A special thanks to NPS student, Alta Dan and Agnes Tsosie for their services. NPS



also had their first Monday Night Football season opener football party. Student were able to socialize, eat and cheer on their favorite team. NPS students also gave back to the community this month with a visit to Hill



Top Boy and Girls Club for the mentoring program. Students reported that



they had a lot of fun with the kids and will continue to give back to the community all year. Students also enjoyed Guitar Hero night and the One Stop Game Shop. The one stop is a A/C 24 foot trailer that held games for student. Many students had a blast and requested that this activity be brought back. The high light of the month was the visit of the "And I" Basketball players.

NPS students got to play against these professional athletes and had a great time. Students were amazed by the high flying athletes and their dazzling performance. A community member who is disable also go a special gift from athletes. This child got a pair of autograph shoes from And I players. This was a great gesture by athletes and a special day for this child. His parents never knew that " The Professor" was his idol and favorite basketball player. This event raised money for after school program and brought many people to NPS campus. Overall, students reported that they had a great time. NPS would Like to thank Betty O'Jaye, John Tohtsoni, Roxanne Lee, Mike Tillman, Roberta Begay, Linda Leclair, Ed Reese, Rainy Crisp, Mike Clichee, NPS students, TUPAC Members and local Farmington sponsors for making this event happen.



Rod Denetso
After School Program Coordinator

Nurse's Office & McKenzie SBHC News

Autumn Greetings! The beautiful fall season is upon us, which means flu season is just around the corner. McKenzie School Based Health Center is ready!



FLU SHOTS FOR STUDENTS

We will be having our annual student flu shot clinic in October. If you would like your child (ren) to receive a flu shot, please complete and sign the top portion of the enclosed consent ("Vaccine Administration Form Part B") and return it *no later than* 12:00 noon on Monday, October 11, 2010.

FREE GLASSES FOR STUDENTS



Recently, ChildSight NM came to Navajo Prep to provide vision screening, eyeglass prescriptions, and free glasses to our students. This year, ChildSight has helped 53 students see more clearly by providing them with new glasses for free. Each student at Navajo Prep is able to get 2 pairs of glasses every year. So if your child needs new glasses at any time, please contact us so we can help!

Thank you and best wishes!





**“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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~NPS Parent Day Recap~

Parent Day on September 03, 2010 was held at the Farmington Best Western. It was an eventful day of interactive work sessions and meetings. We heard inspirational words of advice from keynote speaker Leonard Anthony who spoke on Native Culture and Education. There were eight sessions throughout the day ranging from; Navigating through NASIS with Mike Clichee, to Understanding the Dine Values of Education presented by Justin Jones. Mrs. Linda Leclair held her session on Listening to Teens, Mr. Tohtsoni informed Parents of the Strategies that resulted in AYP, and finally Mr. Tillman formed an All Sports Booster Club! Good food, great sessions and a wonderful array of parents made this event a success and one to look forward too next school year! Thank you to everyone who attended.

Roxanne Lee, Director Of Federal Programs



John Tohtsoni speaking on AYP



Linda Leclair speaking on Teen Issues



Justin Jones on Dine Values of Education

Farewell Address from the Dean of Student Life

I would like to say thanks to students, parents, NPS Staff and board members for all the great years at Navajo Preparatory School. I have resigned from my Dean of Student Life position to try something new, and I look forward to my future opportunities. It has been a pleasure working with our NPS Community, and to see our students develop into wonderful leaders. This month we had recently issued the Eagle Proctor

application where students can apply by working in the Residential program to help other students feel comfortable, safe, and to make a more enjoyable setting. The Eagle Proctor assists the Residential Advisor in the residential halls by being a monitor with the residential advisors. This gives the Eagle Proctor the ability to gain work experience to prepare for college, and to be proactive by connecting

with students and staff at another level by offering support to their peers, and other staff members. I am excited to be part of the development of this process so our students can benefit a variety of programs offered at Navajo Prep.

**Sabrina Hood,
Dean of Student Life**