

# Eagle Express Parent Newsletter

## Yá' át'ééh from Navajo Preparatory School



### Message from the Dean of Instruction

Within the next 1 1/2 months, Navajo Preparatory School will be undertaking two major milestones in promoting the education of our students. Prior to the Thanksgiving break, we will be moving into the Betty Ojaye Student Center. The Ojaye Student Center will house the cafeteria, library, science classrooms and labs, School Based Health Center, and the front office. Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> is scheduled as the Blessing and Grand Opening.

The second milestone is the school's Quality Assurance Review (QAR) school visit scheduled for December 02-03. This QAR visit will determine the school's accreditation with AdvancED/North Central Association. Accreditation of the school by AdvancED/North Central Association is important because it validates the diplomas of our graduates. In addition, it allows our students greater accessibility to federal loans, scholarships, post secondary education, and military programs that require regional accreditation. Lastly, it provides a distinctive mark of quality, recognized internationally, that affords external recognition of the school's commitment to educational quality.

Both of these endeavors prove the commitment to education that is a cornerstone of the Navajo Preparatory School tradition. Your parental participation in either or both of these milestones would be most welcomed. Please call the school for more information on either of these two events.

In addition, to these two milestones, November 06 and 07 will be the second Parent-Teacher conferences. As in the past, parents/guardians will have the choice of which day to attend the parent conferences. Please see the schedule for Parent-Teacher Conferences that is included in this newsletter. Your participation is always appreciated and we look forward to your presence on November 06 or 07.

Lastly, each year, the school participates in the Bashas' Shop & Give program. The Bashas' Shop & Give program is a fundraising program supported by Bashas' Market. By attaching your Thank You card number to Navajo Preparatory School's organizational identification number (29231), one percent of your total purchases from Bashas will be contributed to Navajo Preparatory School.

Bashas' has made it easier this year to attach your Thank You card to Navajo Preparatory School. There are two ways to do this: Next time you are at Bashas', inform your cash register that you want to attach your Thank You card to Navajo Prep (29231); Log onto [www.bashas.com/charity](http://www.bashas.com/charity) and use the consumer registration link to attach your Thank You card to Navajo Prep (29231).

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Your participation in the Bashas' Shop & Give program would be most appreciated. Thank you and we'll see you on November 06 or 07.

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## *Welcome Parents & Guardians*

### FALL 2009 Academic & Residential Conferences II

#### Navajo Preparatory School

November 06, 2009, 2pm – 6 pm

OR

November 07, 2009, 8am – 12pm

#### Parents/Guardians will need to:

- Choose the day you wish to meet with your student's teachers, Friday November 06<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, November 07<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents/Guardians: Sign in with the receptionist before proceeding to your student's classes. Please note important contents in student's packets.

#### You will have the opportunity to:

- Meet and greet your student's fall term instructors, academic advisors, and counselors.
- Be informed of your student's academic progress.
- Receive your student's nine weeks grades and teacher comment sheets.
- Receive your student's residential report card and advisor comment sheets.
- Spend time getting to meet other parents.
- Sign up for upcoming activities for the fall semester.
- Visit the NPS library.
- Receive information from the McKenzie School Based Health Center
- Participate in a Parent Involvement Report Card Survey
- Receive an NPS gift by visiting all your student's teachers, and the residential program (one gift per parent).

**The buses will not be transporting  
students home on this day!**

## Fall Semester 2009 Academic & Residential Conference II



### Friday, November 06, 2009

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
2:00pm – 6:00pm	Academic Conferences	Teacher Classrooms
2:00pm – 6:00pm	Residential Conferences	Residential Halls for parents to meet w/RA's
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Dinner	Cafeteria

### Saturday, November 07, 2009

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
8:00am – 12:00pm	Academic Conferences	Teacher Classrooms
8:00pm – 12:00pm	Residential Conferences	Residential Halls for parents to meet w/RA's
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch	Cafeteria

*Navajo Preparatory School staff, Board of Trustees and the Parent Advisory Committee encourage your participation.  
Please call (505) 326-6571 for more information.*

## President/CEO of Futures For Children Visits NPS



Mr. Jim West, President/CEO of Futures For Children

**On Wednesday, October 14, 2009, Mr. Jim West, President and CEO of Futures For Children visited members of the school's Youth Leadership program.**

Futures For Children is a non-profit organization based out of Albuquerque, New Mexico that strives to provide academic support and educational services for American Indian students living in New Mexico and Arizona.

Students participating in the Youth Leadership G & T program take part in activities that are supported through a curriculum created by Futures For Children. In this curriculum, students have numerous opportunities to develop individual leadership skills. As a group, Youth Leadership focuses on projects that involve community service, environmental action, and cultural appreciation.

Currently students are working on plans for building a bread house on campus. We are open to ideas and assistance. So if you are willing to assist us in anyway, please feel free to contact us!

Mrs. Denise Joe, Youth Leadership Project Coach



Members of Youth Leadership

Top to Bottom: Waylan Stevens, Jasmine Jishie, Orrin Johnson, Michael Sam, Tsookie Holiday, Korey Mike, Nakisha Antonio, Aretina Mitchell, Tinnarie Lameman, Delta Higdon, Ranee Deechilly, Sarafina Gorman, Glenna Cly, Dominick Bitsui, and Janessa Roy

# Sophomore Class News!!!!

The class of 2012 successfully participated in this year's Shiprock Fair Parade. The group designed and created their own float. We would especially like to thank the parents and relatives of Michael Sam, Kalvyn Et-sitty, and Quintanya Nez who helped with the building and transportation resources needed to get this float off of the ground. In



addition the class officers Michael Sam (president), Amber Reano (vice-president), Chelsea Begay (secretary) and Nakisha Antonio (treasurer) provided leadership to the students to get them motivated for this activity. Thank you also to all the others who donated water and candy.

The sophomores will be doing two upcoming fundraising events: the October 22<sup>nd</sup> girls Volleyball game against Dulce as well as the Halloween Dance on October 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to assist with either of these fundraising events please contact either sponsor.

Lesley Duffus ext 313 and Scott Rodgers ext 301.



Congratulations to the Navajo Prep band who placed second during the Northern Navajo Fair Parade in Shiprock, NM. There were at least four bands competing. We are proud of our NPS Band. Shawn Reynolds, your new band director.

## Does your child need help with Writing a paper or other subjects?

Please encourage your child to come for tutoring may it be in writing or Language Arts. When they have papers to write, I can help them get organized and off to a good start. It is also good for them to come in at least once or more, especially with their final draft (to check for minor errors).

The students can also bring me other assignments having to do with writing. I am happy to help with homework. They can sign in for 20 minute time slots in the Student Success Center, or drop in if I am not with another student.

Other tutors are also available for Navajo, Spanish, Science and Math from 5:00 to 9:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday. Please encourage your children to make use of tutoring for better grades!

Frank Pecoraro, Writing/Language Arts tutor

## *Freshmen Academy News*

Fall is here and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter! Freshmen have been really busy with homework, research papers and reading. During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, there were 30 freshmen who received a GPA 3.0 or better. Great Job! On October 6 & 7, all freshmen participated in a workshop called “Native Hope”, on October 27 the “Midterm Celebration” will be held in the cafeteria during study hall from 4-5 pm. Freshmen teachers and residential will present certificates to students who have excelled in the classroom and in the dorm. And on October 29, the Freshmen Academy “big brother big sister” will have a “Pumpkin Carving Contest”.

Keeping up with all this work takes a lot of time management from students and one of the interventions freshmen teachers have been doing is getting students to work before class, at lunch and afterschool. Students will be successful when parents, child, and teachers work together. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s teacher with a phone call or by email.

Every month, the Academy nominates one student who has excelled in the classroom. The following students were nominated for September and October:



*Lynshellrae Begay*



*Freshmen of the Month for September Stormy Max*



*Shanelle Yazzie*



*Freshmen of the Month for October Waylon Stevens*

*Char Franklin, Freshmen Academy Coordinator*  
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## 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 is reflected in the School's motto, "Yisdeeskáággó Naat'aanii – Leaders Now and Into the Future."



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**Next PAC Meeting:  
Sunday, November 01, 2009 at 3:00 PM**



[www.navajoprep.com](http://www.navajoprep.com)

**Next IEC Meeting:  
Friday, November 06, 2009 at 1:00 PM**

### **Vacancies for the following Parent Advisory Committee (PAC):**

1. Alberta Nephew, PAC President
2. Michele Peterson, PAC Vice-President
3. Tammie Wilson, PAC Secretary
4. Ronald Weston, Member-at-Large
5. Member-at-Large.....Vacant

### **Vacancies for the following Indian Education Committee:**

1. Rose Woody, IEC Chairperson
2. Carrie Tsosie, IEC Vice-Chairperson
3. Dabra Gonnig, IEC Secretary
4. IEC Member-at-Large.....Vacant
5. IEC Member-at-Large.....Vacant

Stop by the office or call 505-326-6571, ext. 126 if you are interested. Contact: Marilyn Holiday

