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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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During the week of Hozho Nashaa Navajo Prep hosted two students and a chaperone from the prestigious Governor's Academy private school located in Byfield, Massachusetts. In return Governor's Academy rolled out the red carpet for two NPS students. Jaye Lansing and Cheyanne Belone had the opportunity to spend a week at the Governor's Academy campus.



Here is what they have to say about their visit:

Jaye –The past two weeks have changed my perspective of the world around me. We are lucky to be Navajo, to have the culture we have and the background. Having let someone from off the reservation ex-

NPS Culture Exchange

perience what we do here at our school has changed me in knowing what being native really means. And to have the chance to go across the country to see how it is different

there from here is a chance that I am proud to have taken. Everything is so different and I still can't believe their Golden Corral style cafeteria. I wish I had more time to take everything in because I know that there is more there and it was fun experiencing every minute of it.

Cheyenne – I really enjoyed my stay on their campus. It was really college like, especially their schedule. Between the staff, students and faculty there was really a lot of trust and respect among them. The students were also very friendly, and really made our stay comfortable. They helped us under-



stand the history of the school, as we did the same. I wouldn't mind attending their school in the future.

While students, chaperoned by Ms. Duffus, enjoyed their stay and local attractions, Ms. Westbrook, Ms. Hood, and Mrs. Joe conducted a six school visit to other prominent private boarding schools in the area. The intended outcome of this trip is one, to continue the cultural exchange with Governor's Academy and perhaps establish new relationships with other schools and two, implement program ideas that will continue to strengthen and promote the mission of Navajo Prep as a college preparatory school while maintaining the cultural emphasis.



Submitted by:
Denise Joe

~Freshman News~

Barbara Sorensen
Loni Manning
Freshmen Class Sponsors

To all Freshmen class parents:

The freshmen class officers and sponsors would like to thank all the parents of Freshmen students who have been so supportive of our fundraisers this year. We appreciate all the donations of balloons, food, candy, drinks, cash money, and equipment for our popcorn and concessions sales, candy grams, the bake sale, and the dance.

We also appreciate all of you parents who have come to activities, parent teacher conferences, Freshmen Seminars, and our recent Freshmen Parent Meeting. Thank you for all those who have signed up to be on the Freshmen Fundraiser committee for future fundraisers. The Freshmen are very ambitious and are planning to do a basketball tournament and a pow-wow next year as Sophomores, to raise money.

We would like to express special thanks to the parents of Shanelle Yazzie who purchased and donated the two popcorn machines and headed up the bake sale. We would also like to recognize the work done by Tsookie Holiday's parents and family members in researching and planning an upcoming basketball fundraiser.

Thank you again for all your support. We look forward to working with you and your students in years to come.

Freshman Academy



Courtney Nutlouis

Courtney is from Pinon, AZ. She enjoys listening to music and playing board games with her family. About NP S, "I like to independent, responsible, learn from my mistakes." When she graduates, she plans to study nursing and work on the Navajo Reservation"



Odale Wilson

Odale is from Dulce, NM. He enjoys sports such as hunting, playing football and basketball. About N PS "I like the food, activities and making my own choices". As for college, he plans to study archeology or geology.

The final fourth quarter has come so quickly and students are busier than ever with homework, research papers, reading projects, and finals. It will very important that students keep up with their class work and focus on school. Encourage your son/daughter to read, complete homework and prepare everyday for their classes. On May Tuesday May 25 a finals review session will be held during study hall. Finals for freshmen are scheduled for May 25-27. The freshmen academy nominated Courtney Nutlouis and Odale Wilson for the month of April.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school at 505-326-6571. Thank you for your support!

Char Franklin
Freshmen Academy Coordinator

Digital Photography Exhibit



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NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

May 6 - May 25, 2010

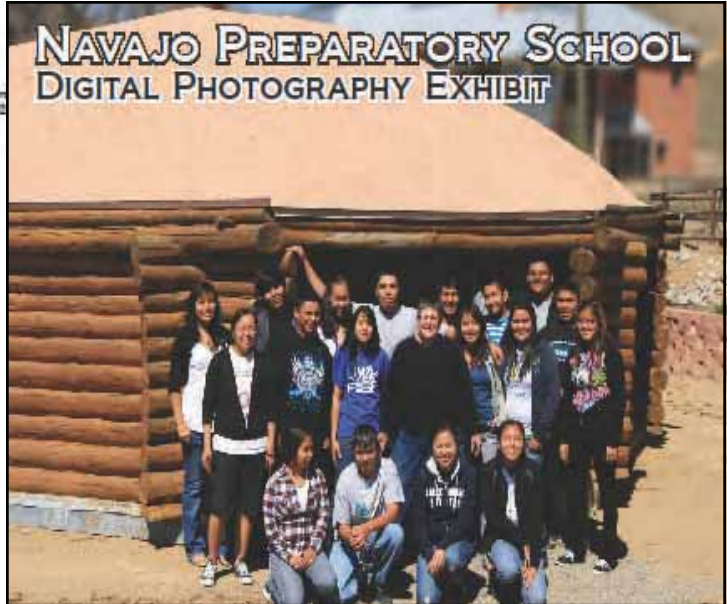
Reception: May 6, 4 to 6 p.m.

These students, lead by their teacher Terri Michaels have learned digital photography using digital cameras provided by the school. Mrs. Michaels has taught them how to shoot panoramas and many other advanced techniques using the objects they find in their environment such as fence posts. Mrs. Michaels has enabled them to accomplish many creative techniques with their digital cameras. Mrs. Michaels photography is included in this exhibit as well.

You will be amazed at their results!

San Juan College
Humanities
Arts Gallery
4601 College Boulevard
Farmington, NH 07402
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NAVAJO PREPARATORY SCHOOL
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT



Naa'tanii Youth Leadership Council

The students in Youth Leadership have completed a very successful year in community service projects! It's been a great pleasure working with the 15 students

who have grown individually while strengthening their leadership skills as a group. I am very proud to announce the last and perhaps the most meaningful project completed thus far, the Navajo Prep Bread House.

The idea of building a bread house for campus developed last year. However, it was not until this year that our group saw its completion. With the assistance of Elfreda Yazzie from Dine College - Shiprock Student Services and students, our project may not have been so successful. In addition, Arnold Clifford provided tremendous and invaluable assistance that guided the bread house construction. It is the hope of Youth Leadership students that the bread house will be utilized for cultural cooking.



Submitted by: Denise Joe

2009-2010—A GOOD YEAR FOR CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

By Betty Ojaye, Executive Director

TRACK FIELD COMPLETION HAS BEGUN

The new football/track field was opened in Fall 2009 but without areas for field events. We have started the completion of the track field that include areas for long jump, high jump, javelin, shot put and discuss. Plans are also underway to purchase all necessary equipment to hold a track meet next school year. The Contractor is Jaynes Corporation.



STUDENT CENTER OPENING CELEBRATION

The new 25,000 sq. ft. Student Center opening celebration took place on Dec. 9, 2009. It houses the cafeteria, library, school based health center, science classrooms and academic office



THE EAGLES PLAYED THEIR FIRST GAME ON NEW FIELD—FALL 2009



Student from the Life Skills program helped set up for formal dining.

2009-2010—A GOOD YEAR FOR CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

RENOVATION IN PROGRESS FOR A NEW WEIGHT ROOM



Students can look forward to a much improved weight room this fall for better conditioning. We have begun minor demolition and renovation of the old cafeteria for a weight room that will include spaces for a locker room, weight room and cardiovascular area. Funding to purchase the new rubber floor covering was donated by NOVA Corporation. New windows and panic hardware doors will be installed. Interior painting will give the old cafeteria a new facelift.

NEW SOFTBALL FIELD IN USE



The girl's softball field is complete with one year of growing season and improving this year.

The Lady Eagles have played several games already this year on the new field.

NAVAJO PREP SCHOOL PURSUING LEED "GOLD"

The Betty Ojaye Student Center is designed and constructed with the intent of obtaining a silver or gold certificate for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). The School is optimistic of achieving a gold certificate for categories of sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, material resources, indoor environmental quality and innovation in design.

The building roof system is designed and constructed to maximize energy savings and minimize heat island effects. Over 23% of all building materials were derived from "post consumer" and "pre-consumer" recycled content, including concrete, steel, concrete masonry, walls, hollow metal door frames, ceramic tile, drywall, carpet, etc. A detailed indoor air quality management plan was developed prior to construction requiring the use of only very low or no volatile organic compounds and no urea-formaldehyde containing products to provide a healthier environment. Daylight and views account for 90% of the spaces from the generous amount of sun light available year round. For water efficiency, no potable water is used for irrigation of native plants. The school uses the availability of raw water from the Farmington Ditch through the Navajo Nation water rights. For material resources, we have provided several trash cans for storage and collection of recyclables.



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JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

“Once in Blue Moon”

The 2010 Junior/Senior Prom was held on Saturday May 8, 2010 at the NPS cafeteria from 8-11 pm. The prom was a safe, enjoyable, alcohol and drug free event! A big **THANK YOU!** Parents, staff, security and everyone not mentioned for any donations and time you graciously provided for our NPS prom.

Submitted by Char Franklin
 Junior Class Sponsor

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’aani”, Leaders Now and Into the Future.

2009-2010
Athletic Banquet

Sunday, May 16, 2010
5:00 p.m.
Navajo Prep
Eagle's Nest

Keynote Speaker:
Alicia James
 Head Boys' Basketball Coach
 Rock Point High School

Students and parents/guardians are free.
 \$10.00 per person for additional attendees.
 RSVP with Karla Charlie.
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