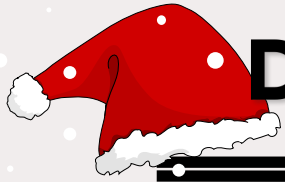




WRPT Education Department Newsletter

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



STAY WARM THIS WINTER!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAKS

SCHURZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dec. 23- January 3, 2025

School resumes Jan. 6, 2025

HES/MCJH/MCHS

December 20- January 3, 2025

School Resumes Jan. 6, 2025

LCSD HOLIDAY BREAK

December 23- January 3, 2025

School Resumes Jan. 6, 2025

CCSD HOLIDAY BREAK

December 23-January 6,2025

School Resumes January 8, 2025

Contact Education

HOURS OF OPERATION:

M-F 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

TECHNOLOGY CENTER (PUBLIC):

M-F 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

(Please enter through Education Entrance)

Phone Number:

775-773-2306

Sara Twiss, Education Director Ext. 2160

Aimee Johnson, Education Specialist Ext. 2162

Belinda Hooper, NYCP College and Career Coach Ext. 2161

Dawna Jackson, NYCP College and Career Coach Ext. 2163

The Education Department will be closed on Dec. 24, 25, & 26, 2024 and Jan. 1, 2025 for the holidays.

Check out our website for any updated information!

<https://www.wrpt.org/education/>



Education Director's Report

As we close out another year, I want to express how grateful I am to be in a position focused on contributing to help our students near and far. I am happy to say that our student count went up this year, and participation has increased, along with the help of our supportive and passionate staff members. We have been working hard to meet students where they're at through our services, and we have a lot more strategic planning built into this new year to enhance our capacity.

Here are some other meetings and activities we have accomplished this past month:

- **Nov. 6** – Attended Indigenous Authors Panel hosted by the Arizona Humanities program.
- **Nov. 13** – Attended the TEDNA (Tribal Education Department National Association) Board meeting.
- **Nov. 14** – Met with the MCSD Title VI Coordinator, Mercedes Krause, to discuss further strategies for seeking input from students, family, and community members for the new year. PAC (Parent Advisory Committee meeting was held that evening at 6:00 p.m. with the MCSD Superintendent.)
- **Nov. 14** - Hosted Student Recognition Night for 1st Quarter awardees from Schurz Elementary School at the regular Tribal Council meeting.
- **Nov. 19** – Presented 2025 Tax Fund Use Plan request before the Tax Commission.
- **Nov. 22** – Attended the Indian Education Advisory Committee (under the Nevada Indian Commission) to provide updates on the Tribe activities and get informed about where planning is heading for 2025.
- **Nov. 22** – I met with the NV Department of Education and Paiute Language Instructor, E'Sha Hoferer, to discuss further strategies to advance our NYCP plan to support a dual credit enrollment process for the students taking Paiute Language in High School. We are seeking a partnership with Great Basin Community College to help us obtain these credit statuses.
- **Nov. 23** - Hosted a film screening event with filmmaker Travis Hamilton, showing "Touch the Water" at Fox Peak Cinema for Native American Heritage Month.
- **Nov 26**–Staff attended the YHS Native American Heritage Month Assembly. It was a great turnout, with lots of participation and engagement from the YHS NA Club students, including the RSIC Eagle Wings Dancers.
- **Nov 26** – Attended the Grant Writing Training hosted by the NV Governor's Office of Federal Assistance.

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Important Dates



ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



Application Deadlines

**Higher Education Grant Program
(Including Agai Dicutta Scholarship)**
Aug. 1st for FALL, Dec. 1st for SPRING



**Adult Vocational Training Program
(Including Agai Dicutta Scholarship)**
Dec. 1st, Mar. 15th, Jun. 15th, and Sept. 15th.



Enrichment Program
Dec. 1st, Mar. 15th, Jun. 15th, and Sept. 15th.



For more information about Higher Education Grant, Agai Dicutta Scholarship, the Adult Vocational Training and Enrichment program, please contact our office at 775-773-2306 ext. 2160, or email educationdirector@wrpt.org.





Walker River Paiute Tribe Graduation Stoles Available for Fall 2024 Graduates

If you are a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe and graduating in the Fall of 2024, you are eligible to receive a *free* graduation stole with the Tribe's insignia embroidered. This includes high school students, GED programs, and post-graduates, including higher education and vocational/certificate programming.

Please drop by the Education Department for pick-up:

**4022 US-95 N
Schurz, NV 89427**

or we can mail it to you! Send your mailing address to:

educationdirector@wrpt.org.

*Don't forget to complete our
2024-2025 Graduates Survey!
Use the QR Code here:*

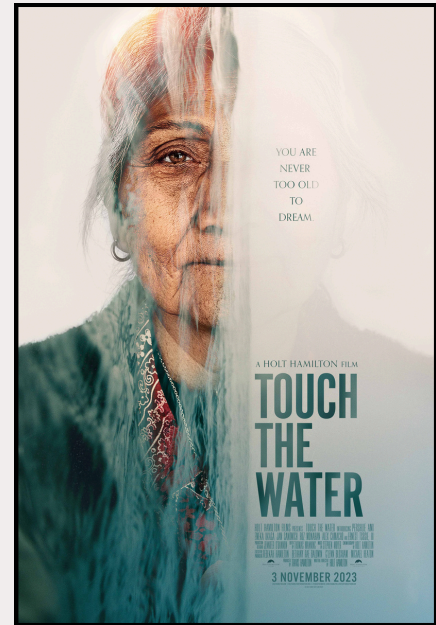




NYCP NEWS

Native American Heritage Month Film Screening *TOUCH THE WATER*

Our NYCP Program brought in independent filmmaker Holt Hamilton to present his newest film “Touch the Water” at Fox Peak Cinema. Four (4) NYCP students attended the presentation of the film and they had a meet-and-greet with the film maker for a Q&A session. Approximately nine (9) elders attended from the WRPT Senior Center, as well as community members from the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe. Thank you to the Fallon Tribal Development Corporation for letting us use their space for this event!



Welcome New Education Department Staff Communal Library Specialist, Kylie Harry

Hello! My name is Kylie Harry. I’m originally from Pyramid Lake but call Schurz home. I have worked throughout multiple departments within the Walker River Paiute Tribe over the past couple of years and have returned to the Education Department as the new Communal Library Specialist! I am beyond excited to be a part of this program and can’t wait to see where it goes. I am also a current UNLV student pursuing a Secondary Education degree from home at the moment. I can’t wait to take this time to cultivate this program and ensure success amongst our community!





NYCP EVENT



NYCP Winter Break Day Trip to RENO

MESA RIM RENO: Rock Climbing in Reno, NV!

**SATURDAY, December 28, 2024
TIME: 8:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.**



The location is at 970 Harvard Way. Reno, NV 89502



Mesa Rim Reno is a rock-climbing facility and will help with team building and life skills.

A WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED!

NYCP Coaches:

Dawna Jackson (775) 773-2306 ext. 2163, Cell (775) 493 – 6897
Belinda Hooper (775) 773-2306 ext. 2161, Cell (775) 493 – 6893

PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SEAT ARE VERY LIMITED TO THE FIRST 15 STUDENTS!!



NYCP EVENT - UNITY



UNITY PRESENTS

2025 MIDYEAR

FEBRUARY 7 - 9, 2025

ATTEND UNITY MIDYEAR CONFERENCE!

- Youth networking experience and exposure!
- Inspiring and empowering youth leadership!

2025



February

5-10

Must be actively participating and involved with the Dicutta UNITY Youth Group prior to attending

Phoenix, Arizona

Please contact Dawna Jackson
or Belinda Hooper for more
information

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bhooper@wrpt.org

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TUTORING?

NYCP STUDENT NOW HAS TUTORING AND TUTORING TRANSPORTATION SERVING YOUR 7TH- 12TH GRADER FOR LYON COUNTY AND MINERAL COUNTY. CONTACT DAWNA OR BELINDA TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILD(REN) FOR EXTRA HELP AND SUPPORT!



*Walker River Paiute Tribe
Education Department*



NYCP TUTORING AND TRANSPORTATION

7th - 12th Grade Students

3:00 - 4:30 PM
YIS/YHS
@ TECH
CENTER

Mondays and Wednesdays

After-school Tutoring will be available at the WRPT Technology Center for all NYCP students. NYCP Coaches will pick up students' afterschool at 2:30 p.m., provide transportation to the Tech Center and transport them home after tutoring. Snacks will be provided!

3:45 - 5:00 PM
HJHS/MCHS
@ SCHOOL

Mondays and Wednesdays

After-school Tutoring is available at HJHS and MCHS from 3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and our NYCP Coach will transport student's home after. Snacks will be provided!

2:30 - 4:00 PM
YIS/YHS

Tuesdays and Thursdays Transportation is available for NYCP students from the after-school tutoring program at YHS and YIS.

2:00 - 4:00 PM
@ TECH
CENTER

Fridays NYCP Coaches offers *extra* tutoring at the Technology Center. Transportation will be provided. Snacks will be provided!

Contact our Education Department to sign up your student for NYCP tutoring and transportation services. If your student is signed up and will not be in attendance for tutoring session, please be courteous and call to inform Education Department Staff.

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Professional Development

ADULTS WORKING WITH NATIVE YOUTH FEBRUARY 5-6, 2025 ONLINE VIA ZOOM



About the Training:

One of NWI's main areas of focus is working with Native youth. This two-day interactive training will include lessons learned over the decades of best practices in working with Native youth. NWI's Native Youth Leadership curriculum lessons will be used as the foundation of the training. Opportunities to learn and share from each other and a great time will be had. Intended for those who work with youth in any capacity.

Pacific Time Zone
9:00 am - 11:00 am
(Break 11:00 am - 12:00 pm)
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
(Break 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm)
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm



2024 Native youth listening to UNLV presenter



Presented by the Native Wellness Institute



PLEASE CONTACT US FOR SIGN UPS!

We have 10 registration spots reserved for staff/educators from Mineral County School District and 10 spots reserved for staff/educators from Lyon County School District. Please contact Aimee Johnson, Education Specialist, to reserve your spot!
educationspecialist@wrpt.org (775) 773-2306 ext. 2162

Proudly supported through the Native Youth Community Project grant



2024 Christmas Craft Fair

The Education Department had the jacket giveaway at the Boys and Girls Club Christmas Craft Fair. Our items have been generously donated to us from the Running Strong for American Indian Youth. Any items remaining after the event were donated to other Tribal Departments servicing our local community.





Schurz Elementary School

SES Boys Basketball Season Recap A Look Back at the Season:



“Our boys basketball season has come to a close. We want to thank all the players for their hard work, dedication, and positive attitudes throughout the season. We’re proud of the team’s growth and accomplishments. From improved skills to strong teamwork, the boys have made significant strides.

Thank you again for your support.”

-Mr. West

Schurz Elementary
HOLIDAY
EXTRAVAGANZA

Tuesday, December 17, 2024



DEC 17 SES
Multipurpose
Room **5:30-
6:30 P.M.**

*’Tis the season for fun! SES families and
community are invited to our annual holiday celebration*



Board of Education



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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING**
Thursday, December 5, 2024
5:15 p.m. - Education Conference Room

AGENDA

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Mary Williams, Chairman (10/24-10/27)
Monica Sanchez, Vice-Chairman (10/23-10/26)
Lance West, Secretary (05/23-05/26)
Rebecca Benner, Member (10/23-10/25)
Christeen Benner, Member (08/24-08/26)

Approval of Agenda:

Minutes: N/A

Directors Report: N/A

Old Business: None

New Business:

- I. Discussion/Action: Review of Higher Education Applicants – Spring 2025

Closed Session:

- I. Approval of Higher Education Applicants – Spring 2025

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

cc: Tribal Administration
Tribal Health Clinic
Post Office
FourSeasons Market
Community Center



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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**
Thursday, December 19, 2024
5:15 p.m. - Education Conference Room

AGENDA

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Mary Williams, Chairman (10/24-10/27)
Monica Sanchez, Vice-Chairman (10/23-10/26)
Lance West, Secretary (05/23-05/26)
Rebecca Benner, Member (10/23-10/25)
Christeen Benner, Member (08/24-08/26)

Approval of Agenda:

Minutes: Tuesday, July 23, 2024
Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024
Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024

Directors Report: November 2024 - Sara Twiss, Education Director

Old Business: None

New Business:

- I. Discussion/Action: Review of AVT Grant Applicants
- II. Discussion/Action: Review of Agai Dicutta Scholarship Grant Applicants
- III. Discussion/Action: Review of Enrichment Program Applicants

Closed Session:

- I. Approval of AVT Grant Applicants
- II. Approval of Agai Dicutta Scholarship Grant Applicants
- III. Approval of Enrichment Program Applicants

Adjournment:

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2024 at 5:15 p.m.

cc: Tribal Administration
Tribal Health Clinic
Post Office
FourSeasons Market
Community Center

The Board of Education shall ensure and promote the best possible educational opportunities for all members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, as well as all community members.

Agendas are posted five days in advance of meetings held at the Tribal Administration, Tribal Health Clinic, Post Office, FourSeasons Market, and Community Center.

FAFSA Updates

The
2025–26 FAFSA® form
is now *available!*

Planning to attend school between
July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026?

Get started at fafsa.gov

Federal Student Aid

Federal Student Aid Information Center **Extended Hours of Operation** (2025–26 FAFSA® Form):

Monday: 8 a.m.–9 p.m. Eastern time (ET)
FAFSA support **available until 10 p.m. ET**

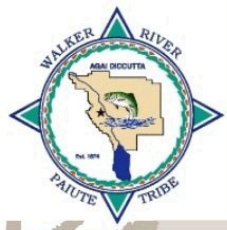
Tuesday–Wednesday: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET
FAFSA support **available until 10 p.m. ET**

Thursday–Friday: 8 a.m.–6 p.m. ET
FAFSA support **available until 10 p.m. ET**
(except on Friday, Nov. 29)

Saturday–Sunday: Closed
FAFSA support **available noon–5 p.m. ET**
on Saturdays

Closed on all federal holidays.

Federal Student Aid



**THE WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS PUTTING A
CALL OUT FOR ALL 2024-2025 GRADUATES!**

Please complete the survey link form if you/someone in your family is graduating from 8th grade, high school, a GED program, or a post-secondary institution. *(This includes those completing a program in the Fall 2024 semester.)* We are including those who are home-schooled/online students who are within these grade levels. This survey is for enrolled members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, or graduating students who reside in Schurz, NV.



Use the QR Code here to direct you to the link:
Be sure to complete a separate form for each student.

Responses will be accepted until May 1, 2025.

This information is collected for our end-of-the-year honoring ceremony, assists in data collection, and helps our department support students by providing them with educational and career resources. We aim to expand student outreach and establish service-learning opportunities, professional development, and alumni networks.



If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Sara Twiss, Education Director, at 775-773-2306 ext. 2160, or email educationdirector@wrpt.org.