

# Wa:k Newsletter



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## Two Important Public Health & Safety Projects approved by San Xavier District Council

At the December 11th and December 18th, 2012 Council Meetings, two important public health and safety projects were approved by the San Xavier District Council. The Tohono O'odham Fire & Police Substation Project (TOFD – TOPD), and the Indian Health Service & Tohono O'odham Utility Authority Arsenic Treatment System both successfully went through the District's Development Review Process, overseen & conducted by the Planning Department. The Development Review Process aids the District in reviewing projects proposed on the San Xavier District. Both projects underwent an extensive staff review, were presented to the Community for questions and comment at two public meetings, were presented to the Planning & Housing Committee for review, and finally to the San Xavier District Council for approval in December 2012. The TOFD – TOPD substation project was approved by Council Resolutions SXDC 12-12 -03 and SXDC 12 -12 -04, and the I.H.S. & TOUA Arsenic Treatment System was approved by Council Resolution SXDC 12 -12- 01.

The TOFD – TOPD Substation project will be located on the north side of San Xavier Road just west of Interstate 19 on what has commonly been referred to as the Rancho de Martinez Property. This property was previously under the control of the Bureau of Reclamation, until this past summer when the Bureau of Indian Affairs transferred the property to be held in trust for the benefit of the Tohono O'odham Nation. The property's land use designation was also changed from its prior Agriculture designation, to now a Public Social designation, per the San Xavier District's General Land Use Plan to accommodate the new facility. The chosen TOFD – TOPD site also underwent extensive archeological testing by the Nation's Cultural Affairs office before the project was allowed to proceed.

The single story TOFD – TOPD building which will accommodate three apparatus bays which will house an aerial ladder truck, a fire engine, and Battalion Chief Command Vehicle and in the future an ambulance and brush truck. The new facility will provide both TOFD and TOPD a better complete facility to serve the community from, and support emergency operations at the Desert Diamond Casinos and Hotel.

The Indian Health Service & Tohono O'odham Utility Authority Arsenic Treatment System is a water treatment project needed to maintain compliance with the EPA arsenic rule for drinking water that both serves the Indian Health Service Clinic, and homes in the surrounding area. TOUA conducted water quality tests at its Well #2, and determined that this well needed to be treated for Arsenic. The water treatment system will be located south of the existing I.H.S. Clinic, within the existing easement of TOUA's Well Site #2. As this project is on allotted lands, the Bureau of Indian Affairs was also actively involved, notification to allottees was provided, and the BIA provided project approval as well.

Both projects will move forward with construction in the weeks and months ahead. Should you have any questions or inquiries regarding either project, their approval, or the Development Review Process in general, please contact Mark Pugh at the Planning Department at 573-4076, or visit us in person. Thank you.

The Deadline for the March Edition of the Wa:k Newsletter is  
Friday, February 15, 2013

WA:K NEWSLETTER



# *Ranger News*

## **Animal Control:**

The department has been receiving reports of dogs being a public nuisance in and around the church. Some of the dogs have collars, none the less the department will start trapping and taking the dogs to Animal Control. Please keep your dogs away from the church area.

## **Child Safety:**

Here are a few tips to share with your children regarding Stranger Danger: Never tell a stranger your name or address. Never answer your door at home when you are alone. Never enter a stranger's home or accept a ride from a stranger. Do not accept anything from a stranger. Report any strange activity to the police immediately.

## **Gun Safety:**

Just a reminder, if you own a gun the department has gun locks for free. Just stop by the Ranger Department to pick one up.

## **Environmental:**

In 2013 the Ranger Program is turning to the Community to come out and ask for assistance in cleaning up their neighborhood. Ranger Program will assist in contacting all residents within the neighborhood about the upcoming clean up. The day of the cleanup the Ranger Program will provide trash bags, tools, gloves, and will dispose of the trash bags.

If you would like for your neighborhood to host a cleanup, please call Ranger Program at 520-807-8499 to make arrangements. Please call one week in advance so that our limited staff can make adjustments to schedule for this clean up.

## **STATS FOR THE MONTH OF December 2012**

Animal Control – 4, Community Assist – 3, Public Assist - 9, Environmental Hazard/Nuisance – 1, Special Detail – 2, Assist other Agency – 2, Trespassing – 5, Security/Welfare Check – 1, Found Property – 2.

## **IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

Emergency	911
Tohono O'Odham Police	622-1587 / 879-8900
Ranger Department	807-8499
Ranger Supervisor	807-8484
On Duty Ranger	471-8092
Ranger Supervisor cell	349-1359

The department staff sends their prayers and thoughts to those families who have lost a loved one May the Creator be with you during this time.

## **San Xavier District Center Facilities Use Requests**

There will be an increase in fees for use of the District facilities starting on March 1, 2013. The fee will increase to \$150 per day, with a \$50 refundable fee when the facility is cleaned and inspected. The fee will be refunded as soon as possible from the Finance Department. If you should have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call the District.

## **ATTENTION! ATTENTION!** **UAM KOMALIK LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2013**

**MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE  
SAN XAVIER CO-OP FARMS CONFERENCE ROOM**

**9:00AM - 1:00PM**

## **ATTENTION** **IIM ACCOUNT BENEFICIARIES**

**OST/IIM AND BIA PROBATE STAFF  
WILL BE AT THE SAN XAVIER ALLOTTEES  
ASSOCIATION OFFICE  
( NEW LOCATION)**

**325 E VAMORI STREET  
(1ST LIGHT SOUTH OF THE DESERT DIAMOND II CASINO)**

**TUCSON, ARIZONA  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

**9:00AM TO 4:00PM**



It's about that time of year again to



Bring out all your unwanted large items

# SAVE THE DATE!

For the Annual

## White Goods



## Collection Event



April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2013

Look Out for More information

Coming Soon!



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The San Xavier District Natural Resources Department has a position open for one **Seasonal Groundskeeper**. The Seasonal Groundskeeper will assist with the daily maintenance and cleaning of the Wa:k Hikdan and Riparian Site II. Primary responsibilities include weeding, irrigation system maintenance, and other field activities necessary to ensure the long-term success of the Wa:k Hikdan and Riparian Site II.

Qualifications include the following:

- ⇒ Minimum of (4) months experience in riparian restoration is preferred.
- ⇒ Must be able to communicate effectively with coworkers and management.
- ⇒ Must be able to work productively independently or with a minimum of supervision.
- ⇒ Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends.
- ⇒ Must be able to lift heavy objects, do physical labor for long periods of time, and be able to work outdoors.
- ⇒ Must be able to use all hand tools associated with grounds keeping work; must be safety conscious while using equipment.
- ⇒ Bilingual in O'odham/English preferred.
- ⇒ Must have valid Arizona driver's license with no moving violations within the previous three years.

This position is temporary, with the individual working only during the growing seasons, February through September 2013. Rate of pay is \$9.00 per hour. A full job description is available in the Natural Resources Department or in HR. Interested applicants must fill out an application and submit to Denise Begay or Jeffrey Ortega in the San Xavier District Human Resources Department. Deadline for applications is Friday, February 15, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

**Service to the Armed Forces. Supporting our service men and women, their families, and our nation's veterans.**

- ⇒ Benefits Information
- ⇒ Referrals to Services
- ⇒ Counseling Support
- ⇒ Housing Assistance
- ⇒ Help with Utilities
- ⇒ Transportation
- ⇒ Advocacy for You
- ⇒ Preventing Homelessness

Please telephone (520) 318-6740 ext. 110  
American Red Cross Southern Arizona Chapter  
2916 E Broadway Boulevard  
Tucson, AZ 85716  
Wynona P Larson, Community Outreach

Tohono O'odham Veterans Affairs  
(520) 383-1900



## Online Application Assistance

We will be available to assist with on-line applications for current positions available at Desert Diamond Casinos!

Friday February 8, 2013  
San Xavier Education Center  
Vocational Tech. Room  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

For more information contact:  
Tribal Outreach Specialist Jesse Navarro  
(520) 294-7777 ext 2178  
jnavarro@ddcaz.com  
www.ddcaz.com

Human Resource Office | 1100 W. Pima Mine Road | Sahuarita, AZ  
Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm | (520) 294-7777 ext 2100

EOE | Alcohol & Drug Free Workplace | Indian Employment Preference  
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In Partnership with:



Recreation Center

Location:  
San Xavier

# 1st Annual Saturday Unity Run Benefit Show

FEB. 9, 2013  
12PM-9PM

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Art Workshops and  
Beat Making Workshops Traditional Games

**LIVE PAINTING AND DEMOS**

**YOUTH WORKSHOPS** (Beat Making and Art)

TRADITIONAL O'ODHAM  
SONGS AND DANCE

**LIVE MUSIC:**

TOP NAX, DJ ALIAS, PROGRESSO, DEF RARE,  
SHINING SOUL, OPTIMAL AND WAILA BANDS!

12-9pm \$5 DONATION OR \$3 W/food donations [preferred:  
rice, beans, flour, bottled water, Gatorade]

If you like to donate, help with food, table, media or help in  
general, contact us.

(520) 425-9058 or (520)461-5081

This year will be the 18th Annual O'odham Unity Run.

The run will be March 17-23rd, 2013

## San Xavier Natural Resources/ Cultural Preservation Committee

The Unity Run is upon us, this is Spiritual Run that will take place March 17<sup>th</sup> – the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This run is to unite, preserve and Strengthen our Cultures an offer prayers to heal our respective Nations. This run will start off at Black Mountain at San Xavier to Red Mountain in Phoenix, passing through several communities on the nation.

The Cultural Committee is asking for help to make this event happen, below is a list of what is needed to make this run a success,

- ◆ Van and Truck drivers to drive the San Xavier Runners and to haul all their belongings', one driver each.
- ◆ Cooks and cooking utensils needed to cook the meals (breakfast and dinner) for Saturday March, 17 and the breakfast meal for March 18.
- ◆ Coolers to transport the food for the runners.

All Packets for all runners will be located at the District Center and the Recreation Center beginning next Monday January 28, 2013

Please call or Email any of the committee members for information

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Evonne Miles  
Ernest Francisco  
Eli Joaquin  
Mona Cristan

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Elias.joaquin@yahoo.com  
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**San Xavier District Council**

**Meeting of February 5, 2013 – Location  
Council Chambers**

**AGENDA - Tentative**

1. Welcome and Open Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Unfinished Business:
  - Adam Andrews, SXDC Finance Committee Chair – Present the Finance Committee’s quarterly report.
5. New Business:
  - Darlene Mamake – Reporting of the Summer program participation
6. Art Bailey, Community member – Reporting of Trip to Rome, Italy for the Blessed Katrie Tekakwitha canonization event.
7. Edith Manuel, Community member – Reporting of the Trip to Rome, Italy for the Blessed Katrie Tekakwitha canonization event.
8. Chairman’s Activity Report:
9. Vice Chairman’s Activity Report:
10. SXDC Minutes:
11. Announcements:
  - ▶ District Community meeting scheduled on February 16, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. will be held in the Council Chambers.
  - ▶ Second District Council meeting scheduled on February 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. will be held in the Council Chambers
12. Adjournment:

**San Xavier District Community**

**Meeting of February 16, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.  
Council Chambers**

**AGENDA Tentative**

1. Welcome and Open Remarks
2. Invocation
3. Call to the Audience
4. Juanita Francis-Begay – Power point presentation on the Santa Cruz River Hydrology Report.
5. Nathan Delores, Director of Tohono O’odham Nation Tribal Rights Employment Office (TERO) – Present an overview of TERO regulations and purpose.
6. Idaleen Reyes, Manager Senior Adult Protection Services – Presenting the Adult Protective Ordinance and to provide information on services provided.
7. TOLC Reports:
8. SXDC Reports:
9. Announcements:
  - ▶ Second District Council meeting scheduled February 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
  - ▶ District Council meeting scheduled March 5, 2013 at 7 p.m.
  - ▶ District Community meeting scheduled March 16, 2013 at 9 a.m.
  - ▶ District Council meeting scheduled March 19, 2013 at 7 p.m.
10. Adjournment:

All meetings will be held in the  
Council Chambers

**San Xavier District Council**

**Meeting of February 19, 2013 – Location  
Council Chambers**

**AGENDA - Tentative**

1. Welcome and Open Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Mr. Harold Stuth, SXDC Finance Manager – Present the District’s monthly finances report in closed session.
5. Unfinished Business::
6. New Business:
7. Chairman’s Activity Report:
8. Vice Chairman’s Activity Report:
9. SXDC Minutes:
10. Announcements:
  - ▶ District Community meeting scheduled on March 16, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. will be held in the Council Chambers.
  - ▶ Second District Council meeting scheduled on March 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. will be held in the Council Chambers.
11. Adjournment:



# San Xavier District Council Resolutions adopted for the month December of 2012

Date	Res. No.	Title
12/11/12	12-12-01	<p><b>“Supporting the Proposed Indian Health Services Arsenic Treatment Plant to be located at Well Site #2, or alternatively, at Well Site #3 as backup location”</b></p> <p>Motion by Tony Burrell and second by Mary Bliss, tally results; <u>4</u> for, <u>0</u> against, <u>0</u> not voting, <u>1</u> absent. Motion carried</p>
12/11/12	12-12-02	<p><b>“Approving the Maintenance Plan Agreement for the Reclaimed Area on the San Xavier Portion of the ASARCO Mission Mine”</b></p> <p>Motion by Philbert Bailey and second by Tony Burrell, tally results; <u>3</u> for, <u>0</u> against, <u>1</u> not voting, <u>1</u> absent. Motion carried</p>
12/18/12	12-12-03	<p><b>“Supporting and approving the proposed change of the Land Use Designation and Map Amendment for the Rancho de Martinez Property from Agriculture to Public Social designation for the Tohono O’odham Fire and Tohono O’odham Police Department sub-station Project”</b></p> <p>Motion by Tony Burrell and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; <u>5</u> for, <u>0</u> against, <u>0</u> not voting, <u>0</u> absent. Motion carried</p>
12/18/12	12-12-04	<p><b>“Supporting the proposed Tohono O’odham Fire and Police Department sub-station to be located on the Rancho de Martinez property on North side of San Xavier Road just west of the Santa Cruz River”</b></p> <p>Motion by Tony Burrell and second by Philbert Bailey, tally results; <u>5</u> for, <u>0</u> against, <u>0</u> not voting, <u>0</u> absent. Motion carried</p>
12/18/12	12-12-05	<p><b>“Approving the Construction of a Solar Project within the San Xavier District Compound with Funds Awarded to the Wa:k O’odham Foundation from The Grand Canyon Trust’s Renewable Energy Investment Fund Grant”</b></p> <p>Motion by Tony Burrell and second by Felicia Nunez, tally results; <u>4</u> for, <u>0</u> against, <u>0</u> not voting, <u>1</u> absent. Motion carried</p>
12/18/12	12-12-06	<p><b>“Accepting Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2012 as amended”</b></p> <p>Motion by Philbert Bailey and second by Dennis Ramon, tally results; <u>4</u> for, <u>0</u> against, <u>0</u> not voting, <u>1</u> absent. Motion carried</p>

**Copies of resolutions and related information can be obtained at the San Xavier District Council office, upon proper request**

## Tohono O’odham Nation’s General Welfare Law Application

As a result of the Tohono O’odham Nation’s General Welfare Law, Resolution No. 11-553; the District will require all applicants seeking financial assistance to complete the General Welfare Law Application (GWLA). The applicant must complete these forms for all assistance requests, i.e. Educational (books, tuition, bus passes), travel, financial, burial assistance, home repairs, new homes, community per diem travel, etc. This will NOT hold up your request for assistance. The GWLA is a tool to determining whether the applicants request for assistance is considered taxable income or not.

- 1) Applicant must complete department applications, the GWL Application, and a W-9 Form.
- 3) Applicant must provide supporting documents with the application, i.e. monthly household income. Personal information provided will be kept confidential.

If applicant is approved to receive assistance and have an incomplete GWL Application, the District will have to submit the financial assistance information to the Internal Revenue Service. The applicant will be required to claim the assistance as “other income”.

If you have questions on the requirements, please do not hesitate to call the District at (520) 573-4000.



## SAN XAVIER MISSION NEWS

### San Xavier Mission

Baptism Class: Feb. 12  
Call 294-4639

Baptisms: Feb. 23

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 13

Ashes will be distributed at these times:

6:30 AM Mass

8:30 AM Mass

12:15 Noon Service

7:00 PM Mass

Stations of the Cross—Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00pm  
February 20 and 27  
March 6 and 27

If you are willing to lead them one week please call  
Sister Carla 294-4639

San Xavier Mission School would like to thank the San Xavier Recreation Center for hosting many of the school's home volleyball and basketball games. The gym has been a wonderful place for our students to practice and compete against other Catholic Schools. The gym has allowed the school to compete at a higher level than before, because the athletes can practice and play in any weather.

The sports teams have been very competitive this year. This is the first year in five years that we have had a Varsity boys and girls teams. The student-athletes have represented San Xavier Mission School well. Both the parents and student-athletes have demonstrated great sportsmanship. The Junior Varsity, Varsity teams, coaches, and school personnel thank the recreation staff for welcoming the student-athletes and families from other schools. It has been a good experience for everyone.

God bless,

Shirley Kalinowski, Principal San Xavier Mission School



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## Library Hours



### Starting 1/22/13

<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	to	6:45pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	to	6:45pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am	to	6:45pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	to	4:45pm
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am	to	4:45pm
<b>Saturday</b>	Closed		
<b>Sunday</b>	Closed		

After School Program Hours (library closed)

Mon.-Thurs.: 3:00-4:00 pm

Tuesdays: 10:00-11:00 am

Wed.: 1:00-4:00 pm

San Xavier Learning  
Center  
Phone: (520) 807-8621  
2018 W. San Xavier Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85746







As the new year begins let us resolve to make this year better than the last. That's the opportunity in this new beginning.

### Update on the SXD Department of Justice Project:

**1/03** - The Youth Group, "Wecij hemajkam ha niokidagk" known as Voice of our Youth was given a presentation by Rob Mairs from Southwest University of Visual Arts (SUVA) a four year Accredited University that offers a Bachelor of Arts; Advertising & Marketing, Animation, Graphic Design, Illustration, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture and Bachelor of Fine Arts; Photography and Studio Arts.

**1/28** - FGDM Facilitator attended the monthly SUSD Parent Engagement meeting to learn about what's new for parents in SUSD.

**1/31** - Wecij hemajkam ha niokidagk: Voice of our Youth group participated in Writing Skills workshop facilitated by Andrea Hernandez Holm, MA, provided through the UA Writing Skills Improvement Program.

### Future Event Dates:

**2/7** – Voice of Our Youth meeting

**2/22** – ASU Tempe campus tour for youth group

"...because if you believe in something, and believe in it long enough, it will come into being" – Rolling Thunder, Cherokee

**Ramona Casillas, FGDM Facilitator**

**After School Program is still accepting students, call 807.8620 to ask which classes have openings. Don't wait too long, we have had an influx of applications recently. Classes are limited to 10 per group.**

Hello Wa:k Community,

I hope you are all well and back into your school and work routines. Here at the Education Center we are almost in full swing in the after school and youth programs.

In December a few students, Ramona, Daniel and I attended the "Gathering of Native Americans" Conference in Sells, Az. It was a gathering of youth ages 10-24 and was a very powerful gathering over a four day period that concentrated on; Belonging, Mastery, Interdependence, and Generosity. It was touching to hear the voices and experiences that the O'odham children shared.

I would like to encourage all the children and their parents to stay focused the second half of the school year. Standardized testing will be upon us soon. For the high school students remember to start looking for colleges and universities to attend and it would be beneficial to you to start filling out financial aid paperwork to ensure you have funding for school.

Remember every day, every class, every test, every final counts.

### Mark your Calendars

- February 11, 2013 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Wildcat School Parent Meeting –Wildcat School
- February 12, 2013 @ 9 a.m.  
Santa Clara & Challenger Parent Meeting –SXD Ed.

**Stacy Hernandez, Community Liaison**

Some of you may already be aware that the current version of the GED exam will expire at the end of 2013. We want to provide you with important information and testing deadlines will in advance. In addition, we want to advise you to go ahead and enroll in GED preparatory classes and get it done. Changes are definitely coming, and ultimately, it will be harder to obtain a GED diploma once these changes go into effect. People don't need to delay it. Jobs require a high school diploma or GED, so it's vitally important.

At the start of 2014, a new computerized version of the GED exam will go into use, nationwide. Test-takers will no longer use pencil and paper. Everything will be completed on computer, including essay writing. There will be two separate scoring categories: high school curriculum knowledge and preparedness for entering college or a career. More knowledge in math will be required and other portions of the test will be more in depth. Scores from the two different GED exam versions will not be combined, **therefore, current students must pass all five subject tests and receive their GED diploma before 2013. If students do not pass all five of their GED tests by this end of 2013 deadline, they will be required to start over and pay new and probably higher testing fees.**

We want to get the word out to all students, and especially encourage those who have already registered or begun their Official GED Test at Pima Community College, to contact me at (520/313-1825, 520/884-4932 or 520/383-0014 for information on completing the current GED exam before the end of this year. Students will have up to three chances to pass each subject area in 2013; however they should come in early to ensure they have time to utilize all three chances because **there is an AZ State mandated 30 day wait period between re-tests.**

- ◆ Please take note of the following Pima College GED Testing deadline for 2013
- ◆ November 4, 2013 - New student testing registration
- ◆ December 2, 2013 - Test scheduling deadline for already registered students.
- ◆ December 6th 2013 - Last testing session

Feel free to contact me or Pima college GED Testing (520/206-6433) directly if you have any questions about the upcoming GED test, its expiration and/or testing deadlines.

**Warm regards, Judy Daniel, GED Preparation Instructor**

### SPRING BREAK DATES

- Sunnyside Unified School District Schools  
March 25 - 29, 2013
- Tucson Unified School District Schools  
March 25 – April 1, 2013
- San Xavier Mission School K- 8  
March 29, April 1-5 2013
- Wildcat K-8 Charter School  
March 25 - April 1, 2013
- Tohono O'odham Community College  
March 19-23, 2013
- Math & Science Success Academy  
March 25-29, 2013

**TOHONO O'ODHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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So come and let's begin your journey toward a better and happier life!!

**Classes are held Mondays and Tuesdays**

**11:00 am -1:00 p.m. at San Xavier Recreation Center**

**4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at San Xavier Education Department**

Happy Belated New Year Everyone!

The Community Liaisons have been keeping busy in December and January, and to give you an idea of what we've been doing check out the following. On **December 6th, 2012** the Community Liaisons, Stacy and I, along with FGDM Facilitator Ramona Casillas and Carmen Martinez, Administrative Assistant along with the Youth Groups, assisted the San Xavier Head Start with props for the float in the parade. On **December 13th**, the Community Liaisons assisted with a college seminar where representatives from different organizations were here to give information on grants and scholarships for higher education. On **December 18th**, Tomasa Jose, the Cultural Language Instructor, Edith Manuel, Cultural Arts Teacher of the San Xavier Mission School, and myself attended a Tohono O'odham Linguistics Certification meeting held at Ha:şan Preparatory High School. On **December 27th-28th**, Ramona, Stacy and myself chaperoned five of the Youth Group to a Gathering Of Native Americans (GONA) Conference hosted by Circles of Care, TOCC and the Suicide Prevention Program. On **December 29th-30th**, I volunteered to transport three students to finish the remainder of the GONA Conference. On **December 27th**, Jose "Husi" Cazares gave a motivational presentation on higher education to the Youth Group and Parents. The Community Liaisons chaperoned the ASP to a film on **January 16th and 18th** compliments of the San Xavier District Human Resource Department. On **January 22nd** we assisted with the Grapes of Wrath reading event. On **the 31st of January**, the DOJ Youth Group reconvened, we are still accepting students 10-17 yrs. into the groups so contact us if interested.

**S-ke:g We:cij A'hidagk kc ep t-Na:tokam o: s-im ho:igit!  
D~Preston, Community Liaison.**

Hello Wa:k Community,  
Spring is just around the corner and we are in full swing with the second semester. The San Xavier Education Center is busy preparing for lots of fun and educational activities.

**PARENT MEETINGS**

- ◆ Wildcat School parent meeting to be held on Monday, February 11, 2013 from 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. at the Wildcat School Green Room.
- ◆ Santa Clara/Challenger parent meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 9 a.m. at the San Xavier Education Center.

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

- ◆ **February 22, 2013:** Bus Pass application and required documents for March 2013 must be completed and turned in no later than 5 p.m.
- ◆ **March 6, 2013:** Tuition & Books Grant application and required documents must be completed and turned into Carmen Martinez, Education Administrative Assistant no later than 5 p.m. for March 7, 2013 review.

In closing, thank you for your commitment to your child's education.

**Carmen H. Martinez, Administrative Assistant**

**Ce: Has Elida Maşad**

**Ek em ha:hajuñ ha wui ck em nanaipaju!  
My O'Odham way of saying the month of February!  
Si S-hepid!**

With all the cold weather we are having it makes you wonder how our Elders are doing. Please check in on them.

My classes with Child Care, Head Start, San Xavier Mission, After School programs and Apollo Middle School are focusing on legends, storytelling, and numbers from 1-100.

My Monday at noon Brown Bag session is still open to the community please feel free to join us! We've been meeting at the Ranger's conference room.

We are putting a Story Telling time together and have asked several of our people to come and tell us their stories.

Please keep February 28th open! More information forthcoming.  
**Tomasa Jose**

# Greeting from The Learning Center ~~~~~ Happy Valentines~~~~~

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Rodeo Days.  
Yes, it is that time again for our Tohono O'odham Nations Rodeo and Fair and also the Great Tucson Rodeo. And not to mention "Valentine's Day"

The learning center has been extremely busy just to mention a few with a "Big Read" program event which happened last month with a presenter from Glendale Community College film scholar Jeannie Berg. She presented and had discussion on the impact of the Great Depression on the movie and film based on "The Grapes of Wrath" and also with book as well by John Steinbeck.

The Learning center also hosted a online job help with a presenter who joined us from the Pima County Libraries. All participants were able to complete a resume and apply for jobs online. If you are seeking information on how to apply online or even need help with your resume our next session will be on February 21, 2013 here at the San Xavier Education Center from 8am—1pm. Everyone is welcome to participate.

*The "Big Read" is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, sponsored locally by The West Valley Arts Council with generous support and funding from the State Library, Archives and Public Records, a division of the Arizona Secretary of State's Office, under the Library Services and Technology Act which is administered by the Institute of Museum and Library, Maricopa County Library District, Act One Foundation, and BNSF Railway.*

### HOME WORK HELP AVAILABLE

FREE DROP-IN TUTORING FOR ALL AGES AT MOST LIBRARIES, ONLINE OR BY PHONE.

Online—[www.library.pima.gov/homeworkhelp](http://www.library.pima.gov/homeworkhelp)

By Phone: 520-791-4010—Ask for "Homework Help" on Mon-Thu 4:00-6:00. And Sundays 1:00-4:00pm.

### Below is also a list of local Libraries with Homework Help

Mission Branch Library 3770 S. Mission Rd. Mon-Thu 5:00-7:00

Mission Manor 600 W. Santa Rosa St. Tue 5:00-7:00

Quincie Douglas Branch Library 1585 E. 36th Street

Mon-Thu 5:00-7:00

Valencia Branch Library 202 W. Valencia Rd Mon-Thu 5:00-8:00

Southwest Branch Library 6855 S. Mark Rd. Wed. 1:30-3:30

San Xavier Learning Center Library After School Program 1960

W. Wa:k Lane provides homework help to grades k-5 with priority to our Tohono O'odham Wa:k Community.

## San Xavier Recreation

**HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday-Friday 8:00am-8:00pm  
Saturday 9:00pm-5:00pm Sunday CLOSED**

**HOPP HOURS: Monday-Friday 8:00am-8:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm Sunday CLOSED  
Call HOPP Center for Information on Afternoon and Evening Classes**

### FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

- February 4– Crafts (Ground Hog) 4pm-5pm
- February 6–Kids Cooking (Strawberry Shortcake) 4pm-6pm
- February 8–Adult DodgeBall Tournament 5:30pm-8pm
- February 11–Crafts (Valentine Bouquet) 4pm-5pm
- February 14– Social (Cupcakes) 5pm-7pm
- February 15- MOVIE NIGHT (The Hunger Games) 5pm-7:30pm
- February 20– Cooking (Wuskojula) 4pm-6pm
- February 25– Crafts (Make a Book) 4pm-5pm

Basketball Nights: Every Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm  
Volleyball Nights: Every Monday and Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

**Every Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
WARRIOR WORKOUT 6:30pm Multi Purpose Room**

### RECREATION ACTIVITIES

- February 9– Native Youth Flag Football Tournaments
- February 21– Tucson Rodeo Parade Outing 7am-3pm
- February 22– Tucson Rodeo 12pm

### CLOSURE DATES:

- February 2– Sells Rodeo
- February 18– Presidents Day

**Youth Program Every Tuesdays 5:00-7:00pm  
Ages 11yrs –17yrs Fun! Games! Movies! Cooking!**

Adult Dodge Ball Tournament February 8th 5:30-8:00pm

### **\*Programs\***

**Head Start: Wednesdays 10 - 11 a.m. We work with the S.X Head Start and provide physical activities & games.**

**Childcare: Tuesdays 10-11 a.m. We work with the Childcare Dept. and provide arts and crafts, Physical Activities**

**After School Program- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays 3p-5p. Will provide assistance with homework.**

**Youth Program- Tuesdays 5pm-7pm. Will provide Arts and Crafts, Presentations, Cooking, Socializations and Outings**

**Elderly Program: Mondays & Thursdays 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Arts & Crafts, Games, Guest Speakers, Physical fitness, Talking Circle**

**All Programs are Open to Everyone**

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### POW WOW MEETINGS

There will be Pow Wow Committee meetings on  
February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th  
6:30 at the San Xavier District Community Center

*All Feast Committee representatives please try to attend*

Pow Wow Chair,  
Philbert Bailey



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