

# Wa:k Newsletter



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## Attention San Xavier District Enrolled Members!

The San Xavier Road Cemetery will be closing soon; there are approximately 40 plots available. If you would like to reserve a plot at the San Xavier Road Cemetery please contact Kim Encinas at 573-4007 to set up an appointment. Please bring proof of enrollment for all individuals you are applying for and see the guidelines below.

The Hasan Cemetery is open and we are accepting applications for plot reservations.

- ⇒ Plot must be reserved for a SXD community member/SXD Enrolled Member Resolution No.s SXDC 08-08-13 and SXDC 06-09-09,.
- ⇒ One (1) Burial Plot Reservation Request Form per individual.
- ⇒ Requestor (individual completing the form) is limited to completing 5 forms for their family members.
- ⇒ Each plot is 4 feet x 8 feet; 3 feet between each plot. This includes cremains.
- ⇒ Identify (pictures or written description) the plot you wish to reserve.
- ⇒ Plot reservations will be completed on a first come, first serve basis.
- ⇒ Provide a current contact phone number. This will allow staff to schedule a meeting with the applicant.



## 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.

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



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

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# Ranger News

Hello to Wa:k Community & Friends,

## Animal Control:

Last month there were six animal control incidents, 2 dead animals, 2 unwanted animals, 1 vicious dog (removed from residence) and one stray cat. Reminder if you cannot care for your animal please contact the Ranger Department.

## Child Safety:

Here is some information regarding computer safety from McGruff:

- **KIDS** - NEVER give out personal information online, you NEVER know who you are talking to.
  - **KIDS** - Don't talk to strangers!
  - **PARENTS** - Keep your computer in a busy area of the house so kids can be supervised while online.
  - **PARENTS** - Consider using a filter, blocking or ratings system on your computer.
  - **PARENTS** - Have your kids sign McGruff's Internet Safety Pledge. Post it by the computer so they remember how to stay safe online.
- PARENTS & KIDS** - Visit [iKeepSafe.org](http://iKeepSafe.org) to Meet McGruff's friend Faux Paw, the Internet Safety Cat.

## Safety:

In February while Rangers were conducting a funeral escort, we had a vehicle drive around the Ranger unit which had several vehicles stopped while the deceased was being taken to the church. The vehicle belonged to a community member. The department would like to remind drivers to obey Rangers when they are out conducting traffic control. Be respectful.

## Environmental:

The department staff have noticed several residence with bags of trash fenced in, on top of roofs, piled in storage sheds etc. This is your home and it is your responsibility to keep your yard/home clean. Please contact any trash collection agency to start up a weekly pickup. It's that simple.

### **STATS FOR THE MONTH OF January 2013**

Animal Control – 6, Community Assist – 6, Public Assist - 8, Environmental Hazard/Nuisance – 1, Special Detail – 1, Assist other Agency – 3, Trespassing – 3, Assist other Dept. – 3, Suspicious activity – 2, Property Damage – 2, Motor Vehicle Accident – 1.

### **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.

## **Marketing Your Business Workshop**

**March 20th, 2013**

**San Xavier Rec. Ctr.  
Multipurpose Room**

**10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**SALES**

**CONSUMERS**

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**TO REGISTER OR FOR INFORMATION  
CALL: 520-383-3253**

**WORKSHOP IS FREE**

**LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED**

*Host: Credit & Finance Program*

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

There is an increase in fees for use of the District facilities starting on March 1, 2013. The fee has increased 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. Call 573-4000 if any questions.

### **RELATIVES RAISING CHILDREN**

**Saturday, March 2, 2013**

**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**



Instead of children being raised by their parent or parents, they are cared for by another relative: usually grandparents, but also aunts, uncles, older brothers or sisters, great-grandparents or "adopted" relatives.

The O'odham Ap'edag Ki: staff and the KARE Family Center staff would like to provide support and knowledge to caregivers and discuss the benefits, challenges and emotional issues of raising children.

Please join us on:

**Sunday, March 2, 2012  
San Xavier District Center  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

For additional information/transportation, please call the O'odham Ap'edag Ki: at:

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Rupert Encinas   | 807-8662               |
| Jim Funmaker     | 807-8663               |
| Marcine A. Lopez | 807-8664 Cell 850-2194 |

## Job Announcements for the San Xavier District

### 2 Cooks for the Sewihogi Ju:ki (Cool Rain Snack Shop)

Seeking a person with knowledge in traditional O'odham food prep, knowledge of health and safety guidelines, and excellent customer service. Must have food handler's card at time of employment.

All positions require you to possess a high school diploma or GED and a valid Driver's License with no major traffic offenses within the past 3 years. 2013 Summer Youth Employment Program Applications will be available on March 11, 2013. Applications can be picked up at the San Xavier District Human Resource Office, SX Education Center, and the SX Recreation Center. Deadline for completed applications is May 10, 2013. Please call Human Resources with any questions @ 573-4018/573-4016.

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### Community Liaison (Part Time)

Salary \$26,709-\$40,064 (hiring range \$12.90-\$16.20 DOE)

Qualification: High School Diploma or GED Equivalent REQUIRED. Associates Degree (in any relatable study area) OR three(3)years work experience OR any combination of training and education which demonstrates the ability to perform the duties of this position REQUIRED.

To apply: 1) 3 letters of recommendation  
2) A one page resume that includes references



### Hiring Laborers & Drivers/Operators

Once again the San Xavier District Ranger Program will be coordinating the White Goods Collection on April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The HR department is looking to hire 12 laborers and 4 heavy equipment operators/drivers. The requirements for the 2 positions are:

#### Laborer

- Must be in good physical condition
- Must be able to perform heavy physical work in all types of weather
- Must follow safety standards and prevention.
- Must attend safety meeting prior to working both days.
- Must be on time to safety meeting and both working days

#### Heavy Equipment Operator/Driver

- Must be in good physical condition
- Knowledge of hauling methods including heavy, bulky items and loose materials.
- Must observe all safety precautions to prevent injury to personnel or damage to vehicles and other property.
- Must have six months driving experience on construction projects.
- Must have current CDL (commercial driver's license)
- Must be on time to safety meeting and both working days

**DEPENDABILITY A PLUS!!!! We encourage all laborers to work BOTH days AND attend the safety meeting. Hardhats, safety vest, and gloves will be provided.**

**\*Consumption of alcohol or drugs or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs during working hours will not be tolerated. Suspicion that any employee is reporting to work under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance will result in termination and being excluded from future District projects.**

If you are interested in working these two days please contact Denise Begay in the Human Resource Office @ 520-573-4016.

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### Help Wanted

I am looking for help with housekeeping, one or two days a week. Need to have good cleaning skills with mopping, dusting and most especially in the kitchen. Occasionally do laundry. I must be able to count on you being there when you are scheduled to be. You will be paid when the job is done, not before and no partial payments. Being trustworthy & honest is most important.

Call 908-8886, leave a message if we are not able to answer. Alcohol drinkers need not apply.

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**  
**MUST CALL IN**  
**BEGINNING MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**DEADLINE IS APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2013**  
San Xavier Rangers (520)807-8499

**ATTENTION**

**IIM ACCOUNT BENEFICIARIES**  
OST/IIM AND BIA PROBATE STAFF  
WILL BE AT THE  
**SAN XAVIER ALLOTTEES ASSOCIATION OFFICE**  
325 E. VAMORI STREET  
(1st Light south of the Desert Diamond Casino on  
Old Nogales Hwy)  
TUCSON, ARIZONA  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013  
9AM TO 4PM  
TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR IIM ACCOUNT  
ESTATE PLANNING/WILL WRITING  
OR CURRENT PROBATE MATTERS

**ATTENTION \* ATTENTION \* ATTENTION**


THE SAN XAVIER DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL BE HOLDING A SERIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2013 TO EDUCATE THE SAN XAVIER COMMUNITY ON THE DISTRICT'S PROJECTED BUDGET DEFICIT FOR THE 2013 AND FUTURE FISCAL YEARS. PLEASE JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

- THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013 @ 10:00 AM – SXD ELDERLY BUILDING
- SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013 @ 9:00 AM – SXD COMMUNITY BUILDING (REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMUNITY MEETING)

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ATTENDANCE.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Jewed Ka:Cim Tash (Earth Day)  
Departmental/Team Challenge  
**April 9th & 10th, 2013**

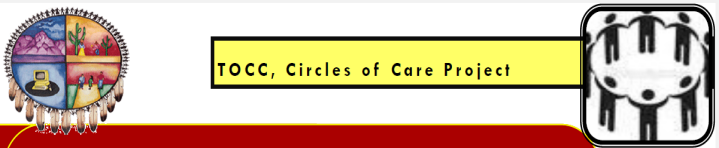


We encourage all of the Nation's Departments to create Teams to participate in the 2013 community cleanup challenge. The most trash collected wins!

For more information contact or notify us of your interest TON Environmental Protection Office

For updates check our website: [www.tonepa.org](http://www.tonepa.org)

Phone: 520 383-8681




**TOCC, Circles of Care Project**

## Mobilizing for Wellness: Are you Ready?

**Connecting the Mental, Spiritual, Physical & Emotional**

This three day Training is open to **anyone** who is interested, and especially geared for community members who are ready to join in local wellness efforts from the Nations' eastern districts and members within the Tucson area. Material will focus on Historical Trauma concepts and how they relate to overall well being.

Historical trauma is a cumulative emotional and psychological wounding, over the lifespan and across generations, stemming from massive group trauma. Finding out how historical trauma impacts daily life is important to healthy living. When we understand this, it may help to move past shame and blame to the productive next steps toward healing and positive change as a Nation. Lunch is provided daily



**TO REGISTER CONTACT:**  
Tohono O'odham Community  
College Circles of Care Project  
520-383-0105

**Project Director:**  
John Bird  
jbird@toccc.edu  
520-465-2018

**Community Development Specialists:**  
Ritanna Ross  
rross@toccc.edu  
520.747.2411  
Myra Lawson  
mlawson@toccc.edu  
520.747.2800

**Date :** March 25-27, 2013  
**Time :** 9:00 AM – 4 PM  
**Location:** San Xavier Education Center

**PREPARE YOUR FEDERAL AND ARIZONA STATE TAX RETURNS FOR "FREE"**  
**SAVE \$**

The Finance Department has purchased a computer tax preparation program for use by (all District Community Members, the Tohono O'odham Police and Fire Department employees and the Districts employees) that is loaded onto computers in the Finance Department and the Education Center for your use.

Most people will not be able to prepare their taxes until the end of February because employers have until January 31 to distribute W-2 forms and until February 15 to distribute 1099 forms.

District employees in the Finance Department and the Education Center will help you get started using the program and assist you with questions if you get stuck, however the District nor any of the employees that assist you will be responsible for your tax return and you will be asked to sign a waiver of release of the District and it's employees.

Call the Education Department at 807-8620 to reserve a time to use the computers or the Finance Department at 573-4021 or 4023.

IF YOU TAKE THE **STANDARD DEDUCTION** IN PREPARATION OF YOUR TAXES YOU WILL NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

W-2 forms from all employers that you worked for during the year.

1099 forms for other income received, etc.

Dates of birth and social security numbers for all dependents that you wish to claim on your tax return.

If you wish to itemize your deductions instead of using the standard deduction call Harold (Skip) Stuth at 573-4024 for a list of items that you will need.

*Note: It is always helpful to bring your last years tax returns to compare with this year's!*

*Note: If while you are using this program it says that you are eligible for the "Earned Income Credit" or the "Child Care Credit" please continue and/or ask for assistance as these credits could mean thousands of dollars in refunds to you!!!!!!*

*Note: It will be helpful for you to bring a "thumb drive" or disk to save your tax information on if you cannot complete the return in one session and/or you want to preserve it electronically.*

**TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION  
 CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION RESULTS  
 FOR REFERENDUM ELECTION  
 "Enacting Tohono O'odham Code Title 17, Chapter 7-Animal Control  
 Referendum" REF 02-12**

We, the undersigned members of the Election Board hereby certify that we have, in accordance with Article VII, Section 6 (K) of the Uniform Election Ordinance, added all ballots and absentee ballots cast in the Referendum Election held on January 19, 2013, and hereby certify the following:

| DISTRICT     | YES        | NO         | TOTAL      |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| BABOQUIVARI  | 62         | 32         | 94         |
| CHUKUT KUK   | 28         | 41         | 69         |
| GU ACHI      | 53         | 36         | 89         |
| GU VO        | 22         | 16         | 38         |
| HICKIWAN     | 26         | 20         | 46         |
| PISINEMO     | 17         | 36         | 53         |
| SAN LUCY     | 28         | 11         | 39         |
| SAN XAVIER   | 37         | 21         | 58         |
| SCHUK TOAK   | 40         | 32         | 72         |
| SELLS        | 62         | 40         | 102        |
| SIF OIDAK    | 32         | 46         | 78         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>407</b> | <b>331</b> | <b>738</b> |

## Tohono O'odham Nation 2013 Election Schedule

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Action</u>  | <u>Ordinance Reference</u> |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| January 25, 2013  | Last Day for Election Board to give notice of election and of need to register to vote.  | Art. VII, Sec 1C           |
| January 25, 2013  | Last day for District Council to review the Schedule of Representatives to District Council  | Art. VI, Sec 3B            |
| February 24, 2013   | Last day for District Council to certify to Election Board any adjusted Schedule of Representatives to District Council  | Art. VI, Sec 3B            |
| February 26, 2013   | Last day for members to register with the Hia-Ced O'odham Committee in order to vote in the Hia-Ced District Primary Election  | Art. III, Sec 1            |
| March 26, 2013  | Last day for members to register with District Council in order to vote in the General Election  | Art. III, Sec 1            |
| March 26, 2013  | Last day for candidates for office of Chairman of Hia-Ced District to file declaration of candidacy with Election Board  | Art. VI, Sec 2 F1          |
| March 28, 2013  | Last day for HiaCed O'odham Committee to forward recently approved voter registration for the Hia-Ced District Primary Election to Election Board  | Art. III, Sec 1            |
| March 28, 2013 to April 12, 2013                                  | Election Board to post Listing of Registered Voters at polling places for Hia-Ced District Primary Election  | Art. VII, Sec. 1A          |
| April 6, 2013   | Last day to request absentee ballots for Hia-Ced District Primary Election.  | Art. VIII, Sec 6F          |
| April 7, 2013   | Last day for Election Board to appoint District Election Boards  | Art. VIII, Sec. 1E         |
| April 12, 2013  | Last day for omitted voters in Hia-Ced Primary Election to appeal to Tohono O'odham Council  | Art. III, Sec 2            |
| April 25, 2013 to May 10, 2013                                    | Election Board to post Listing of Registered Voters at polling places for General Election   | Art. VII, Sec 1A           |
| April 27, 2013  | <b>Last day for District or Community Council or Hia-Ced O'odham Committee to:</b><br>Accept nominations for candidates to Tohono O'odham Council. Certify list of Tohono O'odham Council nominees to Election Board and post not less than 6 nor more than 12 days after nominations for representative to Tohono O'odham Council accepted at a Meeting held in accordance with Sec. 5E2 of Art. IV | Art. IV, Sec 5E<br>1 & 2   |
| April 27, 2013  | Accept nominations for candidates to District Council Certify List of District Council nominees to Election Board and post not less than 6 nor more than 12 days after nominations for representatives to District Council accepted at a meeting held in accordance with Art. VI, Sec 3F2  | Art. VI, Sec 3F<br>1 & 2   |
| April 27, 2013  | <b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>  |                            |
| May 2, 2013   | Last day for Election Board to certify to the Hia-Ced O'odham committee The names of candidates for offices of the Chairman to District Council  | Art. VI, Sec 2F5           |
| May 4, 2013   | Last day to file request for absentee ballots for the General Election   | Art. VII, Sec 6F           |
| May 10, 2013  | Last day for omitted voters in the General Election to appeal to Tohono O'odham Council  | Art. VII, Sec 2            |
| May 25, 2013  | <b>GENERAL ELECTION</b><br>Last day for Election Board to:   | Art VII, Sec 2             |
| May 28, 2013  | A. Certify and post Certificates of District Residents.  | Art. VII, Sec 1B           |
| May 29, 2013  | B. Certify and post Certificates of Election Results.  | Art. VII, Sec 6K           |
| Within 2 days after Posting the Certificate Of Election Results   | File an Election contest, if a contest is desired  | Art. VIII, Sec 3           |
| Within 5 days after Posting the Certificate Of District Residents | Contest number of votes given to District, if a contest is desired   | Art. VII Sec 1B            |
| Within 20 days after Posting the Certificate Of Election Results. | Tohono O'odham Council and District Councils to issue Certificate of Election to elected representative and seat.  | Art. VII, Sec 6N           |



**San Xavier District Council**

**Meeting of March 5, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. –  
Location Council Chambers**

**AGENDA - Tentative**

1. Welcome and Open Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Unfinished Business
5. New Business:  
Mr. Mark Pugh, SXD Principle Planner – Present the San Xavier District Council Conditional Review of the Solar Mine Tailings Project.
6. Chairman/Vice Chairman's Activity Report:
7. SXDC Minutes:
8. Announcements:
  - ▶ District Community meeting scheduled on March 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. will be held in the Council Chambers.
  - ▶ Second District Council meeting scheduled on March 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are scheduled in the Council Chambers
9. Adjournment:



**San Xavier District Community**

**Meeting of March 16, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. –  
Location Council Chambers**

**AGENDA - Tentative**

1. Welcome and Open Remarks
2. Invocation
3. Call to the Audience
4. Jenny James, Indian Health Services – Presentation on Sexual Assault.
5. Art Bailey, Community member – Power point presentation on the pilgrimage to Rome, Italy for the Canonization of Blessed Kateri Tekawitha.
6. Edith Manuel, Community member – Presenting the pilgrimage to Rome, Italy for the Coanization of Blessed Kateri Tekawitha.
7. Christopher Ortega, SXDC Finance Committee – Presenting the San Xavier Districts financial status.
8. TOLC Reports:
9. SXDC Reports:
10. Announcements:
  - ▶ Second Council meeting scheduled February 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
  - ▶ Council meeting scheduled on April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
  - ▶ District Community meeting scheduled on April 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
  - ▶ Council meeting scheduled on April 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers
11. Adjournment:

**San Xavier District Council**

**Meeting of March 19, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. –  
Location Council Chambers**

**AGENDA - Tentative**

1. Welcome and Open Remarks:
2. Invocation:
3. Review and Approval of Agenda:
4. Mr. Harold Stuth, SXD Finance Manager – Presenting the District monthly finances report in closed session.
5. Unfinished Business
6. New Business:
7. Chairman/Vice Chairman's Activity Report:
8. SXDC Minutes:
9. Announcements:
  - ▶ District Council meeting scheduled on April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
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# San Xavier District Council Resolutions adopted for the month of January 2013

| Date     | Res. No. | Title   |
|----------|----------|---|
| 01/08/13 | 01-13-01 | "Accepting the Rules for the Food Vendors at the San Xavier Mission Church Plaza Area"<br>Motion by Dennis Ramon and second Tony Burrell, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent.<br>Motion carried.                                     |
| 01/08/13 | 01-13-02 | "Accepting the Native Nation-Building II Course II Project 2013 Call for Project Proposals"<br>Motion by Michael D. Enis and second Dennis Ramon, tally results; 5 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent.<br>Motion carried.                             |
| 01/22/13 | 01-13-03 | "Approving the Fiscal Year 2013 San Xavier Allottee Association Budget from the San Xavier District 9B Farm Cashout Fund"<br>Motion by Janice Felix and second Felicia Nunez, tally results; 3 for, 1 against, 0 not voting, 0 absent.<br>Motion carried. |
| 01/22/13 | 01-13-04 | "Approving New Voter Application for Gloria Silversmith to be added to the San Xavier District Voters List"<br>Motion by Janice Felix and second Felicia Nunez, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent.<br>Motion carried.               |
| 01/22/13 | 01-13-05 | "Agreeing to Conduct a Closed Session for the SXD Financial Monthly Report"<br>Motion by Janice Felix and second Felicia Nunez, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent.<br>Motion carried.   |
| 01/22/13 | 01-13-06 | "Accepting the SXDC Minutes of June 5, 2012 as Amended"<br>Motion by Janice Felix and second Philbert Bailey, tally results; 4 for, 0 against, 0 not voting, 1 absent.<br>Motion carried.   |

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

## Men's Talking Circle and Support Group O'odham Ap'edag Ki

We are a small group and are looking to grow bigger. The men who participate find a safe, respectful place to express themselves. What is said in the circle stays within the circle. In all traditional cultures, men have had a place to meet and talk among themselves. It's called brotherhood.

We believe a man can be strong and also caring, open, and loving. We can also laugh and joke with each other. We express our own experience, strength and hope. We want to be able to be good examples to our young men, to lead them on the right path.

Any man from 18 to 100 can come to this group and be respected and equal with the other men. We do not judge. We can ask for help with anything. It is facilitated by Jim Funmaker and William "Bru" Brubaker, but that doesn't mean we are bosses of the group. The group belongs to everyone.

This is a talking circle We express ourselves so that we can grow in a spiritual direction. Besides having the talking circle, we will be expressing ourselves in other ways-engaging in personal growth activities that focus on our concerns, hopes and wishes. We invite any man who is willing to try us out to come at least once and check us out. We meet Tuesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 every week at the People Wellness House.

"We must not allow---any force to make us feel like we don't count. Maintain a sense of dignity and respect."  
-Martin Luther King, Jr.-

## A New Group for Teens and Pre-teens

At the Wellness House, we have support groups for adults and kids, but not for teens and pre-teens. That is about to change.

In place of the old "Standing Strong" groups, we are starting a group for boys and girls together called "White Bison." The White Bison has been sacred to Native Americans for centuries. In 1988, a movement started among many Native tribes that was known as the Red Road to Wellbriety. It is a journey of hope and healing for Native Americans who want to overcome addictions and other problems. O'odham Ap'edag Ki: (People Wellness House) is starting a White Bison group for youth ages 11-17, starting on March 10<sup>th</sup> and meeting every Sunday from 10-11:30am in the District Center.

We will be showing videos and following the White Bison program. White Bison was inspired by Alcoholics Anonymous and other 12 step programs. There will be plenty of opportunity for discussion and expressing ourselves. The group will be facilitated by Jim Funmaker with some assistance from other People Wellness House staff. We hope that parents and relatives will send their children to our group and that it can become a source of strength for our youth. If you have any questions, please call any staff at the Wellness House:

Jim Funmaker—807-8663  
Marcine Lopez—807-8664  
Rupert Encinas—807-8662  
William "Bru" Brubaker—807-8661





## SAN XAVIER MISSION NEWS

Baptism Class: March 12 at 7:00 PM

- Call 294-4639

Baptisms: March 16

- (No Baptisms in April)

Lenten Gatherings with Father Tom

- Watch DVD on Catholicism
- Thursdays 10:00 AM – 11:30
- March 7, 14, 21
- St. Clare

Lenten Reconciliation Service with Confessions

- March 13 at 7:00 PM in Church

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in Church

### Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday, March 28**

**Mass of the Last Supper 7:00 PM**

Good Friday, March 29

Rosary 2:00 PM

Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM

*Church bells will ring in memory of death of Jesus*

**Liturgy of the Passion 7:00 PM**

**Holy Saturday, March 30**

**Easter Vigil Service 8:00 PM**

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

Masses Regular Sunday Times



On our family's behalf. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all family and friends who were involved with the Memorial for Frank Sr./ and Frank Jr. "Awesome Job"!

To the Runners, Singers, Dancers and Musicians your prayers, spiritual blessings, music and dancing brought us much happiness in reminiscing of years gone by. What a blessing for the kind work and for sharing your memories with us. Gods peace be upon you. To the Cowboys & Cowgirls May the Lord always keep you humble. Thank you for your contribution to the Memorial Roping and dedication of the Lopez Arena.

For the Cook Clarinda Nunez, Family & Friends (Cooks helpers) who helped to prepare food and provide a great meal; you are appreciated more than you could ever know. The food was so good that all who gathered and shared the delicious meal together all enjoyed and had happy hearts.

Gabriel Encinas Rosary Group

Father Steve

Joanne Preston Choir Group

Mike Enis

Thelma Havier & Group

Phillipa Jose

Mary Narcho, Mary Ramirez & Neddie Blaine

Nolic Traditional Singers & Dancers

St. Ann Choir Kevin Apkaw, Eugenia Apkaw & Dorothy Sunna of Santan, AZ

Dennis Cipriano, of Gila Bend, AZ

Joe & Carmen Salazar of Superior, AZ

Kinsley Family Southern Hopi Sinom Dance Group

Distant Voices for Christ

Group Familia

Gertie Lopez

Charles Justin, Stock Contractor, Casa Blanca, AZ

SXD Rangers

Horsemen-Encinas' Francisco's, Blaine's

Ivan Jose

Mike Toro

Blaine Joaquin

Clyde Harvey

Johnny Valenzuela

Emerson Begay

Jesse Puentes

Lastly, we would like to thank whomever else we may have left out, those who donated items or their time. To everyone we could not have accomplished this without you and your support, with you, we are blessed. We cannot express enough how much this has meant to all of us. May God bless you and peace be with you always. Thanks again, from the Families of Frank Lopez, Sr., and Frank Lopez, Jr.

*Thank You*

# Wa:k Spirit

San Xavier Education Department



March 2013

Se:kig! Taş! Wa:k O'Odham!

It has been a busy maşad for us all but, its all been good! I am still working with Head Start and our after school sessions. We've been doing Story Telling, using our Ban puppet and the little ones are enjoying it. San Xavier School are getting their spelling down. I would like to thank the parents for their help and support. Remember you are your child's role model.

We have been losing loved ones so I'd like to take this time and express my sympathy to your loss, just remember when Creator says it's time for you to come home, you have no control over it. Please keep our people in prayer!

## Native American Prayer

*I give you this one thought to keep-I am with you still -I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the sweet uplifting rush, of quiet birds in circled flight,*

*I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not think of me as gone-I am with you in each new dawn.*

*Author: Native American Prayer*

**Tomasa Jose**

**Culture & Language Instructor**



Hello everyone,

Here are some of the things we're doing in ASP. The 4th and 5th grade students have been engaged in their studies and I am correlating their school work with worksheets to help further their understanding of studies. The subjects include paraphrasing, earth science, geology and reading.

On February 8th, 2013, I had attended a committee meeting facilitated by Human Resource Jeffery Ortega regarding the Policy and Procedure Review.

On February 12th, 2013, I attended Challenger Middle School and Santa Clara Elementary meeting here at the San Xavier Education, we discussed attendance, illegal substances, technology (laptops/cyber-bullying) and budget updates. I also attended a Sunnyside School Board meeting on budget cuts.

On February 7th, 2013, Stacy, Ramona and myself gave the students a tutorial on study habits. The T-shirts for the new group were also finalized and announcements were made.

On February 8th, 2013, I had two students seeking extra tutoring in the afternoon. I also have been explaining to some of the High School students the importance of scholarships and to encourage use of the Community Liaisons as a resource when seeking assistance for higher education.

On February 13th, 2013, Community Liaison Stacy had the students make Valentine cards for the Seniors. They decorated cookies and had Eegee frozen drinks and a lot of goodies that the Parents donated. **Thank you to the Parents!**

Again, the Education Department is still accepting applications for the After School Program. To High School students and to their parents, please seek Scholarships and Grants in anticipation of college. Graduation will be here before you know it and it is not a bad idea to get started applying to Colleges.

Keep striving and feeding the heart, mind, body and soul with good things!

In spirit, Daniel Preston III



# Carmen Martinez, Administrative Assistant

Hello Wa:k Community,

The winds are blowing and spring is here, it is hard to believe we are in March already. I hope you and your family are well. This year, Spring Break for SUSD & TUSD will be March 25—April 1, 2013.

## UPCOMING PARENT MEETINGS

- ◆ Santa Clara/Challenger parent meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m. at the San Xavier Education Center.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **March 4, 2013:** Tuition & Books Grant application and required documents must be completed and turned into the Administrative Assistant no later than 5 p.m. for April 4, 2013 review.
- ◆ **March 22, 2013:** Bus Pass application and required documents for April 2013 must be completed and turned in no later than 5 p.m.
- ◆ **March 28, 2013:** Tohono O'odham Education/Career Fair 2013 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. at the San Xavier Recreation Center.

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



PRESENT

## 2013 Education/Career Fair

Thursday, March 28, 2013  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
San Xavier Recreation Center  
(8549 S. Mayor Drive, Tucson Arizona)

### Institutions that will be present:

- Colleges and Universities
  - Businesses (local and rural)
  - Cosmetology/Salon Schools
  - Armed Services
- and many more...



## Educating Students For Success In A Changing World!

For more information or booth space  
please contact Carmen Martinez:

520-807-8620

Notes from Community Liaisons—Stacy Hernandez

We hope you all had a great February enjoying local festivities and showed your love on Valentine's Day

In the After School Program we practiced our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; for fun we baked valentine cookies. We also focused on reading for Love of Reading month.

On February 19, Wecij hemajkam ha noikidagk (Voices of Our Youth) groups took a trip to Pima College to support the Jegos basketball teams. We also travelled to Tempe to tour AZ State University on February 22, what a big campus.

Finally, for those K-12 students needing tutoring we are both available to assist. Stacy will be in the learned Center every Monday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Daniel is available by appointment. Enjoy the spring weather in March.

Mark your calendar:


3/9/13—Teen Leadership Conference

3/12/13—Santa Clara & Challenger Parent Meeting 9 am.

3/19/13—SUSD Native Education Parent Meeting @ PYIT 6 pm

3/25-3/29/13—SUSD SPRING BREAK!

3/28/13—College & Career Fair SX Rec. Ctr. 10 am-2:00 pm




## 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



Gertrude Lopez-Learning Resource Coordinator  
Therese McCarthy-Learning Center Aide  
Hello from the Learning Center!

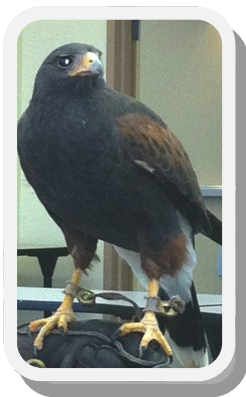
We continue serving the following with Library Time: Childcare, Head Start, the Elderly and After School Program.

Wow! It is already March and yes we are getting ready for our summer programs. The Learning Center will again host the summer infant/toddler program; details will be posted as we get closer to the summer.

Our library hours have been set to accommodate students and community members who need some quiet study time, computers are also available according to the schedule below.

**Mondays Open: 8am—3pm. 4pm—7pm**  
Tuesdays Open: 8am—3pm. 4pm—7pm  
**Wednesdays Open: 8am—1pm 4pm—7pm**  
Thursdays Open: 8am—5pm  
**Fridays Open 8am—5pm**

The Learning Center hosted a "Love of Reading" Event on February 14, 2013 with an animal presentation by the AZ Sonoran Desert Museum. It was great, everyone had fun and learned to appreciate and respect the wild animals. We finished the presentation with some Valentine cookies and milk for everyone. Attendance was 44 including several community member families.



### FOR LOVE OF ANIMALS

ASP students saw a Harris Hawk, Tarantula, Pack Rat and got to touch a Ringtail Cat on Valentine's Day.♥

Approximately half of the US students are impacted by traditional bullying each school day. It happens on buses, in the cafeteria, gym, hallways, playground, and in classrooms. The most frequent form bullying takes is words (teasing, taunting, ridiculing, name-calling, and gossip. Not blows) This type of bullying happens in the 'physical; world and that world has time and space limits. Cyber-bullying is making school days even more painful for many children and some school staff. Bullying in cyberspace is not bound by school hours, school days, or facing the intended bully victim. Unfortunately, the perceived anonymous nature of the internet often insulates the bully from the consequences of their damaging behavior.

As the number of house holds with Internet access approaches saturation and cell phone ownership expands to the 100 million mark, so do the ways kids bully each other. Cyberbullying in the form of text messages, emails, photos, website postings can go school wide in minutes and global in days. Slanderous information sent out into cyberspace is difficult, if not impossible, to expunge. Cyber bullying often takes the form of cyber gossip, where damaging content is based on whim.; not facts and is posted on social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook.

Cyber Bullying Getting Bigger: Studies indicate that cyber bullying incidents have quadrupled in five years. A 2000 survey by the Crimes against Children Research center at the University of New Hampshire reported 6% of young people had experienced some form of cyber bullying. In 2005, studies of 1500 Internet using adolescents found that over one third had been cyber bullied and half of those admitted to cyber bullying other. A 2005 study by National Children's Home Charity revealed that 20% had been cyber bullied victims. A 2004 survey conducted by I Safe America of 1556 adolescents found that 42% had been bullied online

### How Cyber Bullying Messages are Communicated:

- Text or digital imaging messages sent on cell phones, emails, instant messaging, web pages, weblogs (blogs) chatrooms or discussion groups, and other information communication technologies

### Cyber bullying Perpetrators It Is A cycle:

- Middle School and High School girls were about twice as likely as boys to display cyberbullying behaviors in the form of email, text, and chat
- Middle School and High School girls were twice as likely as boys to report receiving email, text messages or chat room messages that teased, taunted, and ridiculed.
- 62% said that they had been cyber bullying by another student at school, and 46% had been cyber bullied by a friend
- 55% didn't know who had cyberbullied them

Only 20% cyber bullying victims tell their parents about the incident. Victims are most likely to a friend (42%)

### Ten Tips: Parents Cyber-Bullying Preemption

1. Consider Installing filtering and blocking software, but understand clearly that proactive parents are the only real deterrent and the best resource for bullying preemption.
2. Keep your home computer(s) in easily viewable places, such as a family room or kitchen.
3. Model the behavior you want to see in your child
4. Talk regularly with your child about on line activities he or she is involved in about on line activities he or she is involved in
5. Set firm guidelines for cell phone use and monitor that behavior.
6. Talk specifically about cyber-bullying. Explain that it is harmful and unacceptable behavior.
7. Outline your expectations for responsible online behavior and clearly explain the consequences for inappropriate behavior. Use the Cyber Positive Character Contract from the Cameron site.
8. Encourage your child to tell you immediately if he or she is a victim of cyber-bullying. Tell your child does not respond to the bully.
9. Stay calm. Plan in advance how you will calmly receive the news that your child is being bullied and the solution steps you will take. You will want the evidence. Tell your child to save the bullying messages or photo.
10. Call your child's school; ask the principal what measurable, bullying preemption, activity based programs they have in place today. Offer to serve on the group that expands the schools behavior policy to include cyber bullying behavior that disrupts the schools teaching and learning environment. Ask about results

More tips and tools for parents and teachers are available at the Kameron Institute Resource Center on this site.

Margaret Toss, president Kameron Institute ([www.kameron.org](http://www.kameron.org)) is a business, relationship, and bullying preemption expert. Ross is a frequently features guest on America top radio shows.

# MARCH—Ce:dafi Masad or Green Month “SPRING”

Greetings,

If you look around you will see February—Kp:magi Masad; or Gray Month lives up to its name but like the gray dried up season, all the hard work put in by students, parents, guardians and employees results may not show immediately but come May you will see the fruits of your labor!

“Saicu Si Sap Ap Ju” SXD/DOJ Project by Ramona Casillas

1/25/13—Four SX students and two parents attended the “Native Pathways to STEM Careers” event hosted by Native American Education Alliance held at University Medical Center, Tucson.

2/7/13—Voice of Our Youth Group—were treated to a presentation on “Good Study Habits” by Stacy Hernandez and Daniel Preston III.

2/7/13—In a meeting with Santa Clara Principal Islas, we learned Native American students are lagging behind other ethnic groups in math and reading. This could be for any number of reasons. To get help for your student, call the schools to ask for tutoring, sign your child up for the ASP or ask for individual tutoring.

2/28/13—Ramona Casillas and the DOJ Project will host a 2-week pottery class by a local artist at Challenger Middle School.

3/16/13—Voices of Our Youth will conduct a service project for the UNITY Run.

Remember, the DOJ Project has a family therapist available. Call Ramona Casillas at 807-8681 to make an appointment.



## WHAT WILL ONLINE CLASS & SCHOOL COMPUTERS COST YOU!!

Does your child have a computer provided to him/her by their school or online program? Nowadays many online schools and public schools provide computers to their students for classwork. If your student has one of these and you haven't read the contract you signed regarding care, use and breakage of that computer you should pull it out and read it now! While the thought and intent behind these computer programs is great—they are wonderful learning tools and provide access to a world of knowledge. Be aware that you could be in for a big fee if your student is found to be responsible for loss, breakage or destruction of the computer. Become an informed consumer and parent, do call the school or program with questions about replacement costs before anything happens. With the computers comes a big responsibility.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!

March 25-27, 2013, A **Community Wellness Training** for individuals ages 16+ will be held at the SXD Education Center from 8 am to 4 pm. Call Ramona Casillas at 807-8681 for more information.

March 29, 2013, SXD **Education closed for Good Friday.**

**Wildcat School** will close at the end of the school year. All families with students currently attending Wildcat are encouraged to begin searching for a different school for the 2013/14 school year.

SXD Education is currently in planning sessions with Santa Clara Elementary School for the **2013 Summer Reading Program**. Watch for future announcements.

SXD is also beginning plans for the **SXD Middle School Summer Session**. Watch for announcements.

Parents, monitor your student's grades so you will know if s/he will need to attend **high school summer school**. Have your student check in with their counselor or Native American Advisor for a progress report.

Students, remember that you need a grade point average of C in order to qualify for the **SXD Summer Youth Work Program** otherwise you will need to attend summer school.

April is **AIMS month**, help your student prepare by ensuring s/he does their homework, gets to bed early and rises early; has a full breakfast and catches the bus on time.

If your child needs homework help we do have a few openings in the **After School Program**, please call before submitting an application.

**NO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM** the week of SUSD & TUSD spring break and that would be March 25 - 28. 2013

SPRING IS HERE!



# San Xavier Recreation Center

## March 2013

### RECREATION ACTIVITIES

March 9- Movies Marathon 11am  
 March 16- WELLBRIETY  
 March 23- Softball Tournament 8am  
 March 30- Easter Celebration 10am

### CLOSURE DATES:

March 29- Good Friday



**GARDEN CLUB**  
 March 5th & 19th  
 6pm-7pm  
 All Ages  
 Fun! Socialization, Gardening



**HOPP HOURS**  
 Monday-Friday 8am-8pm  
 Saturday 9am-1pm  
 Sunday- CLOSED  
 Call HOPP Center for Information on  
 Afternoon and Evening Classes  
 520-807-1115 ext. 108

### HOURS OF OPERATION



Monday-Friday  
 8:00am-8:00pm  
 Saturday  
 9:00pm-5:00pm  
 Sunday  
 CLOSED



**CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
 March 23  
 March-April

### *\*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*

**\*\*Activities/Programs are subject to change. Please call Center for any changes\*\***

# San Xavier Recreation Center

## March 2013

### MARCH ACTIVITIES

- March 6 – Social (Taco Salad) 4pm-6pm
- March 7– Scrapbooking 5:30pm-7pm
- March 8–Crafts (Mardi Gras Masks/ Party) 4pm-5pm
- March 11– Kids Cooking (Shamrock Milkshakes) 4pm-6pm
- March 13– Games (Field Relay) 5pm-6:30pm
- March 14- Scrapbooking 5:30pm-7pm
- March 15– Crafts (?) 4pm-5pm
- March 20– Social (Pizza Day and Eegees) 4pm-6pm
- March 21– Scrapbooking 5:30pm-7pm
- March 22– Crafts (Easter Craft) 4pm-5pm
- March 27- Games (Traditional Games) 5pm-6:30pm
- March 28– Scavenger Hunt 4:30pm-5:30pm
- March 28– Adult Cooking 5:30pm-7:30pm



**San Xavier Recreation**  
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 Tucson, AZ 85746  
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 Fax. (520) 294-3526

**VOLLEYBALL NIGHTS**  
 Every  
 Mondays and Wednesdays  
 6pm-8pm



**Easter Celebration**  
 March 30, 2013  
 10am-4pm  
 Food, Games and Easter Egg Hunt

**BASKETBALL NIGHTS**  
 Every  
 Tuesdays and Thursdays  
 6pm-8pm

Every Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday

*"Nobody is born a Warrior in exactly the same way that nobody is born an average man/woman. We make ourselves into one or the other."*

**WARRIOR WORKOUT**

6:30pm  
 Multi Purpose Room

San Xavier District of the  
Tohono O'odham Nation  
2018 W. San Xavier Road  
Tucson, AZ 85746



Phone: (520) 573-4000  
Fax: (520) 573-4089

**FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY OR EMERGENCY CALLS  
CONTACT TOHONO O'ODHAM POLICE AT 622-1587 OR 911**



**Saturday March 2, 2013 at 7AM  
Ranger Program**

**Will coordinate the Clean-up**

**MEET @ SAN XAVIER RANGER OFFICE**

**Come out and help your Community look beautiful.**

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

**Contact Ranger Program**

**if you have any questions**

**Phone: (520) 807-8499 Cell: (520) 471-8092**

**Tools will be provided**

**If you have tools please bring them**

**Trash bags will be provided**