



San Xavier District Wa:k Newsletter

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Saturday, March 2nd & Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

Gates Open at 10:00 a.m. Both Days

\$10 Adults \$5 Kids. Age 6 and under free ♦ No Refunds
Feel Free to bring your own chairs as seating is limited

Dance Categories Include: Team Dancing, Hoop Dance, Drum
Contest, Owl Dance, Chicken Dance, Inter-tribal Dances and Many More!
Registration: \$5 Per Dancer/ Per Singer/ Per Category

REGISTRATION CLOSES SATURDAY at 7pm. No exceptions

Master of Ceremonies Gabriel Ayala
Arena Director: Tommy Spottedbird
Head Man: Tso Yanez
Head Woman: Kat Yanez
Head Judge: Nyona Smith
Northern Drum: Star Point
Southern Drum: Chris Dinedeahl
Host Gourd: Southwest Gourd Society
-Saturday 11am – 1pm
-Sunday 11am – 12pm

**OVER \$30,000
IN PRIZE MONIES**

**Sunday Feature
Men's Traditional Special
By Jose Family**

Please Be Advised of the \$5 Parking fee. Cash Only

Wa:k Pow Wow is Located behind the San Xavier Mission del Bac Church, Tucson, AZ
Contact us at: WakPowWow@gmail.com For Vendor Info as Space is limited

The San Xavier District, Wa:k Pow Wow Committee, San Xavier Mission del Bac, or the Tohono O'odham Nation do not assume responsibility for any, and all accidents, injuries, theft, losses or damages during this event.





San Xavier District Council and Committee Meeting Calendar

March 2024

Ce:daḡi Maḡad



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	
3	4	5 5:30 pm Election 6 pm Council	6 6 pm Finance	7 5:30 pm Cultural & Natural Resources	8	9
10	11	12 5:30 pm Health & Education	13 630 pm Planning & Housing	14	15	16 9 am Community Meeting
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 5:30 pm Election 6 pm Council	20	21 5:30 pm Cultural & Natural Resources	22	23
24	25	26 5:30 Health & Education	27 6 pm Finance 630 pm Planning & Housing	28 Deadline to submit minutes to SXD Council Staff	29	30
Easter	31					



No Vacant positions at this time:
 The SXD Council Department will continue to keep the Community informed of any vacant positions .
 * Meetings subject to change*

Wa:k Senior Services

The Wa:k Senior Services (WSS) is happy to assist our clients medical appointments and congregate.

****Guidelines for Doctor's appointments within the Tucson Area and San Xavier Health Clinic**

- Notify WSS three (3) days prior to appointment date/s
- Due to appointment locations and traffic, ALL doctor appointments in the Tucson area will have a ONE HOUR scheduled pick up time.
- If you have a specific time to arrive at your appointment, our Transporter will advise you of your pick-up time.
- If you cancel and/or reschedule your appointment **PLEASE** notify the Transporter as soon as possible.
- WSS follows all HIPPA protocols and suggests having a copy of future appointments on file to avoid miscommunication
- WSS Transportation Office phone # 520-573-4065/4067 / Cell Phone # 520-349-3551

Wa:k Senior Services will notify elders when Elders Day registration begins

- Volunteers are still needed. If anyone wishes to help, please call 520-383-6075.



San Xavier District Housing Department, Senior Services, and Natural Resources Workshops

Saturday, March 23, 2024
9am - 2pm

San Xavier District Community Building



Workshops for the entire Family!
**Come learn about, Home Safety, Home
Maintenance, and Health Safety.**

For more information Contact
Housing -520-573-4044
Senior Services - 520-573-4067

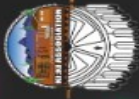
Lunch will be provided!

San Xavier District Housing Department



Presents

**Tohono O'odham Ki:ki Association
(TOKA)**



TOKA will be in the Housing Department on the following dates to assist with applications and to answer any other questions you may have.

~~Thursday, January 11, 2024~~

~~Tuesday, February 13, 2024~~

Thursday, March 7, 2024



Presentation starting at
9:00 AM and 2:00pm



FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN

CONTACT US AT:

520-573-4044 OR 520-573-4042

HOUSING@WAKNET.ORG

answer

question



San Xavier District Housing Department

Spring
CLEANING

Spring is right around the corner and now is the time to start your spring cleaning. Don't know where to start? Here are some tips that may help you get started.



Declutter your Home

- Dust and Organize
- Clean out storage spaces, drawers, and desk.
- Organize your storage spaces and closets



Don't be scared of the Kitchen and Bathroom

- Wipe down counters, bowl, sinks, and tub
- Clean out cabinets, pantries and refrigerator
- Throw away old junk, just like those butter and cottage cheese containers you have :)
- Wipe down appliances



Walls and windows need Love too

- Clean Walls starting from the top to the bottom
- Wipe down windows and blinds from top to bottom
- Don't forget to clean your window screens

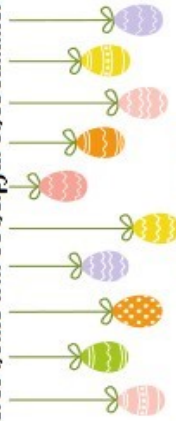
Always work from the top to the bottom

- The Ceiling
- Ceiling Fans
- Dust debris before vacuuming

Don't forget about your Air

- Replace furnace and HVAC air filters
- Wipe down air vents

Having a clean is home is very important for your health including your mental health. Having a clean and decluttered home will be helpful once summer arrives



St. Patrick's Day

Contact us at;

520-573-4044 or 520-573-4042

Email us at:

housing@waknet.org

HAPPY
Easter

Check Cleaning List

DAILY

- Make your bed
- Wipe down bathroom counters after getting washed up morning and night
- Wash your dishes after meals
- Take out trash
- Do a nighttime sweep to put toys, loose papers, and other stray objects in their place
- Wipe down counters, table, and sink

MONTHLY

- Vacuum upholstery
- Wipe out and disinfect wastebaskets
- Wipe down and disinfect doorknobs, light switches, and TV remotes
- Dust ceiling fans and vents
- Dust moldings
- Scrub stovetop, including burner grates
- Wipe down kitchen cabinets
- Clean and deodorize the microwave (heat a mug of water with a lemon wedge, then wipe down)



Natural Resources



Greetings Wa:k Community!

We are happy to announce we've hired 3 new staff members to join our Natural Resources Team. Marlon Parra, Michael Lopez, and Monica Valenzuela have been hired as our new Groundskeepers to assist with maintaining both riparian sites and areas within the District. We know you will work hard for our department and serve the community well. Congratulations!

Staff have also attended meetings and/or been involved with the following activities: Assisted with the Roadside Cleanup in the Mission & Valencia Road area. Attended the Land Assignment Committee Meeting, Asarco Working Group Meeting, America the Beautiful Grant Application Meeting, the Manager's Meeting, Alianza Indigena Meeting, SAWRSA Update Meeting, Federal Highway Administration Biannual Meeting, EcoTruths for Indigenous Youth Planning Meeting, Climate Change Workshops, Burglar Alarm System Training, Equipment Safety Training, the Southwest Adaptation Forum, and the TON Environmental Health Academy.

April 6 will be our final Climate Change Workshop, after which the District will compile the information into a report for future planning and funding proposals to support the community. The Natural Resources Department has been planning and working with the Tucson Audubon Society and the Desert Museum to eradicate buffelgrass around the District. We are also planning community activities for the week of Earth Day (April 22) to participate in earth care. Keep an eye out for future opportunities to learn more and support stewardship of our environment.

Monitors: The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting confidential surveys within the community. SWCA completed excavation work at Blanco Wash & Silverbell Road. PSOMAS collected data along the Mission & Valencia Road areas, and the TOKA Biologist transplanted 24 barrel cacti near Go:k Ka:wulk Wo:g.

Hikdan & Riparian Sites: We hosted a tour of the Hikdan for the U of A's SOAR (Student Outreach Accessibility & Resiliency) program. Our Groundskeepers continue to maintain and improve the Wa:k Hikdan and Site II.

Mark your calendars: On April 5, 2024 we will host a 1-day monitor training session for recertification or certifying new Monitors. Continue to look for future announcements in the newsletter, Facebook, or community bulletin boards.

If you have any questions for us, please feel free to contact David Tenario: (520) 573-4056, Geena Johnson: (520) 573-4055, Cie'na Schlaefli: (520) 573-4054, or Kim Encinas-Paredes: (520) 573-4053

Thank you & Happy Easter!

David Tenario, Director

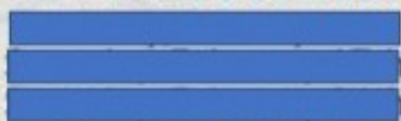
ATTENTION WA:K COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The San Xavier District Climate Change Resilience Project is looking to hear and learn from you!

The San Xavier District Climate Change Resilience Project is a District led and Nation approved study aiming to gather community input and perspectives on the topics of land, food, and water to better assess and inform the District's climate preparedness. The goal is to help the District maintain or enhance the resilience of its natural resources, and to minimize any harms from climate change with community at the forefront. To deal with current and future climate change challenges, we hope to interact with community members to engage in dialogue and identify collective solutions.

Final Workshop on April 6th!

Community Workshops



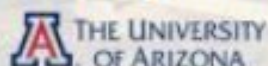
Saturday, April 6th

Community Building
8 AM - 12 Noon

Participants will be compensated the equivalent of \$50 per workshop, limited funds available.



If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the project, please contact:
Cie'na Schlaefli at (520) 573-4054 or
cschlaefli@waknet.org





March

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Thursday March 21, 2024
SXD Multipurpose
8am Elders/9am Community



*1 per household,
2 per vehicle!*

- **Must be an ENROLLED SXD Member to receive a box.** (or registered voter with document, APPROVED Relinquished Letter, Family Tree, and/or proof of residency-Bill, driver license or State ID)
- **MUST have TRIBAL ID/Enrollment Available**
- **Letters are required if you are unable to retrieve your own food** (with tribal number and home address)
- **MUST be 18 years old**

DIAPER Giveaway!

NEXT: MARCH 12TH (TUESDAY)
9AM-4PM

SIZE AVAILABILITY VARY. PLEASE CALL FOR AVAILABILITY.

COVID NEWS

Covid continues to spread!

The CDC still recommends getting Covid vaccinations to prevent serious sickness and hospitalization.

Elders, persons with pre-existing conditions may be recommended to receive multiple doses.

RENT & UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Applications are still being accepted!

A COMPLETED Application is needed to process application.

Bills must be in enrolled SXD name.

Assistance received from TON ARPA, Baboquivari District ARPA, or San Xavier District ARPA, may affect the amount you are eligible to receive. Up to \$3,000 (Rent/Mortgage). Up to \$2,500 (Utilities).

COVID OFFICE

Provides...

- *Covid Tests, when needed.*
- *Covid Box (if you test positive) includes Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies for your household.*
- *PPE for funerals and anniversaries, when requested.*

If you have any questions or concerns on the information provided you can contact us our office **(520) 573-4010** or by email **covid@waknet.org**.

ATTENTION

IF YOUR NAME APPEARS ON THIS LIST; PLEASE CONTACT THE SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ROW OFFICE AT 480-362-6870.

1. AHMSATY, AMANDA CATHERINE
2. AHMSATY, KENNETH DALE
3. AHMSATY, SELENE KAY
4. AHMSATY, BRENDA RUTH
5. AHMSATY, TIFFANY CATALINA
6. ALLISON, CORNELIA RENEE
7. ALLISON, SHANNA ELIZABETH
8. ALSTON, PRISCILLA FREDA
9. ANAYA, ANGEL ALICIA CLAUDINA
10. ANAYA, MARCUS JORDAN
11. ANAYA, MARIO REGIS
12. ANTONE, DORINE ANN
13. ANTONE, RODERICK RYAN
14. ANTONE, RONALD WAYNE
15. ANTONE, SR., TROY PATRICK
17. APODACA, DAMIKA DARLENE
16. APPEGATE, MARIE DELORES
18. BALDERRAMA, NICOLE JOAN
19. BAPTISTO, IAN ANDREWS
20. BAPTISTO, RODERICK LESLIE
22. BOJORQUEZ, DELILAH NICHOLE
23. BOJORQUEZ, JOSEPH NICHOLAS
24. BROWN, GAIL KIMBERLY
25. BROWN, FERNANDA MARIE
26. BUSHMAN, JENNIFER LEIGH
27. CALABAZA, JANET FAYE
28. CARLOS, DENISE EDNA
29. CARMEN, CARLOS ELIGIO
30. CARMEN, GERALDINE
31. CARMEN, ALICIA
32. CARMEN, DELORES MARIE
33. CARMEN, ERIC EUGENE
34. CARMEN, ORLANDO LEE NISH
35. CARMEN, CONRAD KENNETH
36. CARRA, CONNIE FRANCIS
37. CARRA, MARY ELLEN
38. CARRA, NINA
39. CARRA, JR., BERNARDINO
40. CELLAR, OLIVIA
41. CHIAGO, JR., REGIS ANTHONY
42. COLEMAN, KYSHONDA REACHANELL
43. COLEMAN, TRISTAN LEMAR
44. COLEMAN, RENEISHA SHANTE
45. COOPER, CARLOS BLAINE
46. COOPER, DOREEN
47. COOPER, ELAINE BEATRICE
48. COOPER, ROBERT CHRISTOPHER
49. COPPEDGE, CHERYL LUCILLE
50. DAVIS, CATALINA MELVA
51. DAVIS, MARLON JEROME
52. ENOS, CHRISTOPHER LEE
53. ENOS, COLLEEN GALE
54. ENOS, JOAN FRANCES
55. ENOS, RALSTON ROBERT
56. ENRIQUEZ, JR., MARIO JORGE ANAYA
57. ESCALANTE, BYRENE
58. FRANCISCO, DARLA SUE
59. FRANCO, JOSEFINA
60. FRANCO, ANA TERESA
61. FRANCO, MILO PATRICIO
62. FRANCO, JESUS
63. FRANCO, MARTIN
64. FRANCO, JR., GUILLERMO
65. GARCIA, STERLING DALYN
66. GARRITY, YVETTE DANIELLE
67. GOODWIN, DENISE
68. GOODWIN, JOHN
69. GOODWIN, BRYAN D.
70. GOODWIN, SHARON
71. HAZEL, KATE
72. HENDRICKS, ANNAMARIE LORENA
73. HENDRICKS, RACHEL MAE
74. HUDSON, WANDA ELAINE
75. JACKSON, ANTHONY LEE
76. JACKSON, BONITA MONICA
77. JACKSON, RECHELLE
78. JACKSON, JR., VERTON
79. JAMES, CORRINE AMBER
80. JAMES, DORINDA LEE
81. JAMES, ELFRETA ANN
82. JAMES, FREDERICK ANTHONY
83. JAMES, FLOYD LINDSEY
84. JAY, REESE ANTHONY
85. JOHN, JR. PATRICK SABIN
86. JOHNS, ADRIAN
87. JOHNS, JEFFREY MAURICE
88. JOHNS, MARCELLO FABIAN
89. JOHNSON, NORA JEAN
90. JOHNSON, RICHARD ANDREW
91. JOHNSON, CANDACE ROSE
92. JOHNSON, LIEANN LOUELLA
93. JOHNSON, JOLEEN FRANCES
94. JOHNSON, JUANITA LYNN
95. JOHNSON, ROGER OTIS
96. JOHNSON, JEANETTE DELORES
97. JOHNSON, KATIE
98. JORDAN, JR., ANTHONY FAVELA
99. JOSE, ALONZO
100. JOSE, BARBARA JEAN ENOS
101. JOSE, JOSEPH R.
102. JOSE, ALICIA ANN
103. JOSE, KATHLEEN
104. JOSE, KENNETH VICTOR
105. JOSE, PAMELA MAY
106. JUAN, JESSEE MARTIN
107. KATON, CARLA JEAN
108. KYITAN, BRENDA OLETA
109. LEMUS, LILIA ROSE
110. LEON, CHRISTINA FRANCES
111. LEWIS, LARRY PETER
112. LEWIS, TRAVIS
113. LEWIS, LISA ANN
114. LEWIS, MARLO RENEE
115. LEWIS, CARA RAE DAWN
116. LEWIS, CHRISTOPHER JAMES
117. LEWIS, EDWARDINE
118. LEWIS, ENRIQUE
119. LEWIS, JACQUELINE LEWIS
120. LEWIS, JULIA ALICIA
121. LEWIS, HEATHER
122. LEWIS, KAYLA MARIE
123. LEWIS, LITTLE FEATHER

124. LEWIS, RONALD M.
 125. LEWIS, TERRI JANE
 126. LEWIS, VALENTINO
 127. LEWIS-CHIAGO, MICHELLE RENEE
 128. LYONS, PAMELA SUE
 129. LYONS, ROMMELL FREDERICK
 130. LYONS, MICHAEL ANTHONY
 131. MACK, SHERI LYNN
 132. MACK, ROBERTA LYNN
 133. MADRIL, CHERYL KAY
 134. MANUEL, ALRIQUEZ EUGENE
 135. MANUEL, DELTON FRANCISCO
 136. MANUEL, LAVINA
 137. MANUEL, MARKLIN CHRISTOPHER
 138. MANUEL, JERLENE ELILAH
 145. MARTIN, JULIE MAE
 143. MARTINEZ, JR., BERNARD
 144. MARTINEZ, JR., GREGORY FACIO
 139. MATTHEWS, DONALD LEE
 140. MATTHEWS, LORENTINE JAMES JOSEPH
 141. MATTHEWS, PHYLLIS A.
 142. MATTHEWS, REGINA TONI
 146. MENDOZA, PRIMA SHALIS
 147. MIGUEL, GERALD
 148. MIGUEL, AUTUMN LORRAINE
 150. MILES, DYNELL LORENZO
 151. MILES, JAYLEE MESSINA
 152. MILES, LELISA MARIE
 153. MILES, ZENA
 154. MILES, JR. IRWIN LEE
 149. MILLER, ERLINDA
 155. MONTALVO, VICKY
 156. MONTOYA, KATHLEEN ALICE
 157. MORENO, GLENNA
 158. MYORE, J T NISH
 159. NISH, CAMILLUS
 160. NISH, DALE AMBROSE
 161. NISH, FANIEL FRANCIS
 162. NISH, CHRISTOPHER
 163. NISH, LINDA MAE
 164. NISH, MONICA DEPHINE
 246. THOMAS, AMBER JEAN AMSATY
 247. THOMAS, ANTHONY
 248. THOMAS, BERNADETTE
 249. THOMAS, CECIL GREGORY
 250. THOMAS, JERI ANNE
 251. THOMAS, KEITH ALLEN
 252. THOMAS, LINDSAY BRIAN
 253. THOMAS, YVETTE LYNETTE
 254. THOMAS, STEPHANIE MARIE
 255. THOMAS, MICHELLE LANETTE
 165. NISH, JEREMY REGINALD
 166. NISH, JOHN LEWIS
 167. NISH, WINFER LEE
 168. NISH, XANTHENES XENOPHON
 169. NORRIS, PENELOPE RAE
 170. OSIF, ANGEL JOHN
 171. OSIFE, FRANCISCO TYRONE
 172. PABLO, BERNALEEN
 173. PABLO, MAURA ANTOINETTE
 174. PARGEETS, DANYAL MANDALEN
 175. PARSONS, BLAIR ANDREW
 176. PASQUALE, DELTON LEE NISH
 177. PATTON, RAYNE RUTH
 178. PAZOS, RAY MICHAEL
 181. POOWEGUP, MALISA ANN
 182. POOWEGUP, TERENA RAELENE
 179. POOWEUP, JR., J D CASPER
 180. POOWEUP, JR., GARY CONROY
 183. RANGEL, DEVONA MARIE
 184. RAPHAEL, CHRISTIN FAYE
 185. RAPHAEL, DIANE RASCON
 186. REED, ALTHELIA CLARA
 187. REED, THOMAS CONROY
 188. REED, CONLEY E.
 189. RENTERIA, GEORGE ALONZO
 190. REYNOLDS, MICHAEL NELSON
 191. RIOS (MATTHEWS), SETH SKY
 192. RIVERS, SHERWIN RAY
 193. ROCHA, GRACE REBEKKA
 194. SALINAS, CARLOTTA JUNE
 195. SALZA, FRANCES
 196. SANDOVAL, ROGER
 197. SANDOVAL, ROGER
 198. SANTOS ROBERTA ANN JOHNSON
 199. SANTOS, JOSEPH STEPHEN
 200. SCOFFER, ALYSSA JESSICA
 201. SCOFFER, AMANDA BETH
 202. SCOFFER, DESTINY ELLEN
 203. SCOFFER, ERICA KAYE
 204. SCOFFER, WILLIAM KEVIN
 205. SEGUNDO, ANDREA
 256. THOMAS, MILFORD
 257. TORO, MADELINE MATHEWS
 258. VALENZUELA, LYNN
 259. VALENZUELA, THELMA
 260. VEGA, ROBERT ALLEN
 261. VEGA, RUBEN JOSE
 262. VEGA, LUCY ANN
 263. VEGA, MANUEL ANTHONY
 264. WAHNETAH, KAMI ELLA
 265. WASHINGTON, RUBIN
 206. SEGUNDO, CHEYENNE MARIE
 207. SEGUNDO, FEDRICO
 208. SEGUNDO, MARY JEANETTE
 209. SEGUNDO, JAMIE
 210. SEGUNDO, VALERIE ANN
 211. SETOYANT, CHERYL KAY
 212. SETOYANT, DELVINA ANN
 213. SETOYANT, GLENNA MARIE
 214. SETOYANT, LYNDON JAY
 215. SETOYANT, OREN BENNY
 216. SHEPPARD, DESTINY JAMES
 217. SHEPPARD, DANIAL RAE
 218. SMITH, CANDACE MARIE
 219. SMITH, CHARLOTTE LYNN
 220. SMITH, HENRY DAVID
 222. SMITH, JAMESINA
 223. SMITH, KIMBERLY
 224. SMITH, LARRY ALAN
 225. SMITH, MARLENE FRANCES
 226. SMITH, SAMANTHA DORRINE
 227. SMITH, TINA RENAE
 221. SMITH, JR., JAMES
 228. SMITH-YUCUPISO, BERNALENE
 229. SOKE, CARLA ANN
 230. SOKE, MAUREEN LINDA
 231. SOKE, JR., CALVIN GLEN
 232. STEVENS, BARBARA ANN
 233. STEVENS, JUDITH LUCILLE
 234. STEWART, JEROME WAYNE
 235. STEWART, RICARDO WAYNE
 21. SUSANYATAME, BEULAH RAE DAWN
 236. TAPIA, TINA COLETTE REYES
 237. TASHQUINTH, ALEX
 238. TASHQUINTH, ANTHONY
 239. TASHQUINTH, JAMES C.
 240. TASHQUINTH, JOSEPH FRANCIS
 241. TASHQUINTH, KATERI ANN
 242. TASHQUINTH, MARY MARARET
 243. TASHQUINTH, MICHAEL ERVIN
 244. TERRY, DENISE GAIL
 245. THOMAS, ADRIANNE SUNSHINE
 266. WATHOGOMA, LAURIE
 267. WHITE, RAMONA LEE
 268. WHITE, SR., LAWRENCE
 269. WHITEMAN, JANICE
 270. WHITEMAN, JR., DANIEL
 271. WHITMAN, HELEN
 272. WHITMAN, HEIDI
 273. WIKI, WENDY
 274. WIKI, VICTOR JOHN
 275. WILLIAMS, YVONNE
 276. YUCUPICIO, BERNALEEN REBECCA

**Wa:k Ceksan Royalty
Breakfast Sale**

**Monday - April 1, 2024
(7:00AM - ??)**

San Xavier Co-op Farm



MENU - CHOICE OF

- 2-Pancakes, Eggs, 2 Sausage or 2 Bacon**
- 2 French Toast, Eggs, 2 Sausage or 2 Bacon**

\$9.00/Plate \$1 Drinks



Baked Goods Items

**Proceeds benefit the Wa:k Ceksan Royalty
Travel Expenses!!**

**SPONSORED BY THE SXD HEALTH
AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE**



SWAP MEET

March 24, 2024
8am - 2pm



Join us Outside the SX
Mission for vendors and
food!
1950 W San Xavier Road

**VENDOR FEE \$10/SPOT
SPACE LIMITED CALL TO
RESERVE A SPOT:
(520)573-4000**



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	1	2 Wa:k Pow Wow	3 Wa:k Pow Wow
4	5 6pm Council Mtg (C)	6 11am-1pm Women's Circle Support Group @ PWH 5-7 pm SXMS Open House	7 9am/2pm TOKA Presentation (C) 6pm Men's Sweat Lodge w/ PWH	8	9	10 1030am-12pm WB/WBW Wellbriety Mtg @ PWH
11	12 9am-4pm Diaper Giveaway (COVID Ofc)	13 11am-1pm Women's Circle Support Group @ PWH	14	15 April Newsletter Articles Due	16 9am Community Mtg (C)	17
18	19 6pm Council Mtg (C)	20 9am District Chair's Mtg- CB 11am-1pm Women's Circle Support Group @ PWH	21 8/9am Food Distribution	22	23 9am-2pm Housing and Senior Services Workshop (CB) 9am-12pm Seashell Presentation @ Education	24 8am-2pm Community Swap Meet-SXM 1030am- 12pm WB/WBW Wellbriety Mtg @ PWH
25	26	27 11am-1pm Women's Circle Support Group @ PWH	28	29 Good Friday - CLOSED	30	31
1	2	(C) = Council Chamber (CB) = Community Building PWH= People Wellness House				

Save The Date!

2024 WECIJ U'UWI HEMAPAI



Young Women's Gathering

Funded by the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation

Empowering Young O'odham Women with Vision and Guidance to Stand Strong in their Identity, Strength, Self-Love, and Self Respect.



Wednesday, May 29th-Saturday, June 1, 2024

Open Registration: Monday, March 4, 2024

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, May 22, 2024



Young O'odham Women ages 10-17 years (age limit enforced) are invited to participate in an outdoor event of spiritual, physical, social, and educational activities presented by local O'odham women leaders and elders. Participants will camp throughout the event. Meals will be provided and may be prepared by participants.



O'odham Ap'edag Ki: People Wellness House

S- Ke:g Tas Wa:k Community,

I hope everyone has been staying warm and in good health. The first few weeks, the children & I have been getting acquainted here at the Ap'edag Ki. I introduced the children to simple O'odham words and their meanings. We started with me & us, January & February, and what happens within these months, blue & red, and the numbers one & two. Children will continue to learn the months throughout the year.

Children were introduced to the man in the maze as it pertains to our life's journey and what I'toi stands for in our O'odham culture. They enjoyed the nutritional hands-on activities, which included patting out their own Popovers (Oamajda) while learning the ingredients in O'odham and preparing their own French bread pizzas, and learning to say Happy Valentine's Day in O'odham (S-he:gig i:bdag tas).

It has been a great first month here. I have enjoyed seeing & working with the children along with listening to their enjoyable school & home activities. Children will review O'odham words within the month and bring home some of their activities. We currently have 16 children, and we are looking to fill 4 slots and hopefully more in the future. Thank You,

People Wellness House
Case Manager - Margaret
Unito



People Wellness House O'odham Ap'edag Ki Sweat lodge



Date: March 7, 2024 (men's sweat)

Location: 2018 W. San Xavier Rd (Behind District building)

Time: 6pm-finish time

Contact: Jim Funmaker 520-807-8663

Women Circle Support Group

Every Wednesday from
11:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the
'O'odham Ap'edag Ki.

The purpose is to have a place
where women can listen and give
support to each other.

For more information contact Genevieve James
at 807-8662 or gjames@waknet.org





San Xavier Mission School

Dear San Xavier Community: S-ke:g Tas

The past several months have been filled with business and significant progress. San Xavier Mission School hosted the first annual Open House to the Tohono O’odham community on January 31, 2024. Principal Minh Solorzano and Fr. Ponchie welcomed a large group of families, children, community members, and administration from the Diocese of Tucson. The sound of laughter and humming of conversations was a joyful noise. The Wa:k Youth Council and Ivan Burrell opened the event with a powerful and moving prayer and song. It brought such peace and joy to those that were present. Families were able to inquire and register their children for the 2024-2025 school year. In addition, the guests were able to visit the various spaces such as the classrooms. Their responses were positive and encouraging. One parent recalled how the classrooms used to look when her children attended the school. She complimented on the new features and upgrades of the shades, the flooring, and the brightness of the space. The children showed excitement about being able to attend San Xavier Mission School. Special thanks go to the school staff, parents and Councilman Martinez for their help in organizing this wonderful event.





Wa:k Spirit March



S-cedagi Masad (Green Moon)

S-ke:g Tas Wa:k Community,

I continue to be amazed at how quickly the school year flies by! Thinking about the fact that we have entered the month of March and there are only three months left of school is unbelievable. With March approaching, our thoughts drift away to spring and saying goodbye to winter.

I want to thank you (parents/guardians) for your untiring support of your children. Everyone is working extremely hard to make this year as rewarding as possible. We know it takes all of us to work together to provide your children the best educational experience possible.

FOR YOU HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! Thinking about College? Don't know where to start? Come by and see us, or give us a call. We are happy to assist or guide you in the right direction. There are many scholarships out there to help pay for school. There are many wonderful opportunities for parents/guardians of teen students graduating this year and for community members that are interested in returning to school.

As we move through March and push toward the warmer and sunnier days of spring, I thank you for your continued support of your child's education. I am looking forward to serving you and everyone else as you continue your education.

Carmen H. Martinez, Program Administrator

SXD Books and Tuition Grant

What is needed for a Book and Tuition assistance?

- * **Completed application**
- * **Tribal Enrollment/ OR a Family Tree if not San Xavier enrolled**
- * **Verification of school enrollment**
- * **Grades from previous semester, if applicable.**
- * **Financial Needs Analysis (FNA) for Community Colleges & University students**
- * **Billing statement**
- * **Summary of educational goals**
- * **FAFSA/Award letter**
- * **General Welfare Law**
- * **W-9**

The Education and Health Committee will review all applications on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (time and dates are subject to change).

COMMUNITY LIAISONS



Skeg Tas Wa:k Hemajkam C N-Hahajun Mia c Mehk

This month is called S-cedagi Masad. It is time for us to look around at the plants, flowers, and the land to see how it is changing. Time to plant a new garden. Spring is in the air.

Here at the Education Center the children will learn about the color green in O'odham and how things are changing from brown/yellowish to a nice green. We will also look at the mountains to see the difference from last month. It is the beginning of spring, and things will change to bring new life to things around us. I would also like the children to learn that we have food, medicine, and shelter in the desert for us to use. The children will be able to do one or more of those things. We will be learning and celebrating Easter, and we will have a party for them with eggs and baskets. There are lots of fun things to do this month. We plan to take the kids to visit the farm so they can see what kinds of food they plant and when they grow.

A reminder to parents/guardians: Spring Break is March 11-15, with no After School Program and no Missed Bus.

Good Friday is March 29. Easter is early this year, and it's on March 31. Don't eat too many eggs or candy.

This month is also the 39th Annual Wa:k Pow-Wow. I will let the children know about the Pow-wow.

Did you know that only ten more weeks of school are left starting March 4-May 23? It's hard to believe, but keep encouraging your children to go to school; soon it will be break time. Also, thank you to all the Parents/Guardians for making sure your child/children get on the school bus every morning. Sometimes it's very cold out there, but GOOD JOB, EVERYONE especially the students.

The Education Center is open 8am-5pm for any assistance that you may need. Call us and we will help you get the answers you need. Hours sometimes vary. Please call ahead before coming over. Here is the number: 520-807-8620.

Thank you very much. Take care, and have a joyful Easter with your family.

Community Liaisons

Gloria Rios & Anna Bulter



CULTURAL LANGUAGE TEACHER



S-ke:g Taş N-hajun,

For February, the SX community members participated in a ribbon skirt class and completed their ribbon skirts. For some participants, it was their first time using a sewing machine. I assisted them with putting the thread in the bobbin or the needle. The participants meditated while they were sewing. On February 18, the Ribbon Skirt Class showed off their skirts in a fashion show at the Plaza. Thank you, Rowena and the SX participants, for registering for the class.

Upcoming event- March 23, 2024 from 9:00am-12noon, Sea Shell Presentation by: Jiivik Siik, Akimel O'odham.

The after-school program K-2 has been learning about desert animals and about their hibernation during the winter. These lead to the burrows of animals such as tarantulas, centipedes, snakes, rabbits, and other small mammals. When the temperature gets warm from the sun, their bodies get hot, and the animals crawl out of their hibernation.

I told the story of a woman who loved to play toka; one day, her daughter tried to follow her and could not find her. Her mother would get done competing, hold on to her usaga, and run to another village. The girl couldn't catch up with her. She tried to follow her tracks but would narrowly miss her when she arrived at a village. The little girl wandered around. She was hungry and tired from walking around searching for her mother. She saw a tarantula hole and began to sing, and as she continued to sing, the hole gradually opened, and she began to go down into the earth. The earth had swallowed the girl and closed back into a tarantula hole. Her mother returned to her village and asked her grandmother where her daughter was. Her grandmother told her she left searching for you.

Her mother backtracked her travels, running from one village to another and searching for her daughter, but she could not find her. She sat along a side of a hill and saw a piece of fabric by the home of a tarantula. Her daughter mysteriously vanished, and she did not know how or what became of her daughter. Sometime later, a saguaro cactus came up and grew like a human with arms and standing until it grew tall. The children spotted the strange cactus. The children would throw things at it. Then, one day, a flower bloomed on top of the cactus, The O'odham watched the flower bloom, and then it turned into a red fruit. The kids would see the birds eating the fruit, and then one day, the pulp of the fruit fell to the ground. The kids picked up the fruit and tasted it, ran back to the village, and showed the O'odham the fruit. The O'odham came and saw the fruit on top of the cactus. Searching for something to pull it down, they found a dried cactus rib and tied string to make a harvesting stick. The ladies knocked the fruit off the cactus, picked it up, said a prayer, and blessed themselves with the fruit. Thinking back about the little girl and how she went into the earth in the tarantula home, in she gave a gift to the O'odham. The cactus fruits, to make syrup, flour, and many more useful things. The O'odham sang songs and participated in ceremony and were thankful for the rain that came and the Saguaro Cactus for its beautiful gift.

Elizabeth Ortega

San Xavier Culture Language Teacher



GREETINGS FROM THE LIBRARY



We have been extremely busy in the library with our Elders, After School and Head Start programs. We continue to focus on reading and writing with grades K-2. A therapy dog named “Shiloh” comes into the library every two weeks so the children can read to him. The bookmobile from Pima County comes every 1st Wednesday of the month from 3pm-4pm and parks in the Education compound. Our STEM night was held for the community on February 28th and was awesome. Thank you to all who brought their kiddos out to enjoy STEM night on Technology. A Shout Out to

Pima County’s Many Nations Librarians and The Children’s Museum Staff

for helping us make this event a success.

MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED EASTER

Gertrude Lopez—Learning Resource Coordinator

Aliza Osegueda—Learning Center Aide

Sea Shell Presentation

Saturday, March 23, 2024

From: 9:00am-12:00pm

San Xavier Education Center



The Hohokam etched sea shells for hundreds of years. They gathered shells from the nearby Gulf of California. With the etched sea shells they created shell rings, bracelets, pendants, necklaces and many more artistic ways to use the shells they etched.

Come and listen to Jivik Siik share his knowledge in Etching.

Everyone is Welcome!



By: Jivik Siik

For More Information Contact:

San Xavier Education Center

(520) 807-8623



The Education Center is still accepting applications for the Missed Bus Program. Please remember that you and your child(ren) **MUST** have an application on file to utilize the Missed Bus Program. If you are interested, call the Education Center at 520-807-8620 to request we e-mail you an application, or you can stop by and pick up an application.

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San Xavier District-Education Center

Missed Bus Program

AN APPLICATION MUST BE ON FILE PRIOR TO YOUR CHILD BEING PICKED UP!

Morning transportation: will be provided for those students who miss their school bus, including the Van Tran and City Bus, the limits are:

- 3 times per month for K-5th
- 2 times per month for Middle and High School students.

Calls: Calls may be made between 7am & 9am. Transportation calls after 9am will not be accepted

Applications available: August 1st
Transportation begins: August 21st
Transportation ends: May 17th

Transportation will not be provided if the scheduled pick up time for student has not passed according to school bus and Van Tran schedules.

Missed bus transportation WILL NOT be provided for students who are suspended from riding the bus.

Transportation for parents without a vehicle who need to attend parent meetings, parent-teacher conferences, parent night, local conferences, school board meetings, town hall meetings, etc.—as it relates to their child/ren and education.

Transportation can be provided to those students who may need to register, follow-up on registration, testing, intake, and/or to do campus tours. Campus tours may be planned to involve more than one student.