

INDIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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Coordinator's Message



IED welcomes new Director, Mr. Alvin Dizon

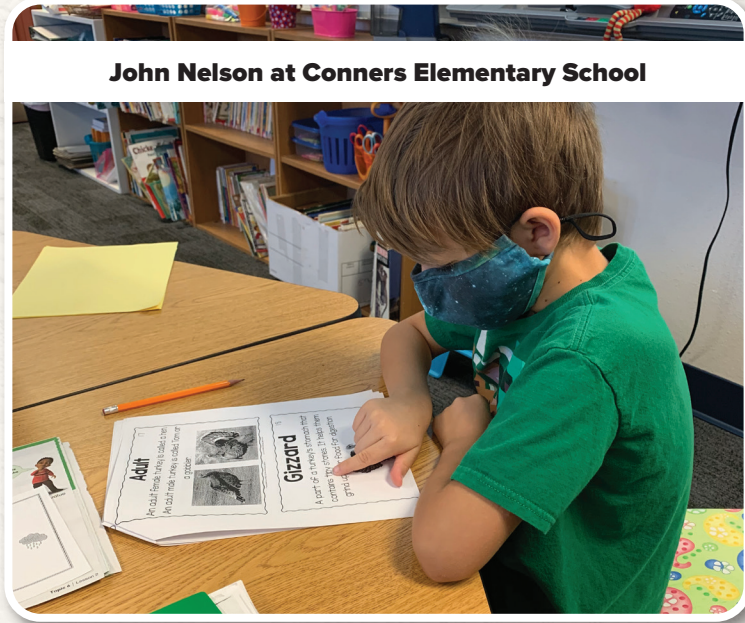
The Indian Education Department (IED) hopes you and your loved ones are doing well in these difficult and uncertain times. Thank you for your dedication to the students and your patience while the regular IED activities were on hold. Keep in mind that the focus of IED is to continue to offer culturally relevant programming and services to meet the needs of our American Indian/Alaska Native students.

The IED would like to take this opportunity to welcome the latest addition to the IED family, Mr. Alvin Dizon. Mr. Dizon comes to the Indian Education Department from Las Vegas High School where he served as an assistant principal. He has extensive central office and school-based experience, as a teacher, learning strategists, project facilitator, dean, and assistant principal. Mr. Dizon earned his Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Hawaii and continued on to earn his Masters of Education degree from the University of Portland. He enjoys traveling with his wife and teenage daughter and spending time with family. We are excited to welcome our new Director, Mr. Dizon to our department.

Thank you for your commitment to ensure that IED remains celebrated and successful. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as the coordinator for IED. Together, we become one team with one goal to help all American Indian/Alaska Native students succeed.

Della Frank

Della Frank
India Education Department Coordinator II



John Nelson at Conners Elementary School

Student Success Story

Keep up the good work John!!

My name is Ms. Lee. I am tutoring John Nelson at Conners Elementary School. He has flourished in his ability to read more words and is gaining confidence in his ability to read independently. This is a picture of John reading an informational text about turkeys. Although challenging, he stuck to the task at hand and learned a lot through nonfiction text features.

INDIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CONGRATULATES THE NEW 2021-2022 TITLE VI COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairperson..... Nicolet Palmer
Vice Chairperson Kim Flores
Secretary.....Delphine Little
Treasurer..... Roylivia Johnson
Historian..... Andrea Quintero
Community Member.....Cheryl Johnson
Classroom Teacher.....Omar Davis

Voting Members: Matilda Begay, Luis Flores, Jennifer Montoya, BJ Palmer

STUDENT ADVISORY

Tristan Bizardi, Grade 11.....Canyon Springs HS
Austin Johnson, Grade 9.....Canyon Springs HS

Charley Begay, Grade 8..... Hyde Park MS
Ella Montoya, Grade 7..... Hyde Park MS

Liliana Flores, Grade 7Odyssey Charter School

McKinley McPherson, Grade 12 ... Shadow Ridge HS
Trey Christen, Grade 11 Shadow Ridge HS

Nigel Little, Grade 7.....Silvestri MS
Isaiah Pintor, Grade 8.....JD Smith MS

NEW 2021-2022

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairperson..... Rhiannon Fuller
Vice Chairperson Kim Flores
Secretary.....Anita Navajo
Treasurer.....Cheryl Johnson
Historian.....Kelley Largo

Voting Members: Matilda Begay, Farrell Phillips, Diana Croci, Nicolet Palmer, Andrea Quintero

COLLEGE READINESS WORKSHOP HELD IN OCTOBER 2021

Indian Education Department (IED) hosted its yearly College Readiness Educational Workshop (CREW) in October 2021. This informative interactive workshop provided three educators an opportunity to help motivate and educate students about college readiness.

Ms. Yoshabel Shay, a counselor from Las Vegas High School, coached students on how to fill out a college application and the Free Application for Federal Assistant (FAFSA). Dr. Shawna Begay, recruiter for Grand Canyon University, presented all the different programs offered by the university. There were discussions about the how to retain American Indian/Alaska Native students in college and how to maintain good grades in college. Ms. Della Frank, Indian Education Department Coordinator, presented on tribal colleges and universities as well as on tribal scholarships.

The workshop ended with an interactive game of Kahoots with questions from the three presentations. Hailey Smith, a student at Las Vegas Academy of the Arts, won the game with the top score. Thank you to the students who attended CREW. For more information or help with preparing for college, visit <https://indianed.ccsd.net/Resources> or call 702-799-8515.

Student Eligibility for Title VI and Johnson O'Malley Programs

IED has a goal to increase the enrollment in the Title VI and the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) programs. We invite our enrolled members to help us get the word out to American Indian families you know who would benefit from the IED services. Currently, 660 students are enrolled in the Title VI program and 510 students are enrolled in the JOM program.

Title VI Formula Indian Grant

Descendant of a parent/grandparent with a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) card or letter from a federal or state recognized tribe. The following documents for Title VI eligibility are:

- ❖ Title VI 506 Form
- ❖ Eligible proof of descendency for parents or grandparents or students.
- ❖ Certificate of Indian Blood or Letter from Tribal Enrollment office

Johnson O'Malley (JOM)

Student is an enrolled member with a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) card or letter of a federal or state recognized tribe. JOM students qualify for both Title VI and JOM.

The following documents for JOM program eligibility are:

- ❖ Title VI Form
- ❖ Johnson O' Malley Form
- ❖ Tribal Certificate of Indian Blood or Tribal Letter(s) of blood quantum showing ¼ percent.

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INDIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PARTNERS WITH TOYS FOR TOTS



Indian Education Department has been working with the organization Toys for Tots for over five years. Toys for Tots collects toys and donates them to schools or groups like Indian Education Department who help distribute the toys out to hundreds of American Indian/Alaska Native students.

The event is no small undertaking. Ms. Della Frank places an order in July for 100 plus toys. In early December, the toys arrive in Pahrump, Nevada. Mr. Frank Miller and his team will group the toys according to the order placed by different organizations. Once the toys are ready for pick up, Mrs. Frank will drive all the way to Pahrump to pick up the toys. With help from the Clark County Indian Education Committee and other volunteers the toys can be gift wrapped in two days.

An Eventbrite is sent out to the families to register their child by providing their gender and their age. Then on December 18, Indian Education Department and the Clark County Indian Education Committee gave out over 150 toys. The event was a huge success. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped wrap gifts and distribute them to the families.



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