



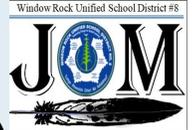
# Window Rock Unified School District Newsletter

## Nihi'ólta' Baahane' dóó Ádahooníígíí Binaaltsoos

### March ~ Wóózhch'ííjd Daan-Spring

*We exist to ensure relevant learning for all students to be successful in a multicultural society.*

*Aóó' Bohónéedzq! - "Yes, We Can!"*



# AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

### Daylight saving time- Spring forward this Sunday

Daylight savings time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10th. Please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 10th.

**SPRING BREAK** will start 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> and regular school days on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

### WRUSD #8 Governing Board

**Yvonne Kee-Billison**  
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Fifty-nine 9th and 12<sup>th</sup> graders from Window Rock High School and Rock Point Community School –Diné Bi'olta' gathered on February 28 to take part in the Nihizaad Hiiná Navajo Language Festival. The 5 judges participating on the committee were Alice Benally, Marge Tsosie, Delores Noble, Darryl Bedonie, and Lester Begay . Students were given a list of Navajo books, poems, songs and anecdotes to retell in the Navajo language. Each student selected a topic from any of the list or had the options to compose their own songs, poems and stories in the Navajo language.

The students widely participated with pride as they practiced and rehearsed before the competition started.

The event was a good way to draw our students together emotionally, socially and being a Diné featured the positive atmosphere that we were surrounded within the arena of academics and bringing out our cultural and language enlighten the audience. This is one of the most successful event that was put together. Nihizaad Hiiná "Our Language Lives," Language Festival was hosted at the WRUSD Administration Building-Gym.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Language Festival! The challenge was to read a poem, duet sing-

ing, group singing, storytelling, show and tell (speech), skits, solo singing, and choral reading.

We had a total of 50 participants from Rock Point Community Diné Bi'Olta' and from Window Rock High Schools were presented.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event a successful this year!



**Shout OUT** A Huge Shout-Out Thank-You  
Ms. Fasthose for Emceeing and sponsoring the event!

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# Congratulations Winners:



Duet Singing			
Participant(s)	Grade/School	Teacher	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Shavonna Yazzie/& Arminquez Yazzie	11, 11 WRHS	Lydia Fasthorse	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Ralson Descheny/Ral'Shaun Descheny	10, 11 RPCS	Genevieve Smiley	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Makaylin Dan/Leander Charley	11, 10 WRHS	Lydia Fasthorse	

Individual Poem Reading			
Participant(s)	Grade/School	Teacher	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place: C'Anna Peshlakai	11 WRHS	Lydia Fasthorse	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Leslie Lee	11 WRHS	Lydia Fasthorse	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Darion Wauneka	11 WRHS	Lydia Fasthorse	

Group Singing			
Participant(s)	Grade/School	Teacher	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place: Rock Point Community School</b>			
Wyndelyn Cly	12	Genevieve Smiley	
Crystalana Clark	12		
Christine Mitchell	12		
Rylisha Begay	10		
Brianna Yazzie	10		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Window Rock High School</b>			
Shenoah Cleveland	11	Lydia Fasthorse	
Ananda Wilson	11		
Darion Wauneka	11		
C'Anna Peshlakai	11		
Leslie Lee	11		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Window Rock High School</b>			
Juliet Tsosie	11	Lydia Fasthorse	
Shavonna Yazzie	11		
Jaron Roanhorse	12		
Shandiin Collins	11		
Ethan Barton	11		
Marion Ynun	11		
Sophia Y	12		
Michael Price	11		



Storytelling			
Participant(s)	Grade/School	Teacher	
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Show and Tell (Speech)			
Participant(s)	Grade/School	Teacher	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Arminiquez Yazzie	11 WRHS	Lydia Fasthorse	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Sasha Tsosie	11 WRHS	Lydia Fasthorse	
Jawaynson Yazzie	9 RUCS	Leatrice Primeaux	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Jason Nelson	12 WRHS	Lydia Fasthorse	



Skits			
Participant(s)	Grade/School	Teacher	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place:</b> Makaylin Dan	11	Lydia Fasthorse	
Derion Long	11		
Leander Charley	10		
Sheldon Betsoi	11		
Arminiques Yazzie	11		
Shavonnah Yazzie	11 WRHS	Lydia Fasthorse	
Morgyn Stanley	11		
Darion Wauneka	11		
Jaron Roanhorse	11		
Ethan Barton	11		
C'Anna Peshlakai	11		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place:</b> Ethan Begay	9 RPCS	Leatrice Primeaux	
Deion Descheny	9		
Shelby Chee	9		
Sherlena Teller	9		
Ethan Barton	11		
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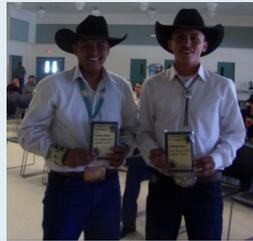
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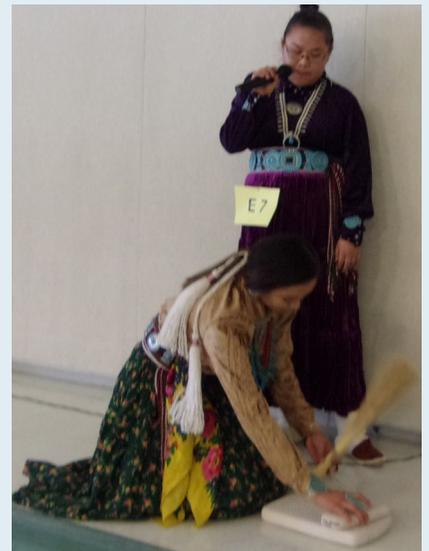
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WRUSD judges receiving awards with students participating in the Navajo Language Festival event.







## Tséhootsooí Diné Bi'Ólta' Wóózhch'íid—March 2019

Damóo	Damóo Biiskání	Damóo dóo Naakiji	Damóo dóo Tágiji	Damóo dóo Di'iji	Nida'iiniish	Damóo Yázhí	
TDB Parents and Guardians, All after school arrangements are due to our office in writing or email before 1:00 p.m. during regular school days. Early release Days after school arrangements are due to our office before 12 p.m. Thank you					1	2	
3	4	5 Tsiiyéél/Tsiináztí'	6 Traditional Dress up WRUSD Brd. Mtg. 6pm Admin. Bldg. TDB Early Release at 1pm	7 Yódi	8 End of 3rd Quarter - TDB Early Release at 1pm Kids Heart Challenge ENDS Kdg. snack Sale	9	
10 Daylight saving time—Spring Forward	11 Kélchi 6th grade snack sale  Emergency Make Up Days, WRUSD	12 Tsiiyéél/Tsiináztí' 5th grade snack sale  In session	—WRUSD Spring Break—District Closed—			15	16
17	18 Kélchi One Book event BEGINS 4th grade snack sale	19 Tsiiyéél/Tsiináztí' Student Book Project Order forms due to Parent Educator. 3rd grade snack sale	20 WRUSD Full School Day TDB Spring Carnival 5pm to 8pm Cafeteria 2nd grade snack sale	21 Yódi  1st grade snack sale	22  2019 Hazhó'ó Hólne' WRUSD Administration Building Kdg. snack sale	23  Writing Conference	
24	25 Kélchi  Student Council snack sale	26 Tsiiyéél/Tsiináztí' Complete Student Book Project are due to Parent Educator 6th grade snack sale	27 Traditional Dress up WRUSD Full School Day  5th grade snack sale	28 Yódi TDB Title I PAC mtg./ Family Literacy Night 5:30pm Cafeteria 4th grade snack sale	29 Student Book Project Ship out to company to start publishing 3rd grade snack sale	30	
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All individuals who come on site to check out a student (s) will be required to show a valid ID.</li> <li>Please update your contact information, phone numbers and addresses by contacting TDB Front Office 928.810.7733 or TDB Parent Center 928.810.7734. Thank you.</li> </ul>						

03/05/19

Dear Colleagues,

Today is the **FINAL DAY** in the **Kids Heart Challenge!**

**We have collected \$1,597.40 and we need \$403.00 to reach \$2,000!**

With your permission, students may bring their Collection Envelopes to me in Room 113 where I will count their money and issue a receipt along with any "Thank –You Gifts" that they may have earned.

Thank you for your support of the **Heart Heroes** in our school.

Teachers, you can also make a donation to the **American Heart Association** and join our students to support their lifesaving work.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Duane Yazzie, Teacher-Librarian  
Tséhootsooí Diné Bi'Ólta' (TDB)

P.O. Box 559

Fort Defiance, AZ 86504

(928) 810-7733

# HAZHÓ'Ó HÓLNE' WRITING CONFERENCE

REVITALIZATION: HOLISTIC HEALING THROUGH GROWTH



**MARCH 22-23, 2019**

**FORT DEFIANCE, AZ**

WINDOW ROCK UNIFIED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #8 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
CORNER OF N. 7 AND N12- WEST OF  
TMC HOSPITAL HSG.

**REGISTRATION ONLINE  
CONTACT INFORMATION**

CASEY LONG  
(505) 722-2185  
CASEYL@COPEPROJECT.ORG



**Class Motto:** "I am ready to face any challenge that might be foolish enough to face me" By Dwight Schrute  
**Class Flower:** Yellow Rose  
**Class Colors:** White & Navy Blue  
**Class Song:** "Fire Works" By Katy Perry  
**Commencement:** May 24, 2019 @ 12:00 PM



**REMEMBER : STOP FOR FLASING RED SCHOOL BUS LIGHTS**

Arizona law requires drivers to stop for a school bus displaying two alternately flashing red lights. Drivers must stop no less than 20 feet from the school bus and shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer activated.

A citation failure to stop for school bus may result in a fine. So please slow down and stop at all times. Thank you and safe driving!

**WRHS 2019 Graduation**

**April 5th Due Dates**

- **Cap & Gown payments due no later than April 5th; Fee: \$35**
- **Pictures will need to be turned in**
- **Parent gift: Students voted school jackets as gifts to parents. Fee: \$50**



**Reminder.... if your child will be absent from school for any reason, please call the school office by 8:00 a.m.**

**Tséhootsoí Intermediate Learning Center : 928-729-6825**  
**Tséhootsoí Middle School: 928-729-6819**  
**Tséhootsoí Diné Bi'Olta': 928-871-7733**  
**Window Rock High School 928-729-7003**

**UPCOMING TESTING:**

March 1-22 AZELLA Spring Reassessment Testing  
 March 1-3 NAEP (Math, Reading & Science) 8th grade only  
 March 25-29 AIMS Science Computer-based Testing

## Tséhootsoof Diné Bi'Ólta' March 2019

### PARENT INFORMATION

\* All after school arrangements are due to our office in writing or email before 1:00 p.m. during regular school days. Early release Days notices are due to our office before 12 p.m. This is done to ensure that all students report to designated places accordingly without confusion. There are times that our phone lines and internet lines have been disrupted leaving us without email access.

If you have any questions call TDB Parent Center 928.810.7734 or Front Office 928.810.7734.

#### \* 2019 Navajo Nation Science Fair results. K- 4th Gr. Division winners:

2nd Gr. Bryson Bennallie - 5th place in Engineering & Computer  
 2nd Gr. Sara Fonseca - 5th place in Chemistry  
 4th Gr. Robyn Billison - 4th place in Behavioral Science  
 4th Gr. Layla Begay - 4th place in Behavioral Science

#### \*5th - 6th Gr. Division winners:

6th Gr. - Tyler Bennallie - 2nd place in Engineering & Computer Science  
 5th Gr. - Santanna Benallie - 2nd place in Behavioral Science  
 6th Gr. - Jade Haven - 5th place in Environmental Science

\* The WRUSD and Academic Programs Department are very pleased to partner with the COPE project for the 2019 Hazhó'ó Hólne' Writing Conference. This year's theme is "Revitalization: Holistic Healing Through Growth" which will guide our workshops in finding balance (Hózhó).

We are inviting our staff, students, parents and community members to participate. This is a free event and open to all participants. Snacks will be provided, but lunch will be on your own.

So, Save the date for March 22-23, 2019 and an optional Writing Excursion on Sunday, March 24, 2019. The location will be at our WRUSD Administration Building here in Fort Defiance, Arizona.

Registration closes Friday, March 15, 2019. Click the link below to register today.

[https://goo.gl/forms/fAEeL\\_Y2awdQJKTRx1](https://goo.gl/forms/fAEeL_Y2awdQJKTRx1)

Any questions, or comments please contact Casey Long at (505) 722-2185 or [caseyl@copeproject.org](mailto:caseyl@copeproject.org).

#### \* TDB Studentresures Book Project Time Line:

March 19, 2019 - Order forms due to Parent Educator/Parent Center.

March 26, 2019 - Complete Kits are due to Parent Educator.

March 29, 2019 - Ship out Student Book Project to company to start publishing.

Dr. Audra Platero  
 TDB Principal  
[audrap@wrschool.net](mailto:audrap@wrschool.net)

Velda Anderson  
 TDB Secretary/Registrar  
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 928.810.7733

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[gcreed@wrschool.net](mailto:gcreed@wrschool.net)

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 Liaison  
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 TDB Nurse  
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[leahh@wrschool.net](mailto:leahh@wrschool.net)

Tsehootsooi Dine Bi'Ólta' Title I  
 Parent Advisory Committee  
 Meeting/Family Literacy Night:  
 Thursday, March 28, 2019  
 5:30 p.m.  
 TDB Cafeteria

If you have any questions call  
 TDB Parent Center  
 928.810.7734

AIMS Testing  
 March 26 to March 28, 2019  
AzMerit Testing  
 April 1 to April 10, 2019

#### Vision

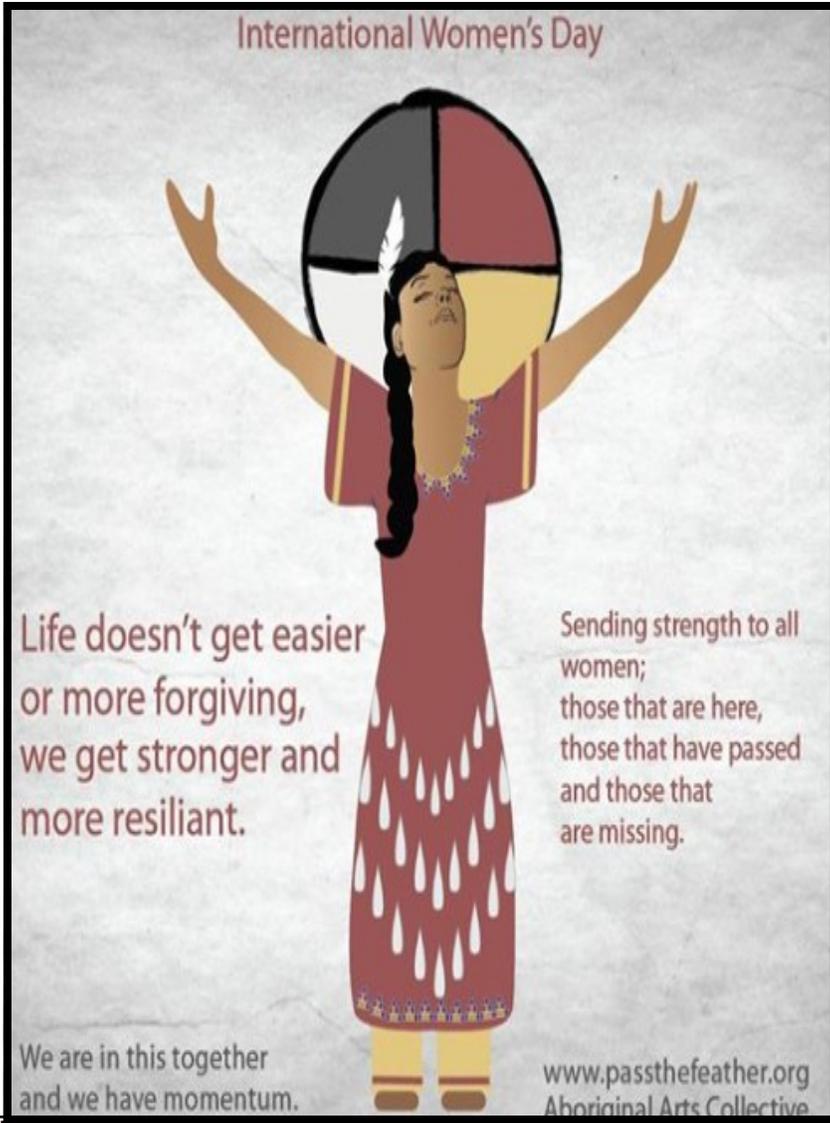
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#### Mission

Biníiyé'Áhát'íníqíí: Ákchíní' Diné bizaad yee ádée' hólzin dooleet: yik'ida'díí'í'í', nideizoh, dóó dayó'í'í'.

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 \*\*\*Translation services are available through the Office of the Superintendent. Please see call: (928) 722-6706 for translation services.



**IMPORTANT DAYS**

**End Quarter Three**  
Friday, March 8

**Daylight Saving Time**  
Sunday, March 10

**Regular School**  
March 11-12

**Spring Break**  
March 13-14

**EVERYONE'S WELCOME**  
**Hozho'ó Hólne'**  
**Writing Conference**  
March 22-23  
WRUSD Admin Bldg

**TPLC Title One**  
**PAC Parent Meeting**  
March 26th @ 5:30 PM

8th of March is Women's Day. Stand up tall and let your ribbons touch Mother Earth. You are loved and you are valued.

*"Working together is like making a word.  
If one of the letters is missing, the word just won't make"*



**Happy St. Patrick's Day!** 

**Important Reminders:**

**If you have change your phone number, address, email and other documents, come in and update your information at the school sites.**

**Thank you!**



**LET 'S STAY CONNECTED**

Follow us on Facebook@windowrockunifiedschooldistrict

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB:**  
WRSCHOOL.NET

## Information on School Schedule Changes Due to Snow Days as of 2/27/2019



Parents, Guardians and Students: You may be wondering how the missed days due to weather affect make-up days, so we have put together some answers to these concerns and questions.

We have been encouraged by the Office of the Interim Superintendent, Dr. Ben to apply make-up days to **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** due to the winter conditions that impacted our school district.

As a result, our Spring Break will be shortened by two (2) days. In addition, we will also be having regular full school days on **all ½ days-Wednesday's beginning March 20<sup>th</sup> through the remainder of school year.** Please plan accordingly to the new school dates and schedules.

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 15-341.01, Window Rock Unified School District must provide 180 days of instruction each year so each day missed must be made up. We will continue to keep you updated with new information as soon as possible by the WRUSD website: wrschool.net, Facebook, district newsletters, and automatic school messaging system.

At this point, we know these school closures and delays have not been easy for any of us, but please understand that the safety of our students and staff is our number one priority and will always be the basis for any decision to amend the school day. Again, thank you very much for your understanding as we address this unprecedented winter weather this school year. If there should be any additional questions, please call 928-729-6706.

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## Window Rock Unified School District #8 Governing Board Meeting Dates

*July 10, 2019\**  
*August 7, 2019*  
*September 11, 2019 \**  
*October 2, 2019*  
*November 6, 2019*  
*December 4, 2019*  
*January 15, 2020 \**  
*February 5, 2020*  
*March 4, 2020*  
*April 1, 2020*  
*May 6, 2020*  
*June 10, 2020 \**



Meetings are held in the board room, located in the administrative building, beginning at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted on the posted agenda.

*\* Denotes change in normal meeting schedule*

# WRUSD #8 Seeking Superintendent

## Application Information

### WINDOW ROCK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Window Rock Unified School District, located in Fort Defiance, Arizona, seeks an individual with visionary leadership and strong administrative skills to lead their district of 1,946 students.

Interested candidates may apply online at [www.applitrack.com/azsba/onlineapp](http://www.applitrack.com/azsba/onlineapp)  
[Arizona School Boards Association Executive Search Service ASBA](#)

To receive consideration, an applicant's file must be completed and filed with ASBA by 12:00 p.m. (noon) Az. Time on March 13, 2019. The search process is scheduled for one interview. In a one interview process names of candidates invited to interview will be announced to the public at the time the Board screens applications.

Questions should be directed to: **Arizona School Boards Association Executive Search Service ASBA**

*Please do not contact the Board of Trustees or District directly*