

WINDOW ROCK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
"Enhancing Change For Student Learning"
**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Happy New Year from Window Rock Unified School District!

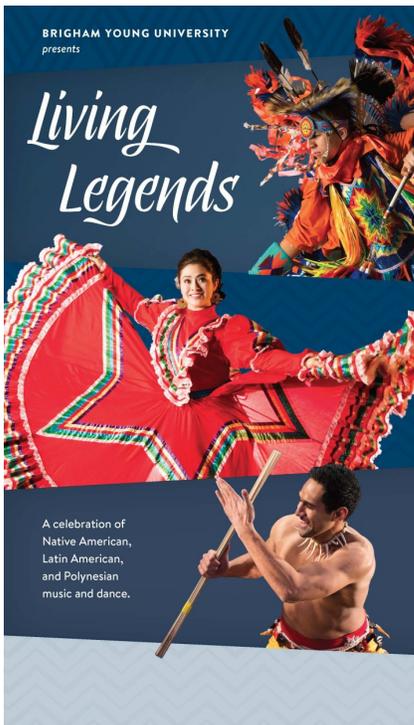
Unbelievable as it may seem, it is 2018 and the third quarter of school has begun. The entire staff looks forward to working with you to help your children reach their full academic and personal potential. We are ready to make 2018 a year filled with success through hard work and dedication by providing students with daily opportunities to grow. The hard work is the responsibility of us all – teachers, students, staff, families, and administrators. I know together we can make learning an exciting venture!! Together, we can make it happen!

Respectfully Yours,

Lynnette Michalski



LIVING LEGENDS SPECIAL PERFORMANCE JANUARY 26, 2018



The WRUSD is a very special stop for the Brigham Young University Living Legends. This tour celebrates the cultural heritage of Native Americans, Polynesians, and Latin Americans, BYU Living Legends presents an energetic performance that combines spectacular choreography, costumes, and music into one captivating 90-minute show. Feel the rhythms of the Samoan slap dance, move to the music and dance of the Mexican mariachi, and experience the legendary Native American hoop dance!

The student performers of Living Legends are all of native descent. In addition, all costumes and choreography are authentic representations designed to deliver a cultural experience for audiences of all ages. BYU Living Legends tours regularly throughout the United States and overseas, including in Asia, Europe, Africa, Central America, the Bahamas, and most recently the South Pacific.

Living Legends is produced by the Department of Dance in the College of Fine Arts and Communications at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Location of Performance: Bee Holdzil Fighting Scouts Events Center

General Admission: \$5.00 per person

You can also buy tickets online at tix.byu.edu

For additional information please contact, Theresa Benally at 928.729.6822

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

As the Window Rock Unified School District continuously moves forward with all aspects of school improvement, we will be doing a yearly assessment.

It is vital that our students, parents, IEC Members, P.A.C., and the community be actively engaged by participating in the Continuous Needs Assessment process.

We invite you to be part of this process. If you are interested, please reach out to the building Principal and ask for the dates and timelines for each site to complete the C.N.A.

A Path of Success In Creating Real, Lasting Health Changes.

When you have a positive attitude and outlook, you are ready to rock a brand new year. This year all district employees are encouraged to sign up for a free membership with the Window Rock Wellness Center this month. The wellness staff will be on site to answer questions, complete a basic screening and enroll new members. Members can expect a full calendar of classes including indoor cycling, aerobics, kick-boxing, Zumba dancing, and yoga. The center exercise equipment ranges from treadmills, cross trainers, steppers, bikes, smith machine, and cable station.



8TH ANNUAL KESHMISH CELEBRATION

Every year our district plays host to a favorite event that brings school, families and community together in celebration of our students. Our departments and schools worked tirelessly in the support and production of this event which sees an average attendance of 2,000. Our Bee Holdzil Fighting Scouts Events Center was filled with special student performances. We also celebrated another successful year of partnership with Toys for Tots and the Navajo Nation Police Department.

WINDOW ROCK HIGH SCHOOL

Window Rock High School is very proud of our parents/guardians, students and community for supporting an increase in our daily attendance!

On January 9, 2018, our first day of Galileo Testing, our students averaged a 99 % attendance rate for grades 9 thru 12!! We are hoping to bring this high level of attendance **EVERY DAY** to our high school!

Our 100th day count for this year will be January 16, 2018!!!

On January 16th, 2018, let's really show the State of Arizona that our students love to come to school!!!

At Window Rock High School, because of the strong support from our parents, student, faculty and staff, we have reduced our State reportable incidents **from 271 (the first semester 2016) to 47 (the first semester 2017)!**

Our credit Recovery classes have exploded with our students completing their coursework in specific content areas!!

Our teachers, Mrs. McClellan, Mrs. Yonnie and Mr. Shrestha facilitated our student completions from 137 in Quarter 1 to 195 for Quarter 2.

In 2009 our student tardies for the year were over 34 thousand! In the first semester of 2017, student tardies were 708!!!

Our students continue to be outstanding in character, action and Scout Pride!

TRANSPORTATION



MORNING AND AFTERNOON STUDENT DROP OFF

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle, ride the bus, get dropped off or picked up in the family vehicle to school, it is very important that they and the motorist around them take proper safety precautions when arriving and leaving the school parking lot or drop off zone. Each school site within the WRUSD has designated areas for drop off and pick up for both before and after school.

The most common form of travel to school for students is the family car, which results to a lot of cars in school zones at the same time. Eliminating all distractions is key to keeping children safe.

Although you may have never received an actual list of do's and don'ts for the school parking lot or drop-off/pick-up zones, there are some straightforward unwritten rules that parents should be aware of. Keep your place in line, staying off your phone, and making sure your child has all of their belongings ready, leave home five to ten minutes ahead of your usual time, can help in making sure that your child gets to their respective destinations safely and on time.

It is important to remain patient while in line to drop off or pick up your child. Pull up when the car in front of you pulls up; so that other parents can get closer to the designated drop off/pick up location. Avoid stopping on the

crosswalk and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Do not leave your car while in the drop off/pick up line, this causes a disruption in the flow of traffic. If you need to exit your vehicle, park in the designated parking areas marked for visitors.

It's important to pay attention. Waiting in line is no fun for anyone, keep in mind that you are not the only one in a hurry, and remember everyone's time is valuable.

Most importantly, put the phone down. Avoid being distracted by your cell phone while on school property. There will undoubtedly be a lot of traffic as well as a lot of children, making it more important than ever to be as alert as possible. Drivers have a lot to pay attention to in school zones, and there is never an occasion that justifies using a cell phone while driving. One call or text can change everything.

What happens in a school parking lot often affects what happens on the streets near the school. It's very important for drivers to slow down, following all posted speed limit signs within the school zones, be patient and pay attention when kids are present especially before and after school.

ANGEL PROJECT

The Security Department held its second annual Angel Tree Christmas Project during the month of December 2017. The success of this project was due to the participation of the school district staff and their families. Names of our elderly community members from Sawmill and St, Michaels were obtained from the local Senior Citizens Center. Upon receiving the names we put up our department Christmas tree and made ornaments with the names of the elderly and placed them on the tree. Staff came in to the office and selected a name or names from the tree,. For staff that were unable to make it to the office requested names or names be delivered to them. It is with great appreciation that we thank each staff member and their families for making it possible to share the love and passion that our elderly are not forgotten during the Christmas season.

Once the gifts were all received , delivery of the gifts were made to each Senior Center.We want to thank W.R.H.S. Miss Native American Kayla Chee who assisted in handing out the gifts to the recipients. As well as, entertaining the elderly with her rendition of Christmas songs in the Navajo language. To see the faces of the elderly when we arrived was an experience that she will not forget during her reign. At one point, we were told that the van was not picking up the elderly because the driver was on another assignment. That did not stop us, we delivered the gifts to each of the elderly homes and they were glad to welcome us into their homes as they opened their gifts to see what they got. Each of the elderly wanted us to let the staff know they appreciated the gifts and to wish each a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In closing, each time that we do this project the true meaning of caring for our elderly emanates the fact that we are here and each one of them lives through us to make a difference in the lives of our children. Take time to visit, care and let our grandmothers and grandfathers know that they are not forgotten. A suggestion was made can we do this again and maybe have a Spring Fling Gift Project.

Thank you Superintendent Michalski for your support in this project.

