

WRUSD NEWS LETTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2 - Governing Board Meeting

May 10 - Employee Recognition

May 14 - Young Author's Night

May 22 - Pre-School Promotion

May 24 - TMS Promotion

May 24 - Last Day of School

May 25 - WRHS Graduation

May 28 - Memorial Day Dist. Closed

June 4-28 - Summer School

June 13 - Governing Board Meeting



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

THE SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an extraordinary year it has been filled with countless achievements and experiences. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have worked side-by-side with us and our staff to meet the needs of your children and our schools. As our students head home for the well-deserved summer break, I want to publicly commend our school teachers, paraprofessionals, principals and all support staff for some truly remarkable accomplishments. Our classrooms are stronger than ever and our students are exceeding past performance. Mark your calendars! **The first day of school is August 2, 2018.**

I wish you and your family a fun-filled summer! Time spent together is so important for the health and well-being of the family. As a mother of two grown daughters, our children's school years pass all too quickly. Treasure this time. Have a wonderful summer!

With warm regards,

Lynnette Michalski, Superintendent



Bika'a' Hadiikah - Elevating to Excellence

K-5TH GRADE SUMMER SCHEDULE

PROGRAM SESSION:

JUNE 4 - 28, 2018

MONDAY - THURSDAY (only)

LOCATION:

TSEHOOTSOOI PRIMARY LEARNING CENTER

MORNING DROP-OFF TIME:

7:15 AM

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME:

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

READING, WRITING AND MATH WILL BE PRIMARY FOCUS

MEALS:

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AVAILABLE

TRANSPORTATION:

BUSES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL STUDENTS

INSTRUCTIONAL TIME:

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ATTENDANCE:

AFTER 2 ABSENCE YOUR CHILD WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM

COORDINATOR: GERALDINE PESHLAKAI
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The end of the school year is here and preparation for Summer School is in full swing. Each year, students within our district leave for summer vacation and tend to lose knowledge and skills while they are out of school for two months. Of course, this does not apply to all students. For those who experience this loss, summer school is provided by our district to help sustain learning they've gained throughout the year and to help promote educational gains. By providing a high-quality summer school program which will provide guidance, support and standards-based instruction in Reading, Writing, and Math; your child will minimize these losses. Students who are recommended to participate in Summer School are encouraged to attend all 16 days.

GRADE K - 5

My name is Geraldine Peshlakai and I will be the K-5th Grade Summer School Coordinator. As program coordinator, I will ensure that teachers provide individualized instruction, have small class sizes and materials to help provide engaging learning activities. Your support and encouragement are greatly needed; parent involvement is very important for ALL students within our district. If your child is not recommended to attend; please encourage them to read continually throughout the summer and review information previously learned. Students participating in this year's Summer School Program will be recommended by their classroom teacher. Students who are being recommended to attend Summer School will be receiving a permission form that must be returned to their classroom teacher. If your child does not receive a permission form, they are not being recommended to participate in summer school. Please communicate with your child's teacher to see if they are being recommended to attend summer school. If they are, please look for the permission form to be sent home and return permission slip form to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, May 11, 2018. I look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please contact me.

NOTE: Students will preview and participate in the next grade level's expectation and curriculum. For example, students who are currently in 1st grade this year will be attending Summer School in a 2nd grade class.

6TH-12TH GRADE SUMMER SCHEDULE

PROGRAM SESSION:

JUNE 4 - 28, 2018

MONDAY - THURSDAY (only)

7:45 - 8:00 AM	BREAKFAST
8:05 - 10:00 AM	MORNING BLOCK 1
10:05 - 12:00 PM	MORNING BLOCK 2
12:00 - 12:20 PM	LUNCH/BUS LOADING
12:35	BUS DEPARTS

COORDINATOR: LAWRENCE SAM
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PHONE: (928) 729-6811 ext. 2810

GRADE 6 - 12

Student selection for Summer School for 2018 has begun at the schools and will continue until May 11th for the 6th - 12th grade students. If your son/daughter is recommended for our 2018 Summer School Program, teachers plan to have many fun and engaging learning activities for all students. The targeted assistance for this summer will include incoming 6th - 12th grade; all courses will take place at Window Rock High School. In order to better prepare for class assignments, we are asking for a commitment from you as parents to send your child to summer school. A permission letter, along with a Registration and Emergency contact form will be sent home on or before Friday, April 30, 2018. Please return the forms by May 11, 2018 to the school; if your child has more than 2 absences (excused or unexcused), your child will be exited from the program.



**Creation & Implementation
of the
Window Rock USD
Leadership Academy
Cohort 1**

We want to provide training and support to help "grow our own" leaders. The first cohort began in January 2018 and will end in December 2018. There will be 12 after school sessions; 6 Saturday sessions; and 4 full day sessions. We have 14 participants participating in Cohort 1.

Topics Covered:

Leadership Pillars
Evaluation Process and Feedback
Short Cycle Observation and Feedback
Coaching strategies and best practices
School Finance and Grants
Data Analysis
PD creating and delivery
Safety/Security
Legal Issues: CPS and Law Enforcement
ESS and ELL Compliance and Practices
Communication
Comprehensive Needs Assessment
School Improvement Plans



This year our administrators and teachers have participated in a wide range of Professional Development opportunities right here in Window Rock! **The following is a brief list of the many topics covered during our early release time on Wednesdays.**

Instructional/Classroom Strategies - Provided by District Employees

Introduction to Data Analysis and SMART Goals
Introduction to Depth of Knowledge - Higher Level Thinking for Students
Depth of Knowledge Questioning and Discussion Strategies
Using Data to Drive Instruction
Using Technology Applications for Project Based Learning
Classroom Management Ideas
Fun Ways to get Kids Writing
Understanding an IEP
Student Engagement Strategies and Questioning
Introduction to effective teaching strategies from the book Teach Like A Champion 2.0

English Language Arts Support for K-5

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt - Journeys Reading Training (K-5)

- Consultant conducts 3 hour training on Small Group Instruction.
- She also conducts team coaching and individual support for all teachers in grades K-5.
- Academic Coaches and Reading Specialists will help support the 90 to 120 minute ELA block.
- Training was provided on the newly adopted writing standards for all teachers.
- Using our trainers of teachers to begin sessions to train teachers in the LETERS program to support reading strategies (TILC and TDB).

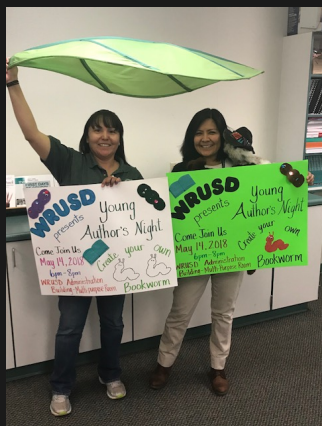
Math

Math Solutions - Math Support

- Consultant Cheryl Johnson provides initial training on August 28th
- Cheryl Johnson will continue to conduct team/individual coaching for teachers as well as several PD sessions on our early release Wednesdays. (August through January)
- Jesus Feliciano (Jet) (WRHS Math Teacher) will provide coaching, support and training for our math teachers throughout the school year. (WRHS, TMS, and TDB Grade 5 and 6)



YOUNG AUTHOR'S NIGHT



**Come pick up your Pre-K
through 6th Graders
One-of-a-kind published book!**

Monday, May 14th

Doors Open at 6 p.m.

**Administration Building
Multipurpose Room**

Activities will include:

**Storytelling in Navajo and
English**

Book Giveaways

Student Activities

Light Refreshments

Questions?

Contact: Theresa Benally

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Kindergarten & PRESCHOOL

EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The preschool program is excited to announce we were awarded the Arizona Department of Education Preschool Development Grant (PDG). This grant allows Window Rock Unified School District to open up an additional preschool classroom that will focus on pre-academic and social skills to prepare our young learners for kindergarten. Students must meet the following criteria in order to attend our PDG classroom (1) Child must be four years old by September 01, 2018 (2) Meet income criteria for free or reduced lunch program (3) Must provide own transportation to and from school (exceptions will be made for students with special needs).

In addition the preschool program will offer a three and four year old classroom that is open for students with special needs along with role model peers. Quality First Scholarships are available for families who qualify. If you don't qualify for a scholarship parents will have to pay a monthly tuition. Students must meet the following criteria in order to attend our integrated preschool classrooms (1) Must be three years old by September 01, 2018 for our three year classroom (2) Must be four years old by September 01, 2018 for our four year old classroom (3) Must provide own transportation to and from school (exceptions will be made for students with special needs).

This is a reminder that all Special Education students will not be recommended for Extended School Year (ESY). Special Education students must meet one or both of the following criterias to be recommended for ESY (1) Regression/Recoupment (2) Critical Learning Stage by their Special Education teacher. If your child is making adequate progress on their IEP goals it is possible they are not recommended for ESY. The recommendation is an IEP team decision determined at the annual IEP meeting. If you have any questions regarding preschool enrollment or ESY please contact Karen Henderson Exceptional Student Service Director at (928) 729-6754.



SAFE SECURE SCHOOLS



It is that time of the year; another school year comes to an end and summer soon approaching. Prom, graduation, promotion is a time for celebration. Please take the time to talk to your young adults about keeping events safe and drug and alcohol-free. This time of year can be a great success if you talk to your teen and let them know how important it is for them to have fun celebrating with their friends but that their safety is most important.

It is important that extra precautions be taken on and off campus by parents and visitors. The last few weeks of school is an exciting time for children and they may become preoccupied and may not be thinking about their personal safety so drivers need to be extra cautious on and off campus, use extra caution when driving through school zones. During those last few days of school, be aware that kids may be arriving or leaving school campus at different times throughout the day. Remind your child to use designated crosswalks, stop, and look and listen before crossing the street.

As the summer approaches and child are no longer in school, their interaction with their teachers come to an end. For some, this can mean, there will be no one outside of the home to interact with. A bored child is one who will easily find mischief. It is important to plan activities that will occupy your child during their summer break, activities that will keep them active, stimulated and will make it easier for them to go back to school. Keep your child safe and engaged in positive activities instead of being bored this summer. When your kids head outside, you also need to keep them safe from summer heat. Make sure that they drink plenty of water, especially if they're participating in outdoor activities.

For parents who are working full time can be a trying time while your child is out of school for the summer. These months can be the most stressful time of the year. How can you keep a child safe, occupied, and supervised while you're at work? It is recommended that children under eight years of age should not be left alone for an extended period of time. Finding a babysitter can also be an added stress, but find someone who is over the age of 13 whom you can trust. Post emergency contact numbers where all family members have access to it.

CONGRATULATIONS to the graduating Class of 2018!

Remember to have fun, relax, and most important, be safe!



Employee Appreciation



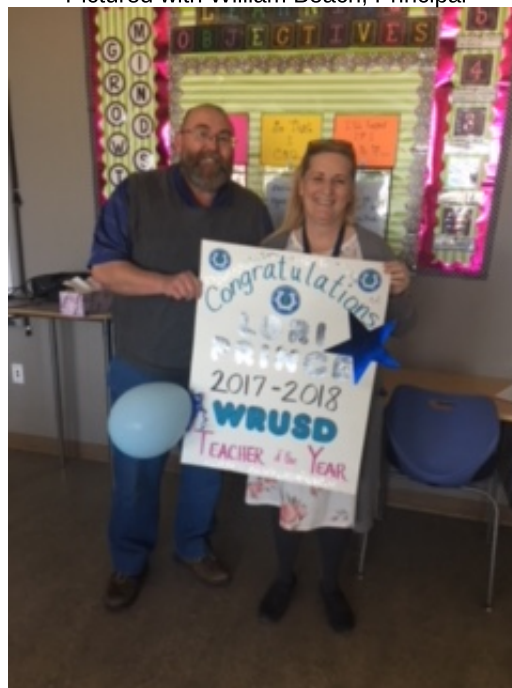
Teacher OF THE YEAR



Cynthia Smiley, Secretary
Athletic Department

Pictured with William Horsley, Principal, Art Ben, Asst.
Principal, Susan Clement, Asst. Principal, William
McLaughlin, Athletic Director

Lori Prince, 6th Grade Teacher
Tsehootsooi Intermediate Learning Center
Pictured with William Beach, Principal



Classified EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Tsehootsooi Middle School

Kelly Ann Yazzie

District Wide

Pam Hepler

Tsehootsooi Primary Learning Center

Terry Lewis
Lula Bia

Tsehootsooi Dine Bi'Olt'a

Elsie John
Melanie Mitchell
Teresa Yazzie
Grace Etsitty
Velda Anderson
Carrie Anderson
Kanasta Chee

JoDonna John
Jeffery Tsosie Sr.
Nellie Blackgoat
Alice Joe
Mary Begay
Kaye Begay
Herman Cleveland



SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

KIDS EAT FREE (AGES 18 AND UNDER)

Summer is coming soon and you may be thinking about what your child will do for meals while school is out. The good news is that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has partnered with Window Rock Unified School District to serve free meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). It's food that's in, while school is out. There are no income requirements, and any child age 18 and younger may come to eat.

Listed below are the locations, dates and times meals will be provided.

Location	Date	Breakfast	Lunch
Tsehootsooi Middle School	June 4th - July 19th	7:30 - 8:30 am	11:30 - 1:00 pm
Sawmill Elementary School	June 4th - July 19th	7:30 - 8:30 am	11:30 - 1:00 pm
Tsehootsooi Dine Bi'Olt'a	June 4th - 28th	7:30 - 8:30 am	11:30 - 1:00 pm
Window Rock High School (Summer School Site)	June 4th - 28th	7:30 - 8:30 am	11:30 - 1:00 pm
Tsehootsooi Primary Learning Center (Summer School Site)	June 4th - 28th	7:30 - 8:30 am	10:30 - 1:00 pm

Adult(s): Breakfast: \$2.25 Lunch: \$3.25





Window Rock Unified School District #8 Governing Board

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