

Leupp Elementary School: No Excuses!



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Red House Clan

Yucca Strung-in-a-line Clan

Red Bottom Clan

Towering House Clan



Principalship – Multiple Hats

Counselor

Parent

Pawnshop

Community Leader

Spiritual Leader

Team Player

Planner

Innovator

Leupp, Navajo Nation, AZ



- Very Rural Community (SW NN)
- Border Towns – Flagstaff, Winslow
- Ranching Base, Some Agriculture
- Christian, Traditional, NAC
- Language/Culture still in practice
- 2 Elementary, 1 High School
- Tooh Dineh Industries, Navajo Nation Govt., Schools, Winslow Indian Health Care, Kinder Morgan

Leupp Elementary School

- Demographics
- Only Flagstaff Unified School District School located on the Navajo Nation
- Title 1 School
- Preschool – 5th Grade (200 students)
- 99.9% Navajo
- 17 % ELL Students
- 100% Free Lunch
- Serve three communities – Birdsprings, Leupp, and Tolani Lake



Historical Outlook - Education

- Boarding School Era – Assimilation in mainstream culture
- Leupp Boarding School – one of the largest boarding schools on the Navajo Nation
- Psychological impact of assimilative practices on current school systems



Challenges...

Families

Single Parent Households

Fatherless/Motherless homes

Grandparents raising grandchildren

Language Barrier (Navajo/English)

Access to the internet (1:1)

Transportation

Formal Ed./Vocational Ed.

Remoteness of residence

Decrease in Language/Culture

Government

Leadership

Economic Development

- Business Plan
- Agriculture Plan
- Master Plan

Community Resources (all levels)

- Local, County, State, National

Law Enforcement/Laws

Social Services – Child Oriented

Poverty Issue

Unemployment

Limited exposure to Mainstream Culture

Domestic Violence

Drug/Alcohol Abuse

Limitation of Choice

Literacy/Language

Relationship Issues

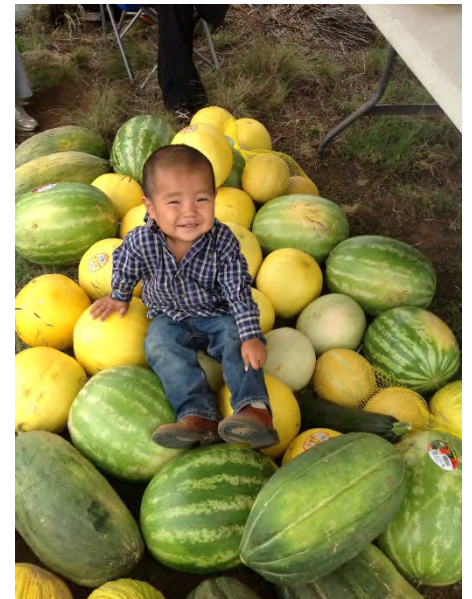
Lack of Housing

Lack of Utilities

Suicide

Becoming a learner of your students – know their cultural values

- We have to familiarize ourselves with the students and their home life
- Example – Teacher/Staff field trip at the beginning of the year
- Onboarding from Navajo Lang/Culture Teacher
- The language and cultural practice of your students' lives



Becoming a learner of your students – know their cultural values

- Relationships – In our case, clanship. Establishing trust (Boarding School Era)
- Communication – What is the best form of communication? Time? Language?
- Parenting – The socio economics of the household
- Strengths of the families
- Language gap – Use of a primary language

Becoming a learner of your students – know their cultural values



Partnerships– To Creating Tailored School Experience

- Community Resource Team – Fall/Spring Mtg. List of resources that they can provide to address student/families challenges
- No Excuses University
- Winslow Indian Health Care, Navajo Nation Division of Social Services, Dine Youth, University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University, Coconino County Service Agency, Leupp Chapter, local schools, Leupp Elderly Center, Leupp Farm Board, Tooh Dineh Industries, Twin Arrows Casino, First Things First, Navajo Head Start, Local Churches, Northern Az Food Bank, etc.

Partnerships— No Excuses University







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Tigers are College Bound!



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2019 Little Colorado River FARMERS MARKET

Leupp Public School - Leupp, AZ 8am-11am MST

EVENT DATES: SATURDAYS

- May 11th
- June 15th (7am workshop w/ Tolani Lake Enterprises)
- July 20th (7am workshop w/ Tolani Lake Enterprises)
- August 10th
- September 7th

JOIN US FOR INFORMATION BOOTHS AND ACTIVITIES ALL MORNING:
LOCAL FARMERS, CHILDREN ACTIVITIES, GARDENING TIPS,
FOOD AND HEALTH DEMOS!



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WANT TO START CLASSES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES?

A parent of children 0-5 years old may qualify. Earn up to two credits in Early Childhood.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT

To register or for more information, please attend the **ECEPD GRANT OPEN HOUSE** March 2, 2019 • 9-11am

Participants must attend all four classes:

March 30	April 6
April 20	May 4

Open House and classes located in Leupp Public Schools

For more information call Dora Jaquez and Cotillion Sneddy at (928) 524-7336 or email them at dora.jaquez@npc.edu and cotillion.sneddy@npc.edu

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#FIRST THINGS FIRST

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AZ HEALTH ZONE  **WIHCC**

PRESENTS

FAMILY RESILIENCY NIGHT

Resiliency: the ability to recover from difficulties

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 | 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. MST
Leupp Public School, Leupp AZ

20-Minute Family Enrichment Sessions:

 Art Therapy	 Money Management	 Parenting Tips	 Food Demo Sugar Overload	 Zumba w/ Terri
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Health Booths:

Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention	Nutrition
Youth Wellness	Breathing and Stretching Exercises
Southwest Food Excellence, Inc.	Restoring Balance Physical Activity Program

This material was funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP through the AZ Health Zone. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**FREE EVENT! EVERYONE IS WELCOMED!
DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED!**



Art Therapy





EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING FOR YOUNG MEN
 INSTRUCTOR: MR. TOM CHEE

When: Sunday, September 1, 2019
 Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. MST
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. MST
 Where: Leupp Ranch Camp in Leupp, Arizona
 Who: Young Male ages 7-24 years

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EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING
 Participants will engage in hands-on learning that utilizes the horse as a partner in exploring positive development of:

- Boundaries
- Communication
- Accountability
- Self-respect
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Confidence
- Conflict Resolution
- Self-awareness

ON-SITE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT
 EMAIL: LOUANNA.BENLOW@WIHCC.ORG OR CALL: (928)289-9770
 IF UNDER 18, PARENTAL CONSENT AND ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED.



- Parent/Community Identified Workshops
- Marrying a school event with a skill
- Utilizing the Language/Cultural as our tool
- K'é – Kinship very very useful
- Multi-Perspective Approach (Collaboration)



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Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council

- Parenting Sessions
- Social Emotional Services
- Mental Health Services
- Family 1:1 counseling Services
- Developmental Milestones
- Early Literacy Development
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Resources – i.e., food banks, literacy resources



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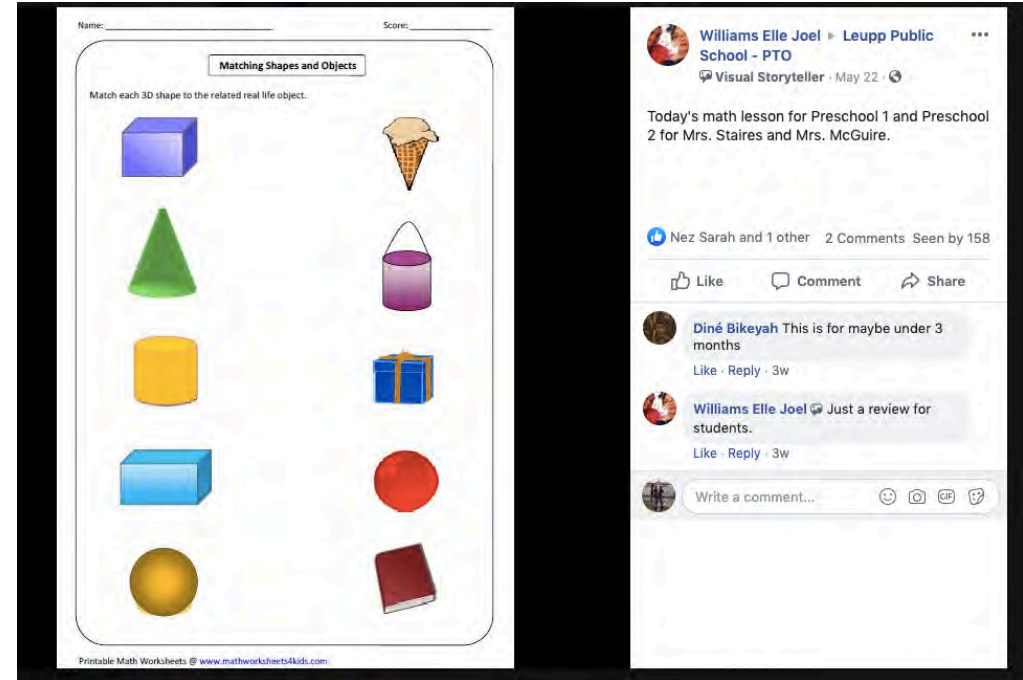
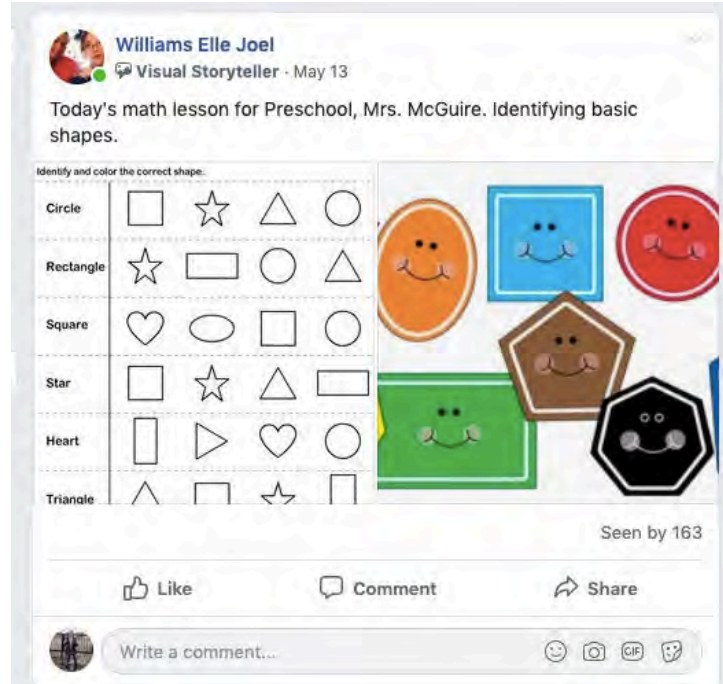
- Parenting University – Workshops
- Open Gym – Literacy Campaign/Health Topics
- Parenting Sessions – In Navajo/NN Judicial System
- Literacy Campaign – Navajo/English
- No Excuses Library – Rolling Library/Mailbox Library



Curriculum – Navajo



Communication with Parents




Our children deserve better...

“Most of your time and effort should be spent not doing great things, but instead doing what needs to be done to lay the groundwork for great things.”

Payleitner, Jay. *What if God Wrote Your To-Do List*. Harvest House Publishers, 2018.

- Collaborate
- Students are first, the decision comes easy
- You make the difference! 😊

LEUPP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE	
962	Entire School 
GRADE LEVELS	
1002	Preschool #1
902	Preschool #2
912	Kindergarten
942	1st Grade
1002	1/2 Combo
1002	2nd Grade
942	3rd Grade
942	4th Grade
11002	5th Grade

Today is
August
15



Tigers Tigers stand your ground, smarter tigers can't be found.
Education makes us sound, look at us, were college bound! After high school comes, COLLEGE!