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WHS Student and Family Newsletter

September ~ Bini'ant'áátsoh [Big Harvest] 2015

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Yá'át'ééh Nihi K'e dóó' Nihi Diné'é,

We welcome all of you back this school year! The month of August was certainly very busy for students, staff, and teachers alike. We have enrolled 485 students this year, and we are currently at the 90% range for attendance. Let's keep that up! Thank you parents and guardians for making sure your students are here on time and are here throughout the week. Good attendance will benefit them and their learning.

Just a quick review of last month:

We started school the first week of August. Students had their schedules ready and they started classes that first day, unless they were late registering. We started testing students for NWEA the second week and ended testing last week. Students were placed in specific classes based on their scores in Reading, Math, Science, and Language Usage. We would like you to encourage your students to do well on the next NWEA because it does give more choices on the classes they can take.

Our JROTC program was also part of the Ceremonial Parade during the first week of school. We certainly appreciate Colonel McKinney in preparing our students with such short notice.

We ended the month with a "Welcome Back to School" celebration for our students. Students had Root Beer floats, attended a dance, played 3-3 Basketball, and some played Soccer. We are looking forward to a fantastic September. ☺

If you would like to add anything to next month's newsletter, send an e-mail to olivia.gonzales@bie.edu

September Events



- **September 4th** – Progress Grades Posted/Report Cards Mailed
- **September 7th** – Labor Day/No School
- **September 15th** – Student Campaign Speeches and 4th Quarter Honor Roll Recognition Ceremony/Incentive
- **September 25th** – Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. and WHS Native Youth Council Performance for Parents/Students 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- **October 9th** – End of Quarter – Grades Posted/Report Cards Mailed



WHS Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, September 25th

2:00 – 6:00 p.m.



Please attend our parent/teacher conferences. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers and check on their progress and get an idea of what their classes are like.

During P/T Conferences, you will have the opportunity to access your student's grades online via Infinite Campus upon check-in. Infinite Campus can be accessed through any computer with Internet connectivity. This gives you the chance to become well informed with your student's progress. Please take advantage of this tool so we can continue to collaborate in meeting the needs of your student.

In addition, WHS Native Youth Council will hold a performance for parents and students from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in recognition of National Native American Day. Students are allowed to dress traditional on this day and if they do not have a full outfit, they may wear moccasins or traditional jewelry with a dress shirt. The youth council will also hold a concession, so empty your piggy bank and support our students by purchasing yummy snacks.

School Hours

First bell **7:55**

Tardy Bell **8:00**

School Ends **3:25**

Important Numbers

School	488-6400
Delay/Closure	488-6400
Attendance	488-6406
Registrar	488-6407
Gloria Arviso, Principal	488-6401
Mark Woestehoff, Asst. Principal	488-6402
Aaron Billie, Head Teacher	488-6417
Margie Long, 11/12 Counselor	488-6415
Marjean Benally, 9/10 Counselor	488-6416



Bear Pride Athletics 2015



The new year is off to a good start in Bear Country. Fall sports are in full swing with Football, Cross Country and Volleyball having competed in and around the local area. Here are some of the highlights for each sport.

Football

The football team was victorious over the Crownpoint Eagles 32 – 8 on August 28, 2015. Quarterback Marcel Wilson threw for 4 TD's connecting with Freshman Parrish Miller for 2 TD's. The team will be in action on Sept. 4, 2015 in Montezuma Creek Utah facing the Whitehorse HS Raiders. The Bears will look to extend their winning streak.

Volleyball

The Lady Bear volleyball picked up where they left off from 2014 by sweeping the Grants Lady Pirates in 3 games on August 27, 2015. Our Lady Bears are the defending District 1AAAA Champions from 2014 and are looking for a repeat for the 2015 season. Team leaders for the Bears are Ashanti Antonio and Keziah Pine; both All District performers from last year.

Cross Country

The Wingate Running Bears kicked off the season at the Tohatchi Invitational on August 28, 2015. Highlights for the harriers included a first place finish for Wingate in the girls division with Chantel Yazzie placing #1 overall. This week the teams will be in action at the Rehoboth Invitational as we look forward to the Bun Buster Classic hosted by Wingate HS on September 19, 2015 at Wingate Elementary Course.

Soccer

We are working on establishing a soccer program here at WHS. We are currently holding practices and recruiting players, both beginners and experienced. We hope to schedule a few games this season, so our athletes can get a good soccer playing experience. Hopefully, this season will create a basis for a full program for years to come.

Al Martinez
Athletic Director
Wingate High School



WHS Teacher Spotlight

Mr. Aaron Billie, Head Teacher

Education:

- Bachelor of Education
Arizona State
University
- Master of Education
Arizona State
University

Who he is:

Mr. Billie is Tsinaajinii born for Bit'ahnii. His maternal grandparents are Kiiya'aanii and paternal grandparents are Haaltsooi. Mr. Billie was born and raised in the Gallup area. He enjoys family time and traveling.

His philosophy:

"This western education is secondary to our own cultural beliefs and language. Be proud of who you are and where you are from." ~Mr. Billie

2015 WHS Student Council - Election and Candidates

It is that time of year again! The current Student Council will finish their terms and you will have the opportunity to hear from your favorite candidates on September 15th in the gym during campaign speeches.

Student Council is a committee that represents the student body throughout the year by pushing for change in certain areas, holding events, and contributing to the school in a positive manner. Positions in Student Council are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.



Check out the current candidates and decide who will best represent you.

Vote on Wednesday, September 16th

VOTE

President Candidate(s):



Samantha Henry 12th

"Have faith in the unknown"



Vince Scott 12th

"Smile, A Better Day Awaits"

Vice-President Candidate(s):



Brandon Kee 12th

"Life is what you make it"



Jamison Long 12th

"Don't be scared to shine bright"

Secretary Candidate(s):



Amber Ambrose 12th

"Don't take life for granted"



Ashleigh Chee 10th

"Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders"



Nixhoni Young 12th

"Face your fears with faith"

Treasurer Candidate(s):



Tanisha Smith 12th

"Marvelous Adventures Await"



Tiana Smith - 12th

"You are my top priority"

