

Title VII Indian Education Program

Anchorage School District

December 2006 Bulletin Updates and Information
For Parents and Students K through 12



Title VII IEP's Evening Program Looks Ahead to Serving Students in the Spring

Special Interest Articles:

- Evening Program Spring Schedule
- 2006-2007 NAC Committee Members
- Native Games Ramps up for NYO '07
- Tips for Family Involvement
- Scholarship Building Workshop for 2007 Grads

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The Title VII Indian Education Program's (IEP) student centered supplemental services, The Evening Program, had a successful Fall semester providing tutoring, family cultural activities, Native Games training, and more to over 60 students. IEP Director, Doreen Brown said that the success is owed in part to the wonderful staff and parent volunteers, including *Rose Teel, Juliann Calkins and Darla Battle*. Parents are encouraged to volunteer for the program.

For the Spring session, the Evening Program is scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:15 - 8:15pm, at Clark Middle School, 150 Bragaw. There are two 5-Week sessions: Jan. 9 - Feb. 8.

Classes are offered in 30-minute sessions by grade level, including: Math and Reading Tutoring for Grades K-12; Homework Help for Grades K-12; Family Cultural Arts and Crafts Projects; Open Gym; Alaska Native Languages Classes-Yupik and Tlingit. For more information, contact our Office at 742-4445.



Students participate in cultural dance at the IEP Evening Program session.

How to Register for the Evening Program

There are three easy ways to register for the Evening Program.

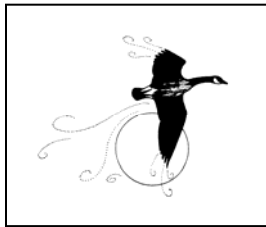
- By Fax 742-4585. Fill out the enclosed registration form and/or downloading a form on-line at www.asdk12.org/depts/IndEd/index/asp
- At the Evening Program on Tuesday or Thursday, 6:00 PM starting Jan. 9, 2007.
- By mail. Complete and mail form to 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd. Anchorage AK 99504.

REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 7 AND CLOSSES JAN. 16, 2007.

For more information on the Evening Program, call 742-4445 or e-mail balluta_marilyn@asdk12.org Chin'an

"The Native Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public, and parents and students are encouraged to attend."

- Doreen Brown, Director, Title VII, IEP



Alaska Native Ways - What our Elders Have taught us:

*Accept what life brings ~ You cannot control many things.
~ Aleut*

Native Advisory Committee Gets Underway for 2006-2007

As the new school year has been underway, so has the Title VII Indian Education Program's (IEP) Native Advisory Committee (NAC). Elections were held at the Annual Meeting, and membership is made up of parents, students and Anchorage School District teachers and staff.

The IEP would like to congratulate and welcome the new members, as well as to thank all members for their continuing service to make sure the IEP is the best that it can be in providing supplemental student services to the Anchorage School District.

2006-2007 NAC Members include:

Parents: Eva Haworth, Dalee Sambo Dorough, Rose Luhrs, Rev. Tammy Red Owl, Ann Saenz, Sheila Sweetsir.

Teacher Representatives: Clara Amidon, Russian Jack Elem., Suzanne Woods, Fairview Elem.

Student Representatives: April Grayboff, East High, Nicki Jordan, East High, LeiLani Lurhs, South Anchorage High.

Non-Voting Members: Catherine Jones, Principal, McLaughlin High School, Shannon Gallagher, Assistant Principal, Mears Middle School.

Native Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule and Topics

January 18, Clark Middle School Library (Guest Speaker and Topic: Laurel Vorachek, Assessment and Evaluation: Alaska Native and American Indian Student Data for 2005-2006)

February 15, Bartlett High School (Guest Speaker and Topic: Guy Okada, Principal: Overview of King Career Center)

March 15, Airport Heights Elementary (Guest Speaker: Karen Reeve, Principal: The Success of the Reading First Program)

April 12, Fairview Elementary (Guest Speakers: Chuck Nygard, Principal and Marty Garrigues, Counselor: Overview of S.A.V.E.)

May 17, TBA

June 12, Boniface Education Center (Guest Speaker and Topic: TBA)

Meetings are open to the public.

Please attend to learn more information about Title VII Indian Education, Native student progress and provide your input.

Let the Games Begin! Native Youth Olympics Training and Pre-Trials Get Underway

The first of Native Games has begun. In preparation for students interested in participating in the annual Native Youth Olympics, several schools have added training and games to their programs. The Alaska Native Heritage Center added Native Games to its after School Program as of Dec. 5.

The annual Native Youth Olympic dates have been selected and are as

follows:

Junior Native Youth Olympics:

January 26-28, and

NYO State Games: April 26-28

For more information contact CITC at 793-3267 or www.citci.com



Supporting Effective Family Involvement

A well-known and research supported fact is that effective family involvement has a positive impact on students, families, and the schools. In particular, when parents actively work directly with their children in the home on learning activities, there is proven success. The Title VII Indian Education Program actively supports parent/family involvement, and the early a parent becomes involved, the more powerful the effect is on student achievement.

To get parents and families involved, it begins at home with learning activities, such as reading, homework or tutoring using materials provided by the teachers. The idea is to focus on improving achievement, and the activity should be designed to engage the family and

students in developing a specific knowledge or skill. Some examples of activities include: parent-education activities, communication between schools and families, volunteer opportunities, at-home learning activities, decision-making opportunities and community collaborations. The more active the involvement, and the more types of involvement, the higher the achievement gains. (source: NSPRA, Parent and Family



Six Effective Family Involvement Activities

1. Parent-education activities.
2. Communication between schools and families.
3. Volunteer opportunities
4. At-home learning activities.
5. Decision-making opportunities.
6. Community collaborations.

Ask today how you can get involved!

Types of Involvement/Types of Activities

Parenting: Expressing expectations about students' education; limiting TV viewing; supervising time use and behavior; teaching children attitudes, beliefs, customs, and social skills, supervising academic work, discussing interests, issues and studies.

Communicating: Family initiated contact about performance and academic programs; post-secondary plans.

Supporting Schools: Volunteering and attending school activities.

Learning at Home: Interactive homework; ways to help students practice and study for tests; information about expectations; encouraging college.

Decision making: participatory roles in parent-teacher-student organizations; school advisory councils; committees; school site improvement teams; school advocacy groups.

Scholarship Building Workshop Available

Junior or Senior High School students are you interested in developing a Scholarship Portfolio for college preparation, Title VII Indian Education Program Staff can help! If you can commit to this project on Thursdays from 6:15-8:15 PM, beginning Jan. 9 to Feb. 9, 2007, please call our Office at 742-4445 for additional information.

*Juniors and Seniors
Looking ahead
To college?
Now is the time
To begin building
your scholarship
portfolio!*

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December - January Highlights

Dec. 22: State released grade reporting day.

Dec. 22: End of Second Quarter

Dec. 22 - Jan. 5: Winter Vacation

Jan. 8: Third Quarter begins

Jan. 9 - Feb. 8: Evening Program begins, 6:15 - 8:15pm, Clark Middle School, 150 Bragaw St.

Jan 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - no school

Jan. 18: Native Advisory Committee meeting, Clark Middle School Library, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Next Issue will come out in Jan./Feb. 2007

The next issue of the Title VII Indian Education Program Parent Bulletin will be sent as the second term of the school

year begins. Look for news you can use as parents and as students to assist Alaska Native student success in grades K-12.

The Parent Bulletin is now

available on the Title VII IEP web site - go to:
[http://asdk12.org/depts/
IndEd/newsletter/index.
asp](http://asdk12.org/depts/IndEd/newsletter/index.asp)

About The Title VII Indian Education Program . . .

The Indian Education Program of the Anchorage School District has staff in 50 schools within the district. The program concentrates its efforts in three areas: academic assistance, counseling, and cultural enrichment. Unfortunately, there is not enough funding to place staff in every school. However, if you or your child is interested in participating in activities, please call our offices at 742-4445. The Indian Education Resource Room is located at 5530 E. Northern Lts. Blvd., Anchorage.