

HEMISH EDUCATION ---QUARTERLY----NEWSLETTER--

January 2023

THE STATUS OF THE JEMEZ LANGUAGE



On November 30th 2022, the Education Department held a community meeting at the Youth Center to discuss the current state the Jemez language is in and how it may be addressed.

The community meeting was comprised of a dinner, door prizes, presentations on the severity of language loss, and an open mic for people to express their feelings on the Jemez language.

This meeting allowed members of the community to share opinions and personal stories about the Jemez language and what it meant to them.



As to the success of the night, Assistant Director of the Education Department Dr. Stephanie Mack had this to say:

"Such a tremendous and important step forward; discussing sustaining language in a community town hall setting! I look forward to seeing this work continue on February 22nd! Please do mark your calendars and plan to join us. We look forward to bringing community feedback to you and discussing next steps based on comments."

Please join us again for the February 22 Language Community Meeting!





"We had a wonderful time sharing a meal and creating holiday art with the Childcare and Head

Start families"



Walatowa Child Care



CHILD CARE AND HEALTHY EATING

For the month of December the Child Care Providers are concentrating on Healthy Eating habits and proper use of utensils. We all know that December is a big time for sweets, food and family gatherings.

Our mealtime atmosphere and the attitude and behavior of our childcare providers are important to the development of healthy eating practices. Children should be relaxed and happy when they are eating. Mealtimes are shared with the providers and children to give them a sense of family.

Childcare providers are working on developing and encouraging healthy eating patterns and positive attitudes to food and also the proper use of utensils. Children learn from others about how to eat and use utensils. While prepping the food, the silverware, table settings, and all parts of the meal are taught in our Jemez/Towa language.

All activities have been Christmas
Holiday themed and they made lots of
decorations to take home to their families
to enjoy.

Holiday Crafts















Walatowa Head Start Language Immersion Program

A big thank you to the Waquie Family Foundation for our Head Start childrens' Christmas gifts!



















Adobe Classroom

For the month of December, children in the Adobe classroom were busy in participating and learning about cultural events and Christmas activities.

- Monday, December 12th: We went on a nature walk to the plaza to see the Matachina Dance. Children were on their best behavior and sat still while enjoying and watching the dances.
- Thursday, December 15th: Children and families participated in a Christmas Family Event held at the Youth Center. Children were happy and excited that parents joined them in making Christmas activities. Everyone had a great time!
- Friday, December 23rd: We had a fun day by having a classroom Christmas party. All the children received presents. We would like to thank the Waquie family for donating gifts and making all the Head Start childrens' wishes come true. May they be blessed with happiness and a healthy life.

Hemish Classroom

For the month of December, the Hemish class was working hard and getting ready for the holidays. The children were excited to learn about the Winter activities happening in the community. The Hemish class was able to take a walk down to the village to experience and pray in the clan houses during Winter fasting. Some children were curious and had questions. It was nice to know and see that the kids were enjoying their time away from class and learning from the experience. In addition to being gifted with knowledge of our traditional ways, the children were also gifted with big cozy winter jackets to keep them warm throughout the holidays. They deserved all the wonderful gifts they recieved and hope they have the same mindset to learn more as they return back to school. We hope all families will have an enjoyable time with loved ones over the holidays. Wishing you a happy New Year with the hope that we will have many blessings in the year to come. Out with the old, in with the new; may we all be happy and in good health.

Corn Maiden Classroom

For the month of December we worked on our fine motor activities coloring a Christmas tree and deer. The children were learning how to grasp their crayons correctly and with some reminders they finished their activities.

We also went to the village to observe the Matchina dances and all the beautiful artwork on display.

We were also observing the weather from all directions, learning about the wind, clouds, sun, even the moon was out that day, and opening our mouth to catch snow-flurries. We talked about what they are going to observe during Christmas dances and how we use our wildlife for dance attire. Some of the children said they will be participating.

We would like to thank Waquie for their wonderful gifts and the Police Department for their warm jackets that were given to our children. Many thanks for the parents that made it to the family engagement night.

Kiva Classroom

For the past two months, the children in the Kiva Classroom have been focusing on our traditions and culture. Hands on and real life experiences based on our traditional calendar were used. We have been going on nature walks, as weather permits, and learning about the outdoors, weather, and different surrounding areas. The children enjoyed being outdoors and have become proficient in using their gross motor skills. The Kiva Classroom wishes you all a Happy New Year and we will continue our learning as the New Year approaches us.



K-6 HEMISH LANGUAGE IMMERSION PILOT SCHOOL



Hemish Language Immersion Pilot School had an exciting and busy few months surrounding the holidays. Our students not only participated in the regular school subjects, but they were also taught and were able to participate in the traditional events in our village. Our students learned about the Eagle Society and we visited the homes of the members who participated in the initiation process. They learned about proper etiquette and protocols when visiting these homes as well as the prayers that go along with the visit.

During the holidays, our students wanted to show their gratitude to the outgoing leadership so they worked together and baked traditional, pumpkin, and chocolate chip cookies for them. They also created unique ornaments to give to the aides who worked hard this year taking care of our village. We presented these gifts at the December council meeting and our students were eager to introduce themselves to all the respective leaders that were present. It was a good experience for the children because they learned to express their appreciation and represent themselves.

We ended our 2022 school semester strong with our studies and traditional teachings. The students were happy to have a secret Santa party and participate in sharing goodies with each other. It was nice to see the students so excited to have a gathering at school together. We have become a small family at our school and our Christmas party felt like we were right at home with one another. We are excited to start a fresh semester this New Year with new blessings as we continue our school journey together again.

JEMEZ PUEBLO LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

TUTORING

The Jemez Pueblo Community Library will continue to provide homework help Monday through Friday from 3:00pm-5:30 p.m. with tutors coming in on Mondays and Wednesdays. We encourage local schools and parents to send your students for homework help.



PRINTING

The Library will now be charging for print services. Printing fees are as follows: the first 5 black and white copies are free, after that they are 10 cents per copy. Color copies are \$1.00 per copy.



The Library is a place where community members come to read, utilize the computers, and/or study. Please keep in mind that it is not a place for lounging, sleeping, or unauthorized use of closed rooms.

Other programs that would like to request use of the library for other purposes, please ask in advance so room or tables will be reserved as there is tutoring in session. Also, everyone who is visiting the library for the day needs to please remember to sign your name at the front desk at the entrance. Please be respectful when visiting. The library staff is here to serve and support the community. Thanking you in advance!

LANGUAGE TEAM



Language Team members and Jemez historian Chris Toya had taken Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS) students on a trip to learn about Jemez ancestral sites in late 2022.

THE LANGUAGE TEAM MEMBERS

The Language Team consists of ten members sanctioned by the Tribal Council. Presently, there are eight active members:

Merlin Gachupin Margaret Shendo William Tosa Penelope Vigil Stuart Gachupin Rufina Toledo Severiano Toya Lucy Waquie The Language Team was established in 2006 by the Tribal Council through the passage of a Resolution. The Tribal Council recognizes that this Language Team will be comprised of community members who will be responsible for developing strategies for maintaining the language at current levels, increasing the fluency level of marginal speakers, develop a language plan that is appropriate and consistent with protecting the culture, traditions and language of the Pueblo of Jemez.

These individuals were appointed by the Tribal Council. Two other members have been nominated, but are still awaiting their appointment. If there is anyone who would like to share their knowledge about our culture and traditions, you are more than welcome to speak to our group and to our students in the classrooms. We are looking for individuals who are willing to share information that was handed down by our elders or our ancestors who may have passed on.

If you would like to contribute, please contact Eleanor Tafoya at 575-834-9102 or email at eleanor.tafoya@jemezpueblo.org Thank you.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII OF HILO TRIP





In collaboration with the University of Hawaii at Hilo, the Jemez Language Immersion Licensure Program visited the Hawaiian language based programs and Hawaiian Immersion school sites.

"One has to first understand about the Hawaii Language Immersion program as a grassroots effort to revitalize the Hawaiian language and to bring it back from the brink of extinction as most complex.

Learning the history from the native Hawaiins themselves gave me much insight to what it takes to preserve your identity. This visit was very educational, inspirational and unforgettable. I wish to go back one day and see the progress and the preservation of their culture."

• Josh Madalena

"My language immersion site visit was filled with natural beauty including dramatic waterfalls, fertile rainforests, and blooming gardens. The trip to the big island made a significant impression on me. I was especially impressed by the students I met and how respectful they were when sharing with our group. They appeared to be engaged in learning their language, which was exhibited in their ability to use the language.

The students presented themselves as intelligent, interested, and willing to ask questions. They greeted us every morning with a chant. In addition, the students' instructors were good at providing the students direction during the chants. It was an experience I will hold dear in my heart and never forget." - Stuart Gauchupin

"My experience to Hawaii trip was very exciting and interesting to see their culture. My observation of students was that they were well mannered, knowledgeable, and very respectful. I noticed students help each other out in every way and considered themselves as brothers and sisters. The students were talking in their Native language at all times. I encourage our tribal members to keep up with our Native tongue. We are very fortunate we have the ability to speak our language. I want to thank the Towa language team and the Education Department for giving me the opportunity to visit the Hawaiian Islands."



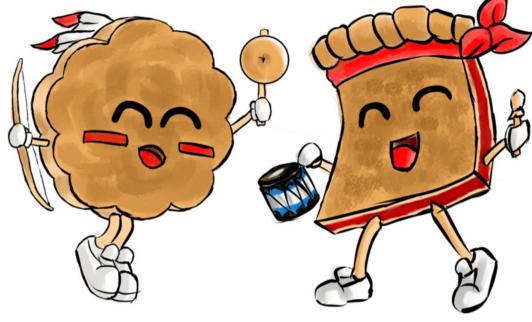
• Severiano B. Toya

NUTRITION









Artwork by Patrick Tosa

NUTRITION NEWS

The Nutrition Program is continuing to stay busy and feed the Language Immersion programs of Jemez. The nutrition program serves breakfast and lunch to the Walatowa Childcare, Headstart and Hemish Language Immersion Pilot School.









Christmas Creative Team Project: Holiday Masks

For Christmas, Helen and the Education Department staff made santa and snowmen masks for the Head Start children. After much work, 52 traditionally themed masks were made and sent out with the kids, who were very excited to receive them!



2022 AV/IT Projects

The AV/IT team has concluded 2022 working on various media projects from the Education Department, having collaborated with the Language Team, Family Circle and local schools. They have worked on documenting local events, marketing for various Education projects, and recording history with educational and traditional leaders from the Walatowa community.



2023 and Beyond

In 2023, the Creative team and AV/IT team will continue to work on additional projects that support the Education Department in expanding the documentation of the Education Department's Reclaiming Education movement, Hemish community, language and history.



Welcome To

CAREER TECHNICIAL EDUCATION



As we enter a new year, students at the Jemez Valley High School are gaining dual credit opportunities. This exciting opportunity stems from a partnership with Northern New Mexico College.

The students currently enrolled in the program have earned four college credits within their first two semesters. The next course listed for students is Electrical Industrial Applications Lab I. During this course, students will learn practical applications and operations in wiring techniques and codes for industrial projects; tools safety, hardware use and installation.

Great job CTE Students!

Topics

- How to work with fractions
- Using basic trigonometric functions
- Introduction to conduit bending
- Conduit types
- Hand fabrication of backto-back beds
- Hand bending offset and kicks
- Splicing conductors
- Installing a duplex receptable
- Proper device installation techniques, GFCI rough in
- Using a hacksaw
- Lifitng and carring conduit
- Hand bending a 90% stubup
- Threading conduit (tapered thread)
- Bending kicks, offsets and saddles using the pushthrough methods
- Segmented bends.



$\overline{JEMEZ} \ \& \ ZIA'S \ INAUGRUAL \ YOUTH \ SUMMIT$

" THIS IS OUR RESILIENCE"

"Learning something new is where I find my peace. It is this peace I wish to share with the members of our community and why my cousin Kiera and I came up with the idea of holding a youth summit. I wish to give back to the community that I fight for, the community that is responsible for my second chance at life."

- Macaiah Shendo









Make your career goals the main priority for your future!

SCHOLARSHIPS

CATCHING THE DREAM: DEADLINES

SUMMER SESSION- MARCH 15 FALL SEMESTER **AUTUMN QUARTER- APRIL 30 SPRING SEMESTER** WINTER OUARTER- SEPTEMBER 15

OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP:

Available for all New Mexico residents earning a undergraduate degree at any instuition listed below.

FAQ: NEW MEXICO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP



What is the New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship?

Established by Gov. Lujan Grisham in 2020, the Opportunity Scholarship covers tuition and required fees for eligible New Mexico residents pursuing career training certificates, associate degrees, and bachelor's degrees at New Mexico public colleges and universities.

Do I qualify for the Opportunity Scholarship?

If you are an established New Mexico resident and plan to enroll in at least six credit hours at a public college or university in New Mexico toward a training certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree, you may qualify.

How do I apply for the Opportunity Scholarship?

There is no application for the scholarship. If you are an eligible student enrolled in a New Mexico public college or university, the financial aid office at your school will work with you to award the scholarship.

What does the Opportunity Scholarship pay for?

The Opportunity Scholarship can be used to cover up to 100% of tuition and required fees at any New Mexico public college or university.

Should I still complete my FAFSA if I am going to receive the Opportunity Scholarship?

Yes! If you qualify to receive federal aid such as a Pell Grant, you can put this money toward other college costs like books, housing, meal plans, transportation, etc.





The Free Application for Federal Student Aid [FAFSA] is your ticket to federal grants, scholarships, work study, and more. It opens annually on Oct. 1. Students are strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA to receive the maximum federal and state aid they may qualify for

Does my school provide the Opportunity Scholarship?

There are 29 participating two-year and four-year colleges for this program:

- Central New Mexico Community College
- Clovis Community College
- Diné College
 Doña Ana Community College (NMSU)
 Eastern New Mexico University Portales
- Eastern New Mexico University Ruidoso
- Eastern New Mexico University I Institute of American Indian Arts
- Luna Community College

- Mesalands Community College Navajo Technical University New Mexico Highlands University New Mexico Junior College

- New Mexico Military Institute New Mexico State University Las Cruces New Mexico State University Alamogordo New Mexico State University Carlsbad
- New Mexico State University Grants
- New Mexico Tech Northern New Mexico College San Juan College
- Santa Fe Community College
- Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute
 The University of New Mexico Albuquerque
 The University of New Mexico Los Alamos
- The University of New Mexico Taos
 The University of New Mexico Gallup
 The University of New Mexico Valencia
 Western New Mexico University

I started college but did not finish. Can I use the Opportunity Scholarship to go back and finish my degree?

Yes! If you have less than 90 credit hours on your transcript toward an associate degree or less than 160 toward a bachelor's degree, you may qualify.

I used to receive the Lottery Scholarship but lost it. Can I be eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship?

If you have not yet finished your degree, you may be eligible if you enroll in at least six credit hours and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA going forward.

FAQ: NEW MEXICO OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP



How do I establish New Mexico residency for purposes of qualifying for state scholarship programs like the Opportunity Scholarship?

To be considered a New Mexico resident for state scholarship eligibility, you must be able to prove that you have lived in New Mexico for the past 12 consecutive months. There are limited exceptions for Tribal members, active members of the armed services, and others. You can review complete residency requirements on our website at hed state.

Does this program require me to enroll each consecutive semester?

Yes, you will need to demonstrate continuous progress toward your certificate or degree. If a documented disability or mitigating circumstance interferes with this requirement, the financial aid office at your college or university can explore options with you to maintain future eligibility.

Can I use the scholarship to go to school in the summer?

Yes! The Opportunity Scholarship can be used to cover the cost of tuition and required fees associated with courses leading to your certificate or degree taken during the summer semester You will need to enroll in at least three credit

If I do not meet the credit hour or cumulative GPA requirements, can I reestablish my eligibility?

If you have not previously received the Opportunity Scholarship, you may be able to establish eligibility and begin receiving the scholarship. However, you must maintain eligibility to continue receiving it.

What certificate programs qualify?

Students enrolled in certain certificate programs leading to careers in high-need fields including healthcare, education, STEM, and technical trades are eligible to receive the Opportunity Scholarship. The Higher Education Department will work with the Department of Workforce Solutions to release a list of eligible

How long can I continue to receive the scholarship?

As long as you continue to enroll in at least six credit hours per semester and are progressing toward an approved training certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree and maintain a 2.5 GPA, you can continue to receive the scholarship. If you are pursuing an associate degree, you can continue to receive the scholarship up to your first associate degree or completion of 90 credit hours, whichever comes first. If you are pursuing a bachelor's degree, you can receive the scholarship up to your first bachelor's degree or 160 credit hours completed, whichever

I need to withdraw. Can I receive the scholarship again in the

If you withdraw, you will not be eligible to continue receiving the scholarship. However, your college or university may be able to work with you if you experience a hardship affecting your eligibility. Please contact the financial aid office at your school directly so that they can work with you to explore options for maintaining eligibility.

I am not a U.S. citizen. Can I still receive this scholarship?

New Mexico residency is required to be eligible for the New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship, but United States citizenship is not a requirement for this particular

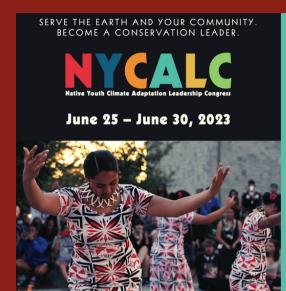
I am a NM resident, but I plan to enroll at an out-of-state institution. Is the scholarship transferable out of state?

The Opportunity Scholarship is only available to New Mexico residents enrolled in New Mexico public colleges and universities. It is not transferable to out-of-state institutions

For More Information on Scholarships, please reach out to Lenora Loretto, Education Services Manager @ (575) 834-6414 or scholarships@jemezpueblo.org

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS





WHAT IS NYCALC?

NYCALC works to build student confidence in their cultural identity as they learn about Indigenous traditions and climate concerns across the United States and territories. This weeklong Congress engages students as they develop conservation leadership skills and build on their knowledge and abilities to address climate challenges in their communities.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Groups of 3 to 5 Indigenous rising high-school seniors*, accompanied by a mentor, from federally recognized tribes in the United States and territories.

Sophomores and Juniors will be considered on a case-by-case basis

WHERE IS NYCALC?

National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Applications open December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023 TRAVEL AND EXPENSES PAID

> NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS SUMMER YOUTH PRACTICUM















VISIT US AT HTTPS://NYCALC.ORG/ FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLYI







ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Department 2023



Set your calendar reminders! In early February 2023, applications will go live for both our Community Outreach and Education Enrichment grants.

Community Outreach: \$5,000 award. Recipients have two years to spend the funding.

Education Enrichment: \$50,000 award. Recipients receive \$25,000 per year for two years.

More information on our funding priorities, application guidelines, and eligibility coming in January!

Check our website, follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram, and sign up for our newsletter to get the latest information.

Important dates in 2023:

- · Early February: Applications go live.
- March 1st: Applications due.
- Late April: Awards announced.
- May: Funds distributed.

Pueblo of Jemez Education

January, 2023



Funding for 2023 tribal land office internships

Are there high school students in your community who are interested in exploring a career in tribal land? ILTF is offering grants for interns (Up to \$10,000 for one intern or \$15,000 for two) to work in tribal land offices in 2023. These internships offer a great opportunity for high school students to participate in a postive enrichment experience, and we encourage tribal staff to apply.

Interns should have completed their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school and have an interest in working on some aspect of tribal land management. The purpose of this program is to provide real-life experience to students, exposure to tribal land issues and the work of the tribal land office.

This internship should extend over a period of 10 or 11 weeks during the summer, with students committing to work 400 hours during that time. Students will be required to keep a brief daily log of their internship activities, which will be submitted along with a 2-to-5-page report to the Foundation detailing what they did and what they learned from the experience.

Please note: In addition to the student reports, supervisors must also complete a report summarizing intern activities, challenges and/or successes to implementing the program in their community and submit quality photographs of the students at work on the job.

Additional information:

- Internships are for high school students only. College students are not eligible.
- Interns cannot be an immediate family member of current department staff.
- ILTF will select the tribal land offices to receive funding.
- Tribal land office staff will recruit and select interns to work in their office.
- Indirect costs cannot exceed 10%



Community Meeting State of the Jemez Language

Presented by Pueblo of Jemez Education Department

February 22, 2023 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Walatowa Youth Center

Come join us! Property of the Come join us!

DOOR PRIZES!

Gift Cards Traditional Items

Many More

