

# Native American Program NEWSLETTER

Tempe Elementary School District, #3  
Spring '16



We at the Native American Program of Tempe Elementary School District, #3 are excited to introduce you to our newsletter. It is the hope of our department to bring to you information that will help you understand and utilize the N.A.P., and connect you to the people that make our program successful, the parents. This newsletter will be available four times a year and will provide answers to questions you may have throughout the year.

If you would like to see something that will be beneficial to our parents and TD3 community, please email us or call.

## Save the Date

Spring Holiday Friday  
March 25

AZ Merit Testing  
Weeks from March 28 through  
April 15

May 3, 2016  
Native American Parent  
Meeting, Bustoz PLC from  
6:00-7:30

May 19  
Last Day of School

Tempe Elementary School  
District #3  
Native American Program  
480-730-7221  
WEBSITE:  
[http://td3-  
nativeamericanprogram.  
weebly.com/](http://td3-nativeamericanprogram.weebly.com/)

Dear JOM Families,

Our Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) Parent Committee of the Native American Program has selected 25 students as recipients for TD3 Summer School Enrichment Scholarships. Students were selected through their parent or guardian's participation in our JOM quarterly parent meetings.

Our JOM Parent Committee approved for recipients to receive a **full** summer school enrollment at TD3 summer school locations, Fees College Preparatory Middle School and Rover Elementary.

We at the N.A.P. and the JOM Committee appreciate parents being involved with our program and wish the summer school child an enriching experience.

Sincerely,

Ronald Stiffarm  
N.A.P. Coordinator



## -Announcements from Diane-

### Parent/Guardian

To receive E-mails, Newsletters, Resources and important information please visit TD#3 website.

ATTENDANCE: Ways on how to improve your child's attendance.

- Talk with child about the importance of attending school and how education helps people succeed.
- Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.
- Support school rules, policy and procedures for being tardy and absent.
- Set high expectations for your child to be in school and on time.

**"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."  
Mattie Stepanek**

### AZ MERIT Dates

All schools have their own schedule during open window.

#### **AZ MERIT Schedule**

\*March 22 - AIMS Science-Grade 4 & Grade 8

\*March 28 - April 15 AZMERIT ELA, Math & Writing- Grade 3 & Grade 8

### **Tips for Test taking**

- Avoid being absent and be on time to school
- Get a good night's rest
- Eat a good breakfast
- Pace yourself
- Go back and review your answers
- Have a positive attitude
- Do your personal best



### MORE RESOURCES:

ALL RECIPES.com

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/64681/three-sisters-soup/>

New Mexico State Univ., Agricultural Science

[http://horizon.nmsu.edu/kids/webquests/wqthreesisters\\_k.html](http://horizon.nmsu.edu/kids/webquests/wqthreesisters_k.html)

### STORY OF THE THREE SISTERS NATIVE AMERICAN LEGEND

The three sisters are Corn, Beans, and Squash. They are seen as the three beautiful sisters because they grow in the same mound in the garden. The Corn provides a ladder for the Bean Vine. They together give shade to the Squash. The Cherokee till the mound three times.

The Native American story of the Three Sisters vary from tribe to tribe. This LINK below is taken from an oral account by Lois Thomas of Cornwall Island, compiled by students at Centennial College and found in "Indian Legends of Eastern Canada."

BIRD CLAN of EAST CENTRAL ALABAMA of FREE CHEROKEE

<http://www.birdclan.org/threesisters.htm>