

Early Childhood Education back to hosting in-person class

Story and Photos by J. Peters



Teachers, Ms. Sonya Joaquin (maroon shirt) and Ms. Michelle Garcia (black shirt) happily pose with their students.

Since March 6, 2020, the Ak-Chin Early Childhood Education has been closed. But, recently it quietly and safely re-opened, happily welcoming students back to smaller in-person classroom settings.

Classes have been held three days a week, with each teacher having a different day. Right now, classes have 5 to 7 students, a drop from the 15+ class sizes from previous years.

Before the closure, Ak-Chin provided a full-time daycare center and four classes; two for 3-year old students and two for 4-year old students.

of laughter once again, and learning options still remain the same, with one main exception of not taking in any new registrations during the closure. Currently, the school has reduced down to a remaining group of nineteen 3-year-old community students from the 2019-2020 school year and eight children in childcare.

During the closure, students were still engaged with ECE teachers, as they embarked on their remote learning journey with 15 to 30-minute zoom classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays and weekly deliveries of custom activity bags.

The bags contained daily

and continual educational activities to get the students more engaged with writing, math, literacy, etc., and getting them better prepared for their big step into kindergarten.

As virtual learning is not easy for everyone, let alone children in this age group, the department is doing everything to ensure their kids get the help and education needed to grow. The ECE teachers and staff have gone above and beyond to educate their students and help parents during the time away from school.

When the time came for the reopening for in-person learning, the department decided that it was important for the nineteen students

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Bishop Olmsted announces lifting of the dispensation of Sunday and Holy Day obligations effective July 1, 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

the joy of the Gospel to all the nations.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel of Saint John, the Lord Jesus tells us, "If you love me, keep my commands." Participation in Mass on Sundays is one of the most practical ways Catholics respond to the Lord's love. Therefore, I wish to announce the restoration of the obligation for Sunday and holy day Masses in the Diocese of Phoenix, effective July 1, 2021.

On this day we commemorate Saint Junipero Serra, the great missionary and evangelist. He is a shining example of the Church's mission to announce

Given the current status of the pandemic and the availability of vaccines, I believe it appropriate for the Church to take safe and sensible steps forward in our approach to Mass.

Why should Sunday Mass be an obligation for us? In my recent Apostolic Exhortation on the Eucharist, entitled *Veneremur Cernui*, I wrote:

The ultimate effect of the Holy Eucharist is not only the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ for

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Rev. Peter Teresa McConnell, carefully holds a monstrance as he exposes the Blessed Sacrament during a Eucharistic procession around St. Francis of Assisi Mission Ak-Chin, on June 6, Corpus Christi Sunday, after mass. (Photo by R. Peters)

2021 Him-Dak Summer Art Program

Story and photos by J. Peters



The kids are always happy to see their furry friend when he visits during play time.

June 7th the Ak-Chin Him-Dak Art building opened its doors to welcome community kids to their first day of the Summer Art Program. Delayed a year, the program was brought back just in time to start off the 2021 summer season and the first in-person gathering for the Him-Dak Department.

The art and museum staff planned and prepared for the return of their artily activities, bringing

exciting programs to the table for the kids to enjoy. With a mixture of crafts and virtual sessions with departments including the Police Department, Health Education and the Youth Council, all were able to pull together a month-long program to help in boosting creative minds and to beat the summer heat.

The Summer Art Program is hosting two sessions for the month of June in order to keep

Special Olympic Bowling fundraiser makes strikes at 10 Pins Down

The Annual Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) Bowling Fundraiser hosted by the Ak-Chin Police Department held their charity event on May 23rd at Ak-Chin Circle Entertainment Center.

Taking home this year's honors included; first place, **Team Jazzer**; second place **Best Buds**; and third place **Gutterdone**.

Despite the struggles the pandemic has brought for such events, the ACPD

fundraiser was able to resume like clockwork, with a few changes in place to keep everyone safe.

Starting at 10am the first session of teams battled lane to lane for their spots in the

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First place: Team Jazzer: (L-R) Henry Garcia Jr., Jolie Smith, Council member Delia Carlyle, Deidra Carlyle, Frankie Carlyle and Johny Perkins (not pictured).

Caregivers guide for responding



**When friends and family ask you,
“Is there anything I can do?”**

- 1) Come for dinner Wednesday night...BRING DINNER.
- 2) Make us a pot of homemade soup (low salt, no cream, be specific).
- 3) Check with me before you go to the grocery store so I can add a few items.
- 4) Give the gift of home-delivered meals.
- 5) If you go out to eat, bring me a “people” bag.
- 6) Give a gift basket of staples such as tuna, peanut butter, pasta and sauces, cheese and crackers, dried fruit, herbal teas, bottled sparkling water.
- 7) Give gift certificates from local grocery store.
- 8) Take the kids out for an afternoon snack or early supper.
- 9) Come “sit” while I go out for lunch.
- 10) Listen without judgement when I need to vent or sound resentful.

10 TIPS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

1. Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone!
2. Take care of your own health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved one.
3. Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do to help you.
4. Learn how to communicate effectively with doctors.
5. Caregiving is hard work so take respite breaks often.
6. Watch out for signs of depression and don't delay getting professional help when you need it.
7. Be open to new technologies that can help you care for your loved one.
8. Organize medical information so it's up to date and easy to find.
9. Make sure legal documents are in order.
10. Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!

CAREGIVER ACTION NETWORK
CaregiverAction.org

Elder June Breakfast- Lunch Menu

18. Chicken fried steak, scram eggs, biscuit with gravy, chocolate milk \ Ribeye Steaks, Baked Potato, Carrots, Green Beans, Rolls, German Chocolate Cake

21. Sausage, scram eggs, diced potatoes, toast, grapes, juice \ Fish or Chicken Sandwich, Broccoli, Carrots, Cookies

22. Bacon & egg burrito, sliced apples, juice \ Ground Beef Tacos, Black Beans, Spanish Rice, Berry Fruit Mix

23. Cream of Wheat, boiled eggs, bagel with cream cheese, yogurt, cereal, milk \ BBQ Chicken, Sweet Potato, Yellow Squash, Plums

24. Ground beef & egg breakfast tacos with lettuce & tomato, potatoes, salsa, banana, juice \ Carne Asada Burritos, Corn, 3 Bean Salad, Apple, Oranges

25. Biscuits & sausage gravy, bacon, grapes, chocolate milk \ Black Eyed Peas, Moon Bread, Normandy Vegetable, Peaches

28. Oatmeal, boiled eggs, cinnamon raisin toast, yogurt, cereal, milk \ Chicken Salad on Lettuce, Tomato, Cole Slaw, Fresh Cut Fruit

29. Pancakes, sausage, scram eggs, grapes, juice \ Potato Soup & Salad, Rolls, Pears

30. Bacon, scram eggs, diced potatoes, toast, banana, juice \ Tri-Meat, Subs, Chips, Pasta Salad, Ice-Cream

****Some items may change without notice****

Holy Obligation continued from Front

our spiritual nourishment, but the transformation of those who receive Holy Communion into “one body, one spirit in Christ.” Through this personal relationship with the Risen Jesus in the Eucharist, we experience the self-sacrificing love of Jesus, who invites us to imitate His love and to bring that love to everyone and every situation of our daily life. (41)

These words help us see that the law mandating Mass attendance is not simply an arbitrary imposition. The obligation arises from the natural demands of love, that those whom the Lord loves must be steadily transformed by His love by means of what He has instituted for our good. Sunday is a “little Easter” each week, the principal day for the celebration of the Eucharist. It is the central day for the celebration of His death and Resurrection (cf. CCC 1167).

Consider the human body. Lungs demand oxygen. The stomach obliges us to consume water and food. Our day is interrupted by the happy obligation to breathe and drink and eat. Likewise, for Christ’s Body the Church: the obligation of attendance at Sunday Mass reflects our spiritual need to ingest the power of the Resurrection. Our days, weeks, and years are punctuated by the sweet demand that together at Mass we breathe and drink and eat the gifts of Christ’s grace.

Nevertheless, there are circumstances when a member of the faithful is “excused for a serious reason” (CCC 2181) from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days.

A serious reason occurs when one is physically or otherwise prevented from attending. For example, if a person is sick or unable to find reasonable transportation, the obligation

no longer applies.

Given the current situation of the pandemic, further examples of this are the following:

1. If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have a good reason to believe you have contracted it;
2. If you are ill or have a condition that would seriously compromise your health if you contracted COVID-19 or another communicable disease;
3. If you care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed and have a compelling reason for believing that you would infect them by going to Mass;
4. If you are elderly or pregnant and have a serious reason to believe you would put yourself or your child at risk by attending Mass.

In applying this guidance, each person must make use of their good judgement. If someone is unsure, confused, or concerned about a situation not listed here please consult with any priest for clarity. The faithful are always called to the sacred duty to keep holy the sabbath day, so even if one cannot fulfill the Sunday obligation, all are encouraged to spend time in prayer, thanksgiving and rest on Sundays.

May today’s celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and the return of the Sunday obligation on July 1, provide a deep renewal of our love for Sunday Mass in the Diocese of Phoenix. I pray that we will all respond with great joy to the words of our loving Savior: “If you love me, keep my commands.”

Sincerely Yours in the Risen Christ,

+ Thomas J. Olmsted
Bishop of Phoenix

Tips for Preventing Heat-Related Illness



Stay Cool

Wear Appropriate Clothing: Choose lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.

Stay Cool Indoors: Stay in an air-conditioned place as much as possible. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library—even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Call your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.

- Keep in mind: Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, they will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off. Use your stove and oven less to maintain a cooler temperature in your home.

Schedule Outdoor Activities Carefully: Try to limit your outdoor activity to when it’s coolest, like morning and evening hours. Rest often in shady areas so that your body has a chance to recover.

Pace Yourself: Cut down on exercise during the heat. If you’re not accustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment, start slowly and pick up the pace gradually. If exertion in the heat makes your heart pound and leaves you gasping for breath, STOP all activity. Get into a cool area or into the shade, and rest, especially if you become lightheaded, confused, weak, or faint.

Wear Sunscreen: Sunburn affects your body’s ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated. If you must go outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher 30 minutes prior to going out. Continue to reapply it according to the package directions.

- Tip: Look for sunscreens that say “broad



spectrum” or “UVA/UVB protection” on their labels- these products work best.

Do Not Leave Children in Cars: Cars can quickly heat up to dangerous temperatures, even with a window cracked open. While anyone left in a parked car is at risk, children are especially at risk of getting a heat stroke or dying. When traveling with children, remember to do the following:

- Never leave infants, children or pets in a parked car, even if the windows are cracked open.
- To remind yourself that a child is in the car, keep a stuffed animal in the car seat. When the child is buckled in, place the stuffed animal in the front with the driver.
- When leaving your car, check to be sure everyone is out of the car. Do not overlook any children who have fallen asleep in the car.

Avoid Hot and Heavy Meals: They add heat to your body!

Stay Hydrated

Drink Plenty of Fluids: Drink more fluids, regardless of how active you are. Don’t wait until you’re thirsty to drink.

- **Warning:** If your doctor limits the amount you drink or has you on water pills, ask how much you should drink while the weather is hot.
- **Stay away from very sugary or alcoholic drinks**—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.

Replace Salt and Minerals: Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body that need to be replaced. A sports drink can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat.

- If you are on a low-salt diet, have diabetes, high blood pressure, or other chronic conditions, talk with your doctor before drinking a sports beverage or taking salt

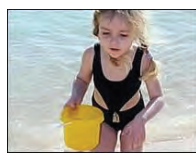


tablets.

Keep Your Pets Hydrated: Provide plenty of fresh water for your pets, and leave the water in a shady area.

Stay Informed

Check for Updates: Check your local news for extreme heat alerts and safety tips and to learn about any cooling shelters in your area.



Know the Signs: Learn the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses and how to treat them.

Use a Buddy System: When working in the heat, monitor the condition of your co-workers and have someone do the same for you. Heat-induced illness can cause a person to become confused or lose consciousness. If you are 65 years of age or older, have a friend or relative call to check on you twice a day during a heat wave. If you know someone in this age group, check on them at least twice a day.

Monitor Those at High Risk: Although anyone at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others:

- Infants and young children
- People 65 years of age or older
- People who are overweight
- People who overexert during work or exercise
- People who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure, or who take certain medications, such as for depression, insomnia, or poor circulation

Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent watching.

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.html>

Heat and Older Adults

Why are older adults more prone to heat stress?

- Older adults do not adjust as well as young people to sudden changes in temperature.
- They are more likely to have a chronic medical condition that changes normal body responses to heat.
- They are more likely to take prescription medicines that affect the body’s ability to control its temperature or sweat.

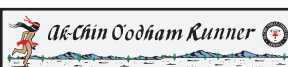
CARETAKER CHECKLIST

Keep a close eye on those in your care by visiting them at least twice a day, and ask yourself these questions:

- Are they drinking enough water?
- Do they have access to air conditioning?
- Do they know how to keep cool?
- Do they show any signs of heat stress?

Seek medical care

immediately if you have, or someone you know has, symptoms of heat-related illness like muscle cramps, headaches, nausea or vomiting.



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poems or a great story that
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DEADLINE

Don't forget the
DEADLINE for the
July 2-15, 2021
issue is due by
FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH

Please submit all
announcements, wishes, etc.
no later than
FRIDAY, JUNE 25TH

Material submitted after the
JUNE 25TH DEADLINE
cannot be guaranteed
placement. If appropriate
and relevant, it will be
included in the next issue.



Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation Lifeguards are ready for the hot summer!
Pool is open to Ak-Chin Community Members and Residents Only. Days-
Hours: Wednesdays-Sundays; 11am-1pm, 1:30pm-3:30pm, 4pm-6pm.
For more info. call (520) 568-1740 or email recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

**VIRTUAL FAMILY
FITNESS CHALLENGE**

Win Prizes:
Gift Cards
Fitness Accessories
and More

Family Fun
Outdoor Adventures
Fitness Activity Stations

Get moving with Outdoor Fitness Adventures!
June 14 - July 14, 2021
Ages: 4 years old and older

• Spice up your families' motivation for running, walking, cycling and stationary exercises by taking on our Virtual Family Fitness Challenge.

• Every Friday a Challenge Log will be sent out to participants. Each log, will list that week's challenges to be completed.

• Each challenge log MUST be completed and submitted every following Friday by 5 P.M.

• All Fitness Challenges will take place at Hohokam Youth Park, Milton Antone Park and throughout the Ak-Chin Community during the duration of program.

To sign-up, email Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us or call (520) 568-1740

**Gamers BOOK your
GAME Time!**

Monday, June 14, 2021
Ages:
8-10 Year Olds on Monday(s) & Wednesday(s)
11-13 Year Olds on Tuesday(s) & Thursday(s)
14-17 Year Olds on Friday(s)

Appointment Slot Times:
10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Call (520) 568-1756 to book participant(s) time slot
or Email: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us

Parent/Guardian must also complete a Registration and Covid-19 Waiver Release Form.

Temperature check will be conducted on participant(s), the day of scheduled appointment(s).

All participants MUST wear a Mask at all times, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Tournaments Every 2 weeks
Popcorn Fridays
Prizes: Gamer Accessories and More!

EA SPORTS MADDEN NFL NBA 2K20

AK-CHIN PARKS & RECREATION

VIRTUAL YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAM
JUNE 14, 2021

✓ OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES
✓ 4 WEEK PROGRAM ✓ AGES: 4-12 ✓ PARTICIPATION AWARDS

SIGN UP TODAY!
Email: Recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us
or call (520) 568-1740

Ak-Chin Parks and Recreation

Program Activities
Start Date: June 14, 2021

Each week kids will play a different sport

Ages: (5-10) Tues & Thurs 6pm-7pm 7:15pm-8:15pm
Ages: (11-14) Mon & Wed 8am-10am 10:30am-12:30pm
Ages: (15-17) Fri 8am-11am

Please fill out a registration form to participate in the program, each week we will have a sign up sheet (phone or email) to let us know your child will be participating in our 5 week program

Please bring your own water bottle!
Rec staff will not pick up or drop off!
Facemask must be worn prior to entering the park.
We will have designated area for temperature checks. See Map

WK1: Skills Challenge (North Courts)
WK2: Mega Soccer Ball (Hohokam Park)
WK3: Obstacle Course (Hohokam Park)
WK4: Field Day (Hohokam Park)
WK5: Water Day (Hohokam Park)

Please email: recreation@ak-chin.nsn.us
for registration forms and to sign up each week
text or call 520-371-8393 Thomas Carlyle
or email: tcarlyle@ak-chin.nsn.us

Hearing Notice

Ak-Chin Indian Community Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Hearing regarding the following cases at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at the Environmental Protection Department, Water Reclamation Facility Conference Room, 46200 W. Ralph Street.

CASE: SD-03-21: Ak-Chin Indian Community Library StoryWalk Signs in Hohokam Park and Milton Antone Park:

Project Applicant/Library Manager, Melanie Toledo, is requesting Site Development Plan Permit approval to construct Library StoryWalk signs consisting of a total of 34 permanent ground signs to enhance existing park amenities at Hohokam Park and Milton Antone Park. The application requests 17 ground signs along the walking path for each Community park to display educational Library and non-Library related programs.

IN THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY COURT
COUNTY OF PINAL, STATE OF ARIZONA

AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY Plaintiff, Case No.: JV-2020-00031-TP
Vs. KRISTEN ANTONE, Defendant, NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: KRISTEN ANTONE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED setting:
Review Hearing set for Friday the 9th day of July, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the Ak-Chin Justice Complex 46525 W. Farrell Road, Maricopa AZ 85139.

DATED this 9th day of April, 2021

By: *Diana Carlyle* Deputy Clerk

Bowling continued from Front

finals. Playing in the first round was tournament champions Team Jazzer, who set the bar high, as they racked up the points that led them to the winner's circle.

Ak-Chin Police Department would like to give a shout out to "Baba's bounce house & jumpers etc. for donating two of his slides and to all others who graciously donated toward the raffle."

At right: Placement team photos from Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. (Submitted photos)



2ND PLACE- BEST BUDS



3RD PLACE- GUTTERDONE

COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, June 28, 2021

This will be a virtual meeting.

To sign up, email: events@ak-chin.nsn.us

If you have any questions please call: 520-568-1000.



4th Of July Picnic Food Box Distribution Drive Thru July 1 & 2, 2021

- Distribution will be at **Ak-Chin Elements Event Center** from 12:00 PM (Noon) to 7:00 PM each day and is for Ak-Chin Enrolled Member/Resident households; including Enrolled Member households who live off the reservation.
- Food Boxes are for each household, **not for each member.**
- Members must show proof of residence with current address (i.e. utility bill, insurance card, Driver's License and/or Tribal ID with current address).
- Individuals who are picking up Food Box for a Member **MUST** have a letter of authorization from the Member naming the individual who is picking up the Food Box. This allows the Community to have a record of who picked up their Food Box.



Paint pour art, playing with class-made slime, crafting time, and bird house decorating are a few of the activities the kids have experienced during the Summer Art Program.



Summer Art Program continued from Front

the amount of kids to a minimum. The first session started on June 7th and will continue until June 18th, the second session will start June 21st and goes until July 2nd.

and creating with one another! The staff are more than happy to be back to work, especially to again, provide this program for the kids this summer!

During their short time at the program, the kids have been surrounded by familiar faces (even with mask wearing in place) and have been having great fun, laughing

We will continue to give an update to all and future summer programs in our upcoming issues.



Above L-R: Museum Technician Amber Antone takes the stealthy neighborhood pup "Jeffrey" out of the classroom.

The pup gets all the attention from the kids.

Museum Technician Holly Antone helps her class as they follow a virtual art tutorial presented by Youth Council Coordinator Joseph Davis.



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(2019-2020 class) to have in-person learning as soon as possible.

And now 17 of the soon to be kindergartners have quietly transitioned back to in-person learning, while others will continue to do virtual classes and receive activity bags from the school.

Early Childhood Education Program Manager, Bianca Chavez-Schrader has much praise for her teachers for their amazing work and great strides to provide essential educational needs for all their students during the challenging education year.



Photos of Ms. Stephanie and her students.

Photos above submitted by R. Lopez



Teacher Ms. Francine (pink shirt) and Ms. Angelica (maroon shirt) had 6 students in their class. Going from a classroom full of students to only 6 children is a big change for staff and students as for Ms. Francine's class they seem calm, cool and happy to be back in school.



Ak-Chin Higher Education Scholarship Program

DEADLINES

| FALL Semester/Quarter | SPRING Semester/Quarter | SUMMER Semester/Quarter | OPEN ENTRY/ OPEN EXIT (clock hour/ non-traditional) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| JUNE 30th | NOVEMBER 30th | APRIL 30th | 2 months prior to start date |

Application Requirements

- Be an enrolled Ak-Chin Indian Community member
- Must have a high school diploma or GED
- Be accepted to higher education institution



Contact Information
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2021 Back To School Supply Distribution/ROI Events

July 8th - 9:00am-5:00pm - Education Lobby
July 13th - 4:00pm-7:00pm - Education Lobby

*SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES WILL BE IN PLACE, MASKS/PPE WILL BE AVAILABLE



The Education Department & Community Events will be hosting this event to distribute school supplies and collect Student Release of Information (ROI) Forms. Forms can be requested for advanced completion by sending an email to TThornton@ak-chin.nsn.us.
*Open to Community Members & Residents

All students who have a completed ROI by July 13th will be entered into some raffles for a few select Gift Cards.

Treats will also be given out, while supplies last!

If you cannot attend the events, please contact the Education office for alternate arrangements at (520) 568-1280.



Ak-Chin Child Development

Accepting applications for 2021-2022 SY
Available now until July 30th, 2021

Preschool Round-Up Day July 28th, 2021 8:00am-7:00pm

Bring your needed documentation and fill out an enrollment packet on site by appointment.
Due to Phase of opening only 2 days in person for 4 year old's and 3 year-olds will start virtually.
Time line will be given once your child is accepted and teachers will contact you once placed in a class.

Enrollment is based on availability and children are selected in the following order:

1. Child is an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
2. Child is a non-enrolled member, but he/she is the Legal child of an enrolled member of the Ak-Chin Indian Community
3. Child is living within the Ak-Chin Indian Community boundaries. Wait listed



Children's backpacks will be provided!!!

If you have any questions please contact the Preschool at

48251 W. Farrell Rd.
Maricopa, AZ 85139
(520) 568-1700.

Ak-ChinChildDevelopment@ak-chin.nsn.us

Ak-Chin Child Development offers:

- A High Quality Early Education Experience
- Health/Developmental Screenings
- Disability Services (Through M.U.S.D.)
- Kindergarten Readiness
- *Story time (Provided by Ak-Chin Library)*
- *Cultural Activities/Events (Provided by Language Program/Cultural Resources)*
- *Physical/Nutrition Education (Provided by Ak-Chin Health Ed. Program)
- *Fire Safety Education (Provided by the Ak-Chin Fire Department)*
- *Field Trips/Fun activities throughout year*

*Some activities may be postponed or modified to fit safety protocols.

Transportation provided for children living within the Ak-Chin Community boundaries.

Pick up a 2021-2022 Enrollment Packet at Ak-Chin Child Development.

Please bring in the following documents to be considered for enrollment

- Completed Application
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if applicable
- Child's Certified Birth Certificate
- Child's Current Immunization Record

(returning students only need the current Immunization Record and a completed Returning Student application)

Only completed applications with required documents will be accepted. Children registering must be three (3) years old prior to September 1st of the current year.

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Contact your local Indian health care provider for more information, visit [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov), or call 1-800-318-2596.

Job Openings

- Maintenance Technician (6)
- Police Officer (non-certified and certified)
- Communications Officer (911 Dispatcher)
- Accountant
- Preferred/Referred Care (PRC) Manager
- Economic Development Analyst

Please visit our website at www.ak-chin.nsn.us, Job Openings, to review the job posting and apply.

If you need assistance, please call Human Resources at 520-568-1050.



NEW HIRES



Mercedes Rivera
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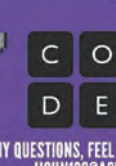
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June 19

Lynnette Houston-Volden,
Social & Health Services

June 20

Gilbert Cervantes, Law & Order
Mayra Bandin, Early Childhood
Erick Solis, Law & Order

June 21

Sarah Zabawa, TGA

June 25

Guillermo Ruiz, Sanitation
Gino Williams, TGA

June 26

Rufus White, Sanitation

June 27

Sheila Pablo-Bandin, Education
Rosario Waites, Retail

June 28

Judith Purcell, Capital Projects

June 29

Susan Guerin, Retail

June 30

Peter Kann, Planning

Happy Father's Day From the Staff at the Runner



1-June
Cruz Machado, Jr.

2-June
Astraya Warren

3-June
Kiandra Smith

4-June
Joseph Zabawa

5-June
Mario Luz
Haedin De Paola
Alyssa Wind
Jessica Quintero

6-June
Uriayzz Antone
Marie Thomas
Ramona Kaniatobe

7-June
Marco Thompson
Marissa Antone
Zylen Antone-Silas

8-June
Xadrian Miguel
Mylauni Antone

9-June
Consuelo Juarez
Jason Smith

10-June
Holly Kaniatobe
Marvin Lewis
Ashley Vincent

11-June
Alex Bowman
Benjamin King

13-June
Jeremy Carra
Samuel Justin
Richard Villegas

14-June
Brenley Hackney
Amorie Narcia
Ralph Martinez

15-June
Saul Ruelas
Cecil Miguel Jr.

16-June
Manuel Ortega
Lupe Kaniatobe
Daniel Antone

17-June
Anelia Jacuinde
Mauktho Sehongva' Jose
Raul Ruelas
Clorenda Humeyumptewa
Kali Wind

18-June
Shanna Narcia
Myles Peters

19-June
Josefa Lewis
Michelle Smith
Kellen Hoffman

20-June
Julianna Smith
Justin Zabawa
Juanita Balderrama

21-June
Bridget Carlyle
Sedra Dean
Tanya Enos
Linda Jose
Curtis Dean
Andreas Antone

22-June
Baya Olivas
Pamela Vincent
Davidson Ugalde Jr.
Pablo Alejandro Jr.
Genisys Sandoval
Bija Talkalai

23-June
Lillian Shade
Charity Vincent

24-June
Adela Zabawa
Autum Manuel
Kevin Ormsby
Nicole Narcia
Salvatore Johnson Jr.

25-June
Johnny Lopez
Mary Rodas
Anthony Antone

26-June
Savanna Gonzalez
Tylen Zepeda
Rufus White
Delores Rodrigues

27-June
Esperanza Moreno
Aiyana Narcia
Gabriel Narcia
Sheila Bandin
Joseph Narcia, Sr.

28-June
Makaylia Allison

29-June
Janelle White
Priscilla Allison
John White
Susan Guerin

30-June
Esmeralda Santiago
John Zabawa
Martin Antone Sr.
Ionni Flores

June

Multi-Platinum Selling Artist Cole Swindell to Take the Stage at The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino



Cole Swindell

(MARICOPA, Ariz. – June 8, 2021) – Cole Swindell, one of the biggest superstars in country music today, will be performing at The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino on Saturday, July 31.

The Grammy-nominated and multi-Platinum country star has racked up nine No. 1 singles and 11 No. 1 singles

as a songwriter. His single "You Should Be Here" has over 1 billion in audience reach and his No. 1 hit "Break Up in the End" was named the NSAI Song of the Year in 2019.


In addition to his own music, Swindell has also written hit singles for other country stars including Luke Bryan, Scotty McCreery and Thomas Rhett. Since his debut on Warner Music Nashville in 2014, Swindell has toured with country superstars including Kenny Chesney, Luke Bryan, Dierks Bentley and Jason Aldean. He has also headlined on his "Reason to Drink Tour" and "Down Home Tours."


Cole Swindell has appeared

on numerous high-profile television programs including "Good Morning America," "TODAY," and "Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon." Swindell also made history being the first-ever live radio and TV broadcast from the 57th floor of 4 World Trade Center.

Cole Swindell
Date: Sat., July 31, 2021
Doors: 7:00 p.m.
Show Time: 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Events Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino
Tickets: \$89.50; \$69.50; \$54.50
Ages: All Ages Show

On Sale Now:
https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/19005ABA0A7E40CF?camefrom=CFC_CAESARSENT_AKC_ColeSwindellJuly31&ga=2.93538005.97458070.1623193832-962425907.1623193832

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