



DEL NORTE INDIAN EDUCATION CENTER

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DNIEC students, sisters Neveah and Leianna Whisenant

DNIEC Afterschool Program

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DNIEC Remains Vigilant in Our Efforts to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Although Del Norte County moved into the red tier, with fewer COVID-19 safety restrictions, DNIEC continues to practice the same safety precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. All students are still required to wear masks, practice social distancing, and attend the program in small cohorts. A state-of-the-art air purification system has been installed in our building to safeguard against the spread of the virus through our ventilation system.

Although our after-school program has gone through many challenges this school year, we are still accepting enrollment applications and have room for more students in grades K-8. After-school students in grades, 6-8 have returned to Room 25 at Crescent Elk Middle School.

Applications are available at the DNIEC or available online at ncidc.org, under Education Services. Contact Angela Davis at (707) 460-6592 for more information.

DNIEC's Winter Garden

DNIEC's winter garden is thriving! DNIEC students planted a variety of vegetables in the fall, such as kale, carrots, squash, and herbs such as basil and parsley. The plants are doing well and the students have harvested many vegetables to share with their families!

DNIEC's Collaboration with the Del Norte County Department of Health.

DNIEC is collaborating with the Del Norte Department of Public Health to combat childhood Diabetes in the American Indian community by participating in their program, Monthly Harvest. Every month, DNIEC receives a donation of a different fruit or vegetable for our students to take home and sample. The students also receive literature about fruit/vegetable and recipes.



Artwork by Anthony Garcia, grade 7

DNIEC's Tobacco Use Prevention Education Program

DNIEC Students Film Public Service Announcements To Fight Vaping Epidemic Among Youth

DNIEC's Tobacco Use Prevention Education Program (TUPE) students recently participated in a youth leadership media workshop directed by Wingspan Media. Using the skills they learned in the workshop, the participants filmed several Public Service Announcements, addressing the vaping epidemic among Native Youth while encouraging a healthy, cultural lifestyle. The TUPE grant is funded by the California Department of Education

DNIEC Students Enjoy STEAM Activities

DNIEC students regularly participate in STEAM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Art/Mathematics) activities. Our middle school students each did a research project on a STEAM subject of their choice.

DNIEC student Anthony Garcia, focused on ecology from a Native perspective, using TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge). He researched Yurok scientist Dr. Seafha C. Ramos, her contributions to science, and studied her middle school curriculum that incorporated TEK. He was particularly interested in her studies about the Roosevelt Elk and why their population is decreasing. In addition to his research, he painted a picture of an elk using acrylic paint on canvas.

DNIEC will incorporate Dr. Ramos' curriculum into the after-school program and our upcoming six-week-long summer program, beginning in July 2021. The curriculum includes outdoor activities, such as nature walks, identifying animal tracks, and visiting culturally significant places.

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