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Tulalip distance learning sites promote student achievement

By Micheal Rios

Washington State is home to over one million public school students. According to the Seattle Times, 94.4% of these students have begun the 2020-2021 school year not in the classroom nor with any inperson interactions with their devoted teachers. Instead, nearly all of Washington's public school districts have gone all-in with a virtual teaching concept designed to minimize spread of coronavirus — Distance Learning.

Defined as any form of remote education where the student is not physically present for the lesson, distance learning is the default safety net for education in the age of COVID. Thanks largely to the power of the internet, educators are able to teach their carefully crafted lesson plans via a computer screen and video cam to their young learners. This type of learning comes with one major flaw; it's completely dependent on the students having the access and know-how to operate

today's tech gadgetry and everupdating software and apps.

Welcome to 2020, where the kingdom of social distancing reigns supreme and access to ample bandwidth is the difference between a student achieving and being irritably stuck on a frozen Zoom screen.

Fortunately for Tulalip's K-12 students, they belong to a Tribe who had the foresight to transform the reservation's largest two youth activity centers into dedicated distance learning sites. In the weeks

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The Tulalip Tribes is pleased to endorse Raquel Montoya-Lewis for Washington State Supreme Court Justice. Justice Montoya-Lewis' tireless work to bring equal justice to all people of Washington, especially on behalf of youth and families, is a testament to her values and her character.

Justice Montoya-Lewis was appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court in 2020 after serving 5 years on the Whatcom County Superior Court. She brings an understanding of the law and a fairness in decision making that is critical to our state's judicial system.

In a state that sees a disproportionate number of Native American's in the criminal justice system it is so important for Native people to have representation on the state's highest court.

Justice Montoya-Lewis is a role model for Native people, our hope is that she inspires a generation of Native children. It is our honor to endorse Raquel Montoya-Lewis for Washington State Supreme Court Justice.

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leading up to the new school year, the Tulalip Teen Center and Boys & Girls Club received critical network upgrades to ensure a high-demand of bandwidth could be sustained, turned typical activity and gaming rooms into spaces that encourage learning, and instituted COVID guidelines such as temperature checks, mask enforcement, and social distancing.

"The health, education and overall success of our students is our top priority. The Tulalip Education Division and the Tulalip Boys & Girls Club are working hard to provide support in the safest environment possible," stated Jessica Bustad, executive director of education. "Together we can ensure that our students begin thriving during these uncertain times. We wrapped up our second full week of Distance Learning and are improving services provided to our students. We are very proud of our

young people who are showing up and doing the best they can."

Change can come into our lives as a result of crisis, as a result of choice or just by chance. Being unprepared and resistant to change leads to fear, hostility and a sense of hopelessness. Embracing change and managing all its challenges in a constructive way is key to not only surviving, but thriving in an everchanging world.

Adapting to change is what the devoted staff of both distance learning sites and the many young minds who attend on a daily basis exemplify. Primarily accommodating Kindergarten – 5th grade students who require much more attention and emotional reassuring, the usual Boys & Girls Club activities specialists are now de facto educators.

"We are no longer a traditional boys and girls club. We've become a school-like learning center," said Diane Prouty, administrative assistant for the Club. "We have 98 kids registered and average about 70 kids per day. We separate them by grade level, so 1st graders are together, 2nd graders are together and so on.

"As a staff, we feel so needed. We're all learning to navigate this unprecedented time together," she continued. "We have five different elementary schools represented among our K-5 kids. We do our best to keep up with each student's daily responsibilities, but there are so few of us and so many of them. It can be overwhelming at times because we know some kids require more one-on-one time, but we have to use our time effectively to do the most good. At the end of the day, we are making a huge impact by creating a safe place for our community's kids to learn."

Adapting to the new techcentric normal is easier for teens who willingly spend much of their free time with their eyes glued to screens anyway, whether it be a computer, TV, cell phone, tablet or video game. A big obstacle for them is less familiarity with Chromebooks and virtual learning programs and more access to a consistent internet connection. Within the rezzy landscape of Tulalip, stable internet and adequate bandwidth can be difficult to come by under the best of conditions.

Network upgrades and additional Wi-Fi hot spots at the Teen Center make it a quality alternative for homebound teenagers looking to focus on their school work. Plus, there is support offered by both peers and staff, many of whom are recent graduates of the same Marysville School District curriculum.

"It's been pretty cool because there are people here to guide us with our school work when we're confused and have questions,"







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shared 9th grader Image Enick. "For those with working parents, there is no one at home to assist with assignments, but here at the Teen Center there are plenty of people we are comfortable with asking questions. I haven't had any difficulty with my online classes or getting kicked off because of bad internet either."

"We are so proud of the kids here," added tribal advocate Courtney Jefferson. "We've been averaging 40 to 60 a day. They have been taking the initiative to prioritize their education and haven't needed to be redirected to engage in their online classes. They've been getting themselves into their learning spaces, taking ownership of their rooms here in the building, and

being productive with their time."

The Tulalip distance learning sites continue to adapt and find creative ways to provide additional support to our students. Both locations are a safe space for students to access the internet, connect to WI-FI, or use a desktop. They each provide daily meals as well. Most importantly, the sites allow students to build a routine, with consistent support and resources that effectively promote scholastic achievement.

The Tulalip Education staff are also available to provide support and resources to students who are not currently attending the facilities. Feel free to contact any of the programs if you have additional questions:

 Don Hatch Teen Center
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 Boys & Girls Club
 360-716-3400
 Hours: 6:00am-5:00pm

 Homework Support Program
 360-716-4646
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Most Washington public schools start remotely

Around 80% of public school systems in Washington state plan to start remotely, according to new data from the state education department. They enroll the vast majority of kids around the state.

TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS: 1,147,464

100%

Number of students in districts starting remotely: 1,082,779

94.4%

*Percentages add up to 99.57% because of rounding, and because some districts didn't respond. Number of students in districts with hybrid models: **55,686** 4.85%

Number of students in districts starting in-person: **3,672** *0.32%* -

Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

MARK NOWLIN / THE SEATTLE TIMES







TVTC grad showcases skills by building Tulalip elder a chicken coop

By Micheal Rios

Earlier this summer, Tulalip elder Terry Parker Sr. was sitting on his front porch when inspiration struck. He thought to himself how wonderful it would be if his beloved chickens had an area to themselves in the front yard, with a clear line of sight from the porch.

"I called my son Torry who operates a construction maintenance company and let him know of my idea," recalled Terry. "He said he had a young Tulalip man in mind, and that this would be a good solo project for him."

The young man was Gerald Williams. A recent graduate of TERO Vocational Training Center, he was eager to further develop his construction skills while demonstrating everything he learned under the tutelage of TVTC instructors.

"Gerald came to my house and we talked about the design and specific dimensions I had in mind for the coop. He was quick to grasp my idea and make it into a reality," said Terry.

And so Gerald got to work. Nearly two months of hard sweat and labor under the summer sun later, he completed a pretty elaborate coop for the Mr. Parker's chickens. Complete with ample storage space, outdoor range for the chickens to stretch their feathers, and a running water spigot.

After painting his completed project a nice mellow yellow color, Gerald beamed with pride when Terry took in the finished product a few weeks ago.

"It's exactly what I wanted. The quality is top notch and made to withstand our Washington weather," Terry said from his front porch while admiring his new chicken coop. "Gerald is just a fantastic person. Doesn't talk too much, just gets down to work every day and does his best."

At 74-years-old, Terry thoroughly enjoys keeping chickens. They give him a daily routine to adhere to and now being able to watch them from his front porch, they bring additional peace of mind. The relationship is healing as well. Terry takes great care of his chickens, giving them an eye-catching living environment and good feed so they'll lay many eggs.

"Their eggs are medicine. With my diabetes, eating eggs everyday helps keep my blood sugar down and [improves insulin sensitivity]," explained Terry. "Keeping chickens is something my wife and I enjoy very much. We can't thank Gerald enough for building us this amazing coop. My hands go up to him."





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Submitted by Dale Sanchey, Tulalip Smoke House Chairman

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Court Notices

TUL-CV-YI-2014-0412 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: A. M. T. TO: RAELYN LITTLEHAWK TOWNSEND and DYLAN JAMES WILSON: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Motion to Suspend Parental Rights was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at a hearing on Tuesday, December 01, 2020 at 1:30 pm in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to Covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-224-501-3412, access code: 212-638-629. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: October 3, 2020.

THE TULALIP COURT Tulalip Indian Reservation Tulalip, WA No. TUL-CV-EX-2020-0427 Summons by Publication and & Notice of Petition for Exclusion THETULALIP TRIBES, Petitioner vs. DOUGLAS NORBY, Respondent On June 24, 2020, a Petition for Exclusion was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 2.40. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that 1) that you are entitled to be represented by counsel, at your own expense; 2) that you may present testimony of witnesses and other evidence on your own behalf; and 3) that failure to attend the hearing may result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion or removal; 4) that if you intend to call witnesses, a witness lists shall be filed no later than five judicial days before the hearing. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you file an answer to the exclusion petition no later than November 23, 2020 and serve a copy on the Office of the Reservation Attorney within five calendar days after filing with the Court, the matter shall be set for a hearing. The date and time of the hearing shall be set by the Clerk's Office and shall be held at the Tulalip Tribal Court located at: 6332 31st Ave. NE, Tulalip, WA 98271.

TUL-CV-YI-2020-0561. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: X. H. TO: JOAQUIN MEZA, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at an Adjudicatory Hearing on October 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to Covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-224-501-3412, access code: 212-638-629. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: August 29, 2020.

TUL-CV-YI-2020-0560. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: H. R. H. TO: JOSHUAH LLOYD, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at an Adjudicatory Hearing on October 6, 2020 at 2:30pm in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to Covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-224-501-3412, access code: 212-638-629. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: August 29, 2020.

TUL-CV-DI-2019-0062 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. Hilarion Hernandez vs. Genevieve Hernandez. TO: Hilarion Hernandez, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Dissolution was filed in the above-entitled Court, Code Chapter 4.20. In order to defend against this petition you must respond to the complaint by stating your defense in person or by writing and serve a copy upon the Tulalip Tribal Court at 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271 and upon the petitioner within 60 days of the date of first publication. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: October 3, 2020.Ximus-daessin pro vellestiis aut et

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Films accepted September 7 through October 31, 2020

CALLING ALL FILMMAKERS

This year's festival theme is topadtob, padtobax", topadtob "Past, Present, and Future"

The Hibulb Cultural Center will highlight films submitted for our past seven film festivals—and will welcome documentaries, feature films, shorts, animations, and music videos for this year's virtual film festival to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020. All films are welcome, particularly those honoring the past and giving hope for the future from our communities.

ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINE

- There is no entry fee for submissions.
- For consideration by the selection committee, films must be submitted with a completed entry form by October 31, 2020.
- Films selected will be announced no later than Thursday, November 5, 2020. The Hibulb Cultural Center reserves the right to use images from films selected for marketing purposes (web, print media, and television).

ENTRY CHECKLIST

Please email the following materials. No entry will be processed without all materials.

- Link to a digital copy of film
- Completed entry form that includes a brief synopsis or description or synopsis of film

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How can I help the Tulalip Community Give Back Program?

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Questions? Contact Stephanie Cultee at: 360-716-4793 or scultee@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov