HOLBROOK INDIAN SCHOOL

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A safe place for Native American students to live, learn, and grow in Christ since 1946.



"All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

2 Corinthians 5: 18, 20



Continuing the Legacy

By Chevon Petgrave

Our students are back! After five long months away from campus due to state government COVID-19 stipulations, we are happy to share that our students returned to campus on Monday, August 17th.

In doing our part to curb the spread of the virus, our students were unable to return to the HIS campus to finish out the 2019-2020 school year.

Our Summer Experience program was also canceled. Many of our students live in the Navajo Nation which had the highest transmission levels in the country. This is greatly due to a lack of clean water, access to healthy foods, and adequate medical care, along with overcrowded homes. For nearly 75 years, Holbrook Indian School has been a safe place for Native American children and youth to live, learn, and grow. As we begin the 2020-2021 school year, we look forward to continuing that legacy.

We have a detailed plan in place to keep our students and staff as safe as possible. We currently have 65 students enrolled for this academic year. It is vital to use the time we have to serve and minister to our students, especially since many of their most basic needs are not being met at home.

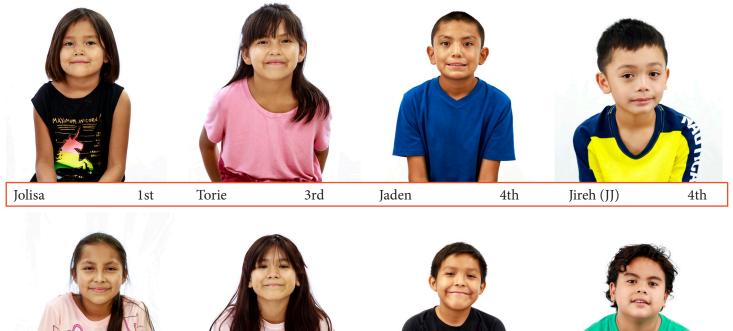
Please continue to pray for our students and staff.

See page 8 for re-opening plans summary.

Ms. Lodge with a group of HIS students discussing community.

Elementary & Junior High

Meet the Students



HLEIGER Leilany 4th Schnieder 4th Josiah 4th Jeremiah 5th





Keturah

4th

Bill (Dan Dan)

Mathius

7th



Junior High & High School









Meet the Students

High School









High School



Nelcina

Jasmine 11th

11th Laqueta

12th Joshua

12th





12th







Tribute gifts listed were given in August. Tribute gifts made in September will be recognized in next month's newsletter.

In Memory of:

Abbott, Betty & Walter by Mick Burrington Alexander, Don, son of Beth & Jim Alexander by Odie Weir Ashley, Claude O., father by Roy Ashley Baker, Bruce M.D., my husband by Betty Biggs Beardsley, Lynae, daughter (died in 2005) by Gladys White Bechthold, Albert & Sarah, my parents by Jerralee Bailey Benson, Theodore by wife Beverly Benson by son Ted Jr. and daughter-inlaw, Melissa by Linda Ramsey by William R. Chunestudy Bolden, Bob & Ruth by Chuck and Linda Bennett Borba, Demas and Verna, my parents (ardent supporters of HIS) by Lisa Pederson Brown, Ida, passed away July 4th, 2020 by Ida C. Brown Buchhammer, Clara T., my mom by Lillian Buchhammer Carlton, Bette Hackett by Gail Ludwig Davidson, Lawrence, my beloved husband by Bernice Davidson Flemmer, Elmer RN by Steve Barnes Gallus, Anna Marie by Warren T. Sawyer

Grant, Barry by Brenton F. Sedgwick Grosse, Gerald by Louise Grosse Harris, Nelson by Sophie P. Harris Hendrickson, Ted by June Mathiesen Herring, Paul & Twylah, parents by Gloria E. Reyna Hicks, Lynda by Donald and Kathryn Van Vranken Hix, Alma I., who loved & supported **Native Americans** by Anthony Ingersoll Hulse, E. Leon, husband by Gladys Hulse Johnson, Victor, my husband by Eva S. Johnson Judy, Ellsworth & Alicy, Laura's parents by Lawrence and Laura Koozmin Keith, my husband by Aloha Wheeler Ken, my beloved husband by Betty MaBelle Lacey Koeppen, Edward & Grace by Rebecca Koeppen Kopitzke, Fern & Walter, my parents by Dean B. Olson Lewis, my beloved husband by his wife, Marilyn G. Overbaugh Ludwig, Harold by Gail Ludwig Lushanko, Penny, died 05/13/2020 by Joanne Carlson My husband by Abel Lucio

Nelson, Natalie Joy

by Grayce A. Ladd Oberg, Stanton & Mildred, my parents by Nanci Oberg Palmer Jr., Dale by Archie and Pam Walter Pam, daughter by Aloha Wheeler Ponder, Cliff by Hugh Clark Rebman, Don by Martha Rebman Redmer, Velma by Archie and Pam Walter Roberts, Jean by Sharon J. Martin **Rosalyn Willis** by Calvin C. Willis Schell, Lois by Richard Schell Sheppard, Katherine by Sally M. Morris Smith, Gerild "Smitty" beloved husband by Olline Smith Spauling, Earl by R. Douglas Donesky Wallace, Deborah, beloved daughter/sister by Lisa Pederson White, William, late husband (died in 2012) by Gladys White Wilson, Gerald, class of 1992 by Rob and Debbie Purvis

In Honor of:

All the HIS staff and students, Teachers & Principal. Thank you! by Esther Rivera

Birthdays: Morghin Small, Michael Small, Terri Kunau, Richard Kunau by Sam Small Covid-19 strugglers by Harold C. Brewer Cuny, Debra Claymore by Duane Ross Family & Friends by Mayo & Suzanne Cummings Fox, Linda Sue by Lloyd P. Fox HIS children by Mary K. Milam HIS faculty by Hubert Crank HIS staff by Robert M. Johnston July 7th, our 63rd Wedding Anniversary by Charles Myers Kendricks, Ken friend by Anthony Bonilla Lodge, Sharon by Warren W. Stewart My Father who was 1/2 Cherokee Indian by LaVonne Bauder My three grandchildren by Maria Soto Schimke, Michael, our son's birthday, July 16th by Dallas and Dorothy Schimke Staff & students of HIS by Della Ault The students by Sandra D. Bent The wonderful HIS students by O. Ronald Follett

Graduates





HIS 2020

GRADUATE!

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Due to COVID-19, our seniors' plans for the end of their time at Holbrook Indian School didn't go as expected. It is hard to imagine the disappointment they faced as their long-anticipated graduation ceremony was canceled.

Many of our students struggled to complete their course of study from their homes on the Reservation do to a lack of internet access.

We applaud our Senior Class of 2020 who graduated during this difficult time and encourage those who are continuing classes and will receive their diplomas this fall. Congratulations to Casey, Micah, Niasha, and Shawnewa!

Pictured: Shawnewa and Niasha receive their diplomas during a private COVID-19 compliant ceremony.

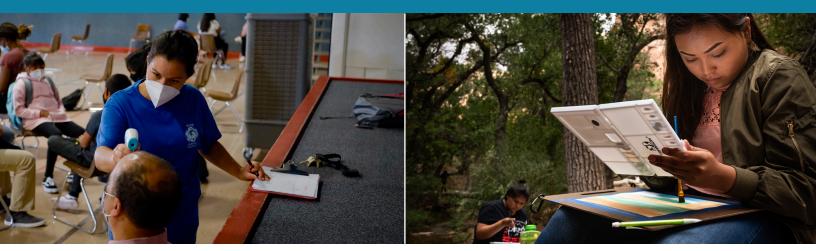




Our most urgent need is our Worthy Student Fund. Most of our students are unable to afford the \$85 monthly cost for their portion of tuition. Without the help HIS is given from individuals throughout the US, our students would not receive a Christian education or the additional programs and services HIS provides which include:

- Three nutritious meals a day.
- Individual and group counseling and mentoring.
- A variety of extracurricular activities like mountain biking and hiking.
- Vocational classes such as welding, auto mechanics, woodworking, horsemanship, and agriculture.
- Arts and music programs.

We praise God for the many ways He provides for our students through the kindness of others.



Re-opening Plans Summary

Below is a summary of our re-opening plans to keep our students and staff as safe as possible:

- Students and staff will wear masks supplied by school
- Frequently check for symptoms including using infrared thermometers to check for fevers.
- Keep a 6-foot distance wherever possible.
- Hand sanitizer stations in strategic locations across campus
- Instruct students on hygiene protocols such as how to properly wash hands and how to manage masks.
- Barriers placed where necessary.
- Face shields provided for all students and staff during meals.
- There will be a limit of 30 people in the cafeteria.
- Students will also eat in classrooms, gymnasium, and outside.

A more detailed list with visitor guidelines is available on our website.

New Outdoor School Video

Be among the first to see our new video featuring our Outdoor School program. Outdoor School is one week of classes where we take our students to one of five locations: Grand Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, the Rocky Mountain National Park, and one city trip to San Diego that includes a day of tide pooling at La Jolla Beach. For many of the students, the trip to San Diego is the first time they'll get to see the ocean and learn to navigate a big city. The classes are taught by teachers and park rangers and include photography, bird watching, ecology, oceanography, painting, fire science, and so much more. Outdoor School is vital in allowing our students to learn new things, and bond with staff members and each other.

You can get a visual glimpse into what makes this program so unique, by visiting our website at: holbrookindianschool.org/outdoor. There you will find the video, with visuals from past trips.



Holbrook Indian School (HIS) is a first- through 12th-grade boarding academy operated by the Pacific Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. HIS also manages a first- through eighth-grade day school on the Navajo Reservation in Chinle, Arizona. Eighty percent of funding comes from individuals who have a desire to support Native American ministries and Christian education.

Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of our students, their families, and the communities they serve. Berit von Pohle, Ed.D. HIS Board Chair Director of Education PUC of the SDA Church Pedro L. Ojeda, M.Ed. HIS Principal

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