



EDUCATION



Middle School Track Team, L-R: Lydia Sagatu, Chelynna Lester, Sanchez Kato Savoy, Leah Moses, Shylo Augkhopinee, Saharah Hopper, Nicholas Wilson. Notice the snazzy outfits!

Middle School Track Team Outstanding in First Meet

By Taneisha Tilque, MS Track Coach

Please help me congratulate these athletes for an outstanding performance in their first middle school track meet of the season yesterday, April 18, 2019. These young athletes battled through their nerves and competed with heart and determination to do their best. Many PR's (Personal Records) were made and we have two new school record holders!

Nicholas Wilson - 7th Grade
800m - 2:37.58 PR, 3rd place, School Record Holder!

Leah Moses - 8th Grade
Shot Put - 22.8 PR, 3rd Place
Discus - 52.8 PR, 4th Place

Sanchez Kato Savoy - 8th Grade
Shot Put - 35.5 PR, 1st place, School Record Holder!
Discus - 83.11PR, 2nd Place
200m - 29.39 PR, 6th Place

Shylo Augkhopinee - 8th Grade
Hurdles - 15.81, 5th Place
100m - 15.71, 7th Place

MCDC's First-Ever Science Fair!

The first ever science fair at MCDC happened on March 20th with parent, child, teacher participation. After much planning, reviewing science projects that would be age and interest appropriate, talking with teachers and getting kids motivated, it came to seem the first science fair could be an event that has long lasting fond memories for the families and for the kids.

And indeed it was! It really started to come together a few weeks before the fair when the science teacher met one on one with the elementary age Treehouse children, about process type of thinking and the scientific method that goes into making an experiment happen.

It came together because the kids were really using their skills answering questions about things they had never thought about before, like, why does this thing change into that thing? Or, what do I need to do to make it fly? Or, why didn't this work?

Some of the science experiments done by our Treehouse kids were things like growing bacteria in petri dishes, visually seeing how much sugar goes into popular bottled drinks, making a helicopter out of simple things like, 2 rubber bands and a plastic propeller, or seeing if a hair dryer would be strong enough to melt crayons.

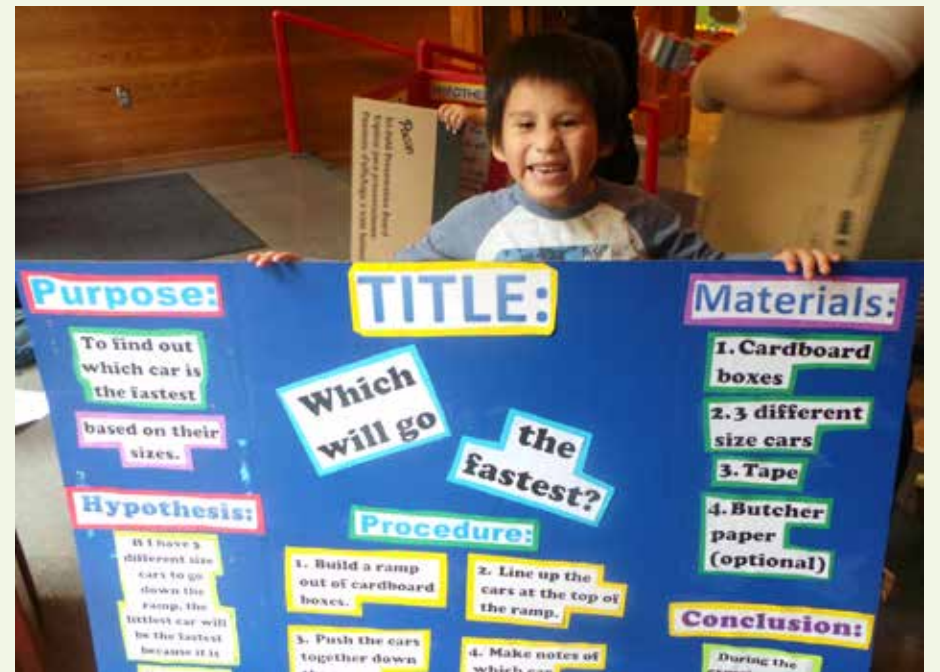
The other, younger wings were doing their own experi-



ments with the toddlers. Some examples were whether an egg will float in salt water, or do two Styrofoam plates create enough static electricity to repel each other? Or what is ice and how does water freeze? Sensory discoveries were happening in the infant wing as well, with different surfaces for the babies to touch.

The fair went over well, with the weather bringing warm late day sunshine, table top experiments happening on a bright sunny patio, and projects being proudly displayed. The children were pleased and the parents were happy to see that science is a good inspiration of some of the children here.

We look forward to a bigger turn out with another batch of exciting MCDC experiments next year!



2019 MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL GRADUATION DATES



Muckleshoot Early Learning Academy

Head Start Graduation

Thursday, June 13

10:00 A.M.

Muckleshoot Tribal School Gymnasium

Muckleshoot Tribal School



12th Grade

Friday, June 7

5:00 P.M.

8th Grade

Monday, June 10

4:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Kindergarten

Tuesday, June 11

10:00 A.M.

5th Grade

Tuesday, June 11

11:00 A.M.

All Muckleshoot Tribal School graduations will be held in the Tribal School Gymnasium.

Higher Education Dinner

Thursday, June 20

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Muckleshoot Casino Banquet Hall

Auburn School District



Auburn High School

Sunday, June 16

4:00 P.M.

Auburn Memorial Stadium

Auburn Riverside High School

Saturday, June 15

4:00 P.M.

Auburn Memorial Stadium

Auburn Mountain View High School

Saturday, June 15

11:00 A.M.

Auburn Memorial Stadium

West Auburn High School

Saturday, June 15

1:30 P.M.

Auburn Performing Arts Center

"Honoring Our Native American Graduates"

Wednesday, June 5

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Auburn Performing Arts Center

Enumclaw School District



Enumclaw High School

Monday, June 17

6:00 - 9:00 P.M.

White River Amphitheatre

Native Graduate Ceremony

(K, 5, 8, & 12)

Tuesday, June 11

5:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Thunder Mountain Middle School

June 26

Honoring our Graduates Event

MIT Event Fields, 4pm-8pm

MTS Celebrates Earth Day 2019

This year marks the 9th annual MTS Earth Day. Each year our event continues to grow and grow with the help of too many people/departments to count.

This year's events included; Nettle Pesto, traditional cooking with the fire pit and lava rock steaming, Douglas Fir tree planting, Mushroom inoculation, Cedar weaving, scavenger hunt with the language team, Dandelion and Big Leaf Maple fritters, PEI led tree ring counting and stamping, recycled paper used to make seed bombs for Tomanamus planting, working our new plants into the garden beds, weeding our garden beds, traditional carving, Nettle weaving and, of course, the ever popular cake walk.

Blending Traditional Ecological Knowledge into our event is such a labor of love. The teachers are energetic and happy and students are engaged and eager to get their hands dirty. We were blessed, yet again, with a gorgeous sunny day. We look forward to years to come of this great work. A HUGE thank you to all that helped make this such a great day.



MTS High School Culinary Arts CUPCAKE WARS 2019

Culinary Arts students participated in Cupcake Wars in their classes. They had to plan a cupcake, filling, frosting, and decoration.

All students did a great job! Various staff came and helped with the judging. The winners in 3rd Period were Brian Luangrath and River Allen. They made vanilla cake with strawberry filling, vanilla frosting, and a strawberry decoration.

The winners in 4th Period were Katelyn Forde, Michael Guevara, Cynthia Phillips, and Swee-tub Cayou. They made vanilla cake with various fillings (whipped cream, ice cream, raspberry, and strawberry), vanilla buttercream, and season themed decorations (Fall: Leaves and rakes, Spring: Rainbow, Summer: Watermelon, Winter: Snowballs and candy canes).

Great job Culinary Arts!!

Thank you Culinary Arts Teacher Kathryn Bart for planning such a great event!



Muckleshoot Tribal School Students of the Month

March



Donovan Rodriguez

Donovan Rodriguez is the student of the month for Miss Isabelle's kindergarten. Donovan is really improving on his knowledge of reading, phonics, alphabet, sounds and power words. Donovan went from zero power words to 40 power words in one month. Donovan is also growing in his ability to use his words to have his needs met. Keep up the great work Donovan.

You have made so much progress and I am so proud of you. You are becoming a reader and this is so exciting. Keep up the great work!



Lolani Collins

Lolani is Mrs. Azure and Mrs. Amanda's student of the month for March! Lolani has worked very hard this year to not let little things upset her or make her cry; she has done amazing! She has blossomed into an amazing first grader. We are all very proud of her meeting her goal!

and shows empathy to all around him. He learns quickly and looks for additional activities to push is levels higher. Way to go Benji!



Micah LaClair-Ayala

Mikah is Ms. May's SOM for March. Mikah is a motivated student. He loves math, always wants to learn and consistently complete his assignments. He has also been working hard to practice his reading skills and recently went up a level. He is a good friend to all his classmates, is helpful, and responsible. We enjoy having Mikah in our class!

lot of growth. She works to finish her assignments and is willing to help her peers to understand the assignments when she finishes. She is respectful and always tries to follow rules and directions **Myrle Anderson** is the March SOM for Ms. Stephanie's Fourth Grade Class! Myrle is such a positive force in the classroom and is truly a great example of what kindness looks like to his classmates. He is a great friend, and is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed. Myrle can always be counted on to be on task as well, whether sharing his knowledge during whole group discussions or quietly finishing independent work! Congratulations Myrle and keep up the good work!

has a wonderful sense of humor and has a thirst for knowledge. We love having Zippora in our class.



Adam Charles

Ms. Bybee's Student of the Month for March is **Adam Charles**. Adam has improved in his ability to sit during circle time. He is improving on his ability to tolerate noises throughout the school. Adam likes cars, trains, Blippi, Elmo and Sponge Bob. Almost every day Adam teaches me something new. He is a joy to have in my classroom. **Chris Vaomu** is Ms. Teresa's March SOM for Language. He follows along in class shows respect to the teacher. Chris is over all a great student to have in class.



Ryan Lezard

Rylan Lezard is Ms. Lori's Student of the Month for March. Rylan is kind and friendly to all of his classmates. He tries hard on all of his work and helps others when he can. He reads at home every night with his family and is becoming an accomplished reader. He plays with all of his friends in class and out at recess and is a kind and gentle soul.



Kiana Dominick

Kiana Dominick is Ms. Heather's Student of the Month because she is an amazing student. She attends school with a positive and willing attitude to learn all she can. She is never off task and always does what is asked of her. She is a great friend to her peers and will help any student if they ask her. She is super bright and extremely smart! I am honored to have such an amazing student such as Kiana in our class. She makes teaching so fun!!



Brooklyn Thompson

Brooklyn Thompson is the March SOM in Ms. Carissa's class. Brooklyn is a hard worker, kind friend and overall awesome human being! I can always count on her to help others and give her best effort in all she does. Thank you Brooklyn for being so amazing!



Nayeli Rodriguez

Nayeli Rodriguez is the Student of the Month for March in Ms. Crystal's class. Nayeli is quiet and hard-working in class. She makes good choices throughout the day, and can be counted upon to be a model student. She is involved in many after school activities including culture, pow-wow and performing arts and should be commended for her efforts.



Hilary Penfield

Hilary Penfield is Ms. Verna's March Culture Student of the Month! She is an awesome student. Hilary comes to Culture ready to learn! She is helpful to her peers and she showed it by helping them sew their projects for Potlatch! Great job Hilary!! Keep up the good work!!



Pablo Barrera Jr.

Pablo Barrera Jr. is Ms. Sarah's March SOM. Pablo has come a long way this year. He loves reading and writing so much that we have to MAKE him stop! Not only is he a good student and a good friend, he has really grown up, acting more like a first grader every day. Congratulations, Pablo!



Yovani Bonilla

Ms. Haworth's Student of the Month is... **Yovani Bonilla**. Yovani has made so much progress with his writing and his reading this month. His awesome new glasses have motivated him in class and he is eager to learn!



Karson Bennett

Karson is Ms. Emerich's Student of the Month for March. He is a student that we can always count on to be making good choices and showing respect. Karson is a creative thinker and shows quality in his work. He participates in class and is always enthusiastic to help others. We are proud of you!



Loren Simmons

Loren Simmons is Ms. Tara's March SOM. Loren has grown a lot this year. He is a kind kid who looks out for other students. He has continued to improve in academic areas and use great strategies when he is frustrated. Loren has a great sense of humor and we are glad that he is in our class.



Russel Sohapp-Tahkeal

Russel Sohapp-Tahkeal is Ms. Jolene's March SOM for Culture. He has improved so much in his attitude and participation in class. Russell is excelling in his projects for Culture.



Kahill Johns

Kahlil Johns is the March SOM in Ms. Connie's class. WOW! You are an amazing girl! Your smile is contagious.



Benjamin Sanchez-Elkins

Ms. Anna's SOM for March is **Benjamin Sanchez-Elkins**. Benji is a good friend to everyone. He is very caring



Lalia Jackson

Lalia Jackson is Ms. Tami's SOM for March. Lalia has been working hard in class and showing a



Zippora Green

Zippora Green is Ms. Violet's March SOM. Zippora has excellent attendance and has shown an improvement in her behavior. She loves to read, create art and write stories. Zippora



MTS's Fabian Mondejar makes WSU Cheer Team

Congratulations to MTS senior, Fabian Mondejar! Fabian has earned a position on Washington State University's Cheer Team. After three days of arduous tryouts, Fabian has become the first MTS student to earn a position on collegiate cheer team.



MIKE EDWARDS PHOTO

MTS students helping get the sockeye ready to cook over the fire on Earth Day.

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HS21+ Program at GED Learning Center is Being Expanded

High School 21+ (HS21+) is one of the programs offered by the Muckleshoot Tribal College's GED Learning Center thru a partnership with Renton Technical College (RTC). The program, HS21+, was designed for people who are highly motivated to better themselves, have completed most their high school credits, have relevant life experiences, and the GED just doesn't work for them. Using the credits from high school and life experiences, you may be able to obtain your high school diploma in just a few months. It will open doors to the NTPlus Program and college.

The HS21+ Program was put in place as an alternative to the new computerized GED Test. The student must be at least 21 years of age and have obtained a good number of high school credits. Generally a student can be no more than 12 credits short subject to instructor discretion. This high school completion program evaluates a student's high school transcript to determine what credits are still needed to graduate with a high school diploma. Once the missing credits are determined, the program's instructors look for ways to obtain the needed credits through reflections of life experiences, certificates obtained, jobs held, classes, and projects. For those needing a good number of core credits (Math, Language Arts, History, etc...), classes needed will be either online or at Renton Technical College's main campus (transportation is **not** provided). Credit can also be given for passing scores on the old and new GED Tests. State achievement tests are no longer necessary for HS21+ students. The number of credits needed and motivation will determine how long it takes to finish the program. Those students

needing a lot of credits will most likely have to take online classes and/or classes at the RTC main campus.

The HS21+ is open to all Muckleshoot Tribal Members at the GED Learning Center at the Muckleshoot Tribal College, as well as the GED Program for all students 16 and older. For more information tribal members should contact Cary Hutchinson at 253-876-3375 or Melissa Reaves at 253-876-3256. All other community members can directly contact Renton Technical College at 425-235-2391. Let's figure out how you can get your high school diploma.

High School 21+ (HS21+) FAQ's

What are the credit requirements for the program?

The credit requirements vary depending on what year you were supposed to have graduated. The program accepts students with no more than 12 core credits still needed to graduate. For those in the Class of 2018 and below, 20 credits were required. The Classes of 2019 and beyond require 24 credits. For example: If you were supposed to graduate originally in 2010 you would have needed 20 credits. You could join the program if you had obtained at least 8 core credits in high school.

What types of credits count toward graduation?

The credits that count have to come from classes accepted by Washington State for graduation such as Algebra 1 and 10th Grade English (Language Arts). Unfortunately some classes, such as Life Skills, some electives, and labs, don't count for this program.

How do I find out how many credits I have?

The first step is to get a copy of your high school transcript from the last high school you attended. This will show how many credits you earned, what year you were set to graduate, and which classes you were given credit for. After obtaining your transcript, come and meet with an instructor to verify qualification and to register

How do I make up the missing credits?

This program is "competency" based which means you are given credit for those subjects you can prove you can do. RTC will make the determination what needs to be proven or completed for credit. Competency can be proven in many different ways; assigned coursework, completed tests, certificates, certifications, licenses, videos, writing, directed exercises, previous GED tests passed, online, classes, work history, self-employment, etc... In some cases a student may be required to take classes at the Renton Technical College's main campus. It would be the student's responsibility to get to and from the college.

Are the Washington State tests still required to graduate?

The tests are not required once a student is 21 years of age, so no additional tests are needed to graduate in this program.

If I need a class, where will I take it?

If it is decided a class is needed, it can be taken where ever it is offered or online. In most cases we can make arrangements for you to finish everything here at the Muckleshoot Tribal College (MTC) with the two instructors. Taking classes through Renton

Technical College (RTC) is also an option. If classes are required at the Renton Technical College, transportation will **not** be provided.

What support will I get while in this program?

Because it is a partnership with Renton Technical College, one of their instructors will direct you on what you need to prove competency. They will also be available in person once a month here at MTC. Also, the instructors here at MTC, Cary and Melissa, are available to assist you in your assignments from RTC and collecting what you need for submittal and presentation to the RTC instructor. Assistance includes help with papers, help with a resume and cover letter, Math help, help finding proof of competency, help finding alternative methods for credit, etc...

Who issues my high school diploma?

The high school diploma itself is issued through Renton Technical College in accordance with Washington State requirements. After completing your credits, a diploma will be mailed to you in 4 to 6 weeks.

What is the time frame in finishing this program?

There is no set answer to this question. This will depend on the amount and kinds of credits you need and the time and effort put into finishing the assignments given by the instructor. The average time is about three + months.

Are there any costs?

The program is free to Muckleshoot Tribal Members.

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USED TO BE	NOW
<p>MOST</p> <p>The Grant for the MOST program has ended & we now offer the:</p> <p>GRC/MTC Office Training Program →</p>	<p>GRC/MTC Office Training Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offered until Spring 2019 Quarterly Enrollment Muckleshoot Scholarship Eligible WORD, Excel, Windows, Email, Outlook & Communication Beginning & Intermediate levels May take for Professional Development w/out Scholarship incentive



Students of the Quarter Winter 2019



MIT Scholarship Department
Zachary Valles

Zachary Valles graduated the Bates Pre-Apprentice Program December 21, 2018 and has continued on into the Iron Workers Apprenticeship in January. He was the first student of the 3 Bates Cohorts to go on to the Apprenticeship Program; He was selected out of 112 recruits and was the 12th person on the roster that was added. Zach has been a part of the scholarship program going back to 2011 when he first came to the College to obtain his GED. Now he is a certified Iron Worker Apprentice, and the Scholarship Department wants to give a big shout out to Zachary Valles on completion of his apprenticeship.



Office Intermediate
Carmen White

The Muckleshoot Tribal College is proud to announce Carmen White as the "Student of the Quarter" for the GRC-MTC Office Intermediate Program. At the Muckleshoot Tribal College we are always seeking to help and provide an environment for our students to grow as individuals, learn new things to add to their skill set, and to actively do their best to be a success. Carmen exemplified these qualities through

her dedication and effort throughout the quarter as she successfully completed the program. And with this recognition we like to congratulate and encourage Carmen to continue to keep up the great work with her academics and her future endeavors.



NT PLUS Program
Eugene 'Geno' West IV

The NT | PLUS program is pleased to announce Eugene "Geno" West IV as the student of the quarter. Geno has been a dedicated student and has attended almost every optional lab day. He has worked hard and when he has struggled he has shown a willingness to work one-on-one with the instructors until he understands. Geno's dedication has allowed him to help peer instruct other students. He is a great addition to both classes, and we are looking forward to seeing where next quarter takes him.



HS21+
James Ross Jr.

The GED/HS21+ Department have selected James Ross Jr. as our "Student of the Quarter" for winter

2019. James approached us wanting to begin a degree program in IT as he employed with the IT Department of the Muckleshoot Casino. James expressed that he was very close to graduating high school but he was just shy of the credits he needed to earn his high school diploma. James had heard about our HS21+ Program and asked what that entailed. After deciding it was the route he wanted to pursue, he then applied for the program, and began working on the credits he was deficient in and very quickly earned his high school diploma through our partnership with Renton Technical College. James was very diligent and worked closely with us and the RTC Representative to work on and submit the items he needed to complete the program. Upon completion, James then joined the NT PLUS Program here at the Muckleshoot Tribal College and began working toward his AAS - Information Technology Systems Degree. We are so impressed with his spirit and willingness to jump right into a two year Associate's degree immediately upon earning his high school diploma. The turnaround was so fast in fact; he graduated on a Friday and enrolled in his degree program on Tuesday of the following week. The GED/HS21+ Department and the Muckleshoot Tribal College as a whole is proud to select James Ross Jr. as a "Student of the Quarter" and look forward to seeing him earn his Associate's degree.



Office Basic
Jennifer Jensen

The Muckleshoot Tribal College is proud to announce Jennifer Jensen as the "Student of the Quarter" for the GRC-MTC Office

Basic Program. At the Muckleshoot Tribal College we are always seeking to help and provide an environment for our students to grow as individuals, learn new things to add to their skill set, and to actively do their best to be a success. Jennifer exemplified these qualities through her dedication and effort throughout the quarter as she successfully completed the program. And with this recognition we like to congratulate and encourage Jennifer to continue to keep up the great work with her academics and her future endeavors.



CCEOP
Fabian Mondejar

We have Chosen Fabian Mondejar for our student of the Quarter for the College and Career Education Opportunities Program. (CCEOP) Fabian is a senior at the Muckleshoot Tribal School and he will be graduating in June 2019. Fabian has accomplished so much in the last four years. His attendance is great; he always keeps our program informed of his plans and has excellent communication skills. Fabian is really independent, does not need to be told what to do when he arrives at the building. Fabian is self-driven and works hard. Fabian is organized and efficient. Fabian has also utilized his time with our program to complete college applications and has been accepted to Washington State University Fall 2019. Our department is incredibly proud of Fabian and all his ac-

complishments and achievements. We cannot wait to see what great things Fabian has in store for his future.



Northwest Indian College
Kearsten McCoy

Kearsten McCoy is a passionate student, and has attained perfect attendance whilst attending Northwest Indian College. She works hard with her NWIC studies; her effort is always noticed, and appreciated. Kearsten not only a full time student, but works full time and is a mother. Her children have attended NWIC field trips, and are clearly excited about education, just like their mom! Kearsten is an advocate for herself, as well as other students, and her presence, and participation in the classroom always add to the learning environment. She is a proud member of the Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe of the Enterprise Rancheria. She is going to continue her education in the field of accounting, and has plans for her academic pursuits to ben-

efit her Tribal community in the Future. Northwest Indian College is proud to nominate Kearsten McCoy as their Student of the Quarter for winter 2019.



Tamara Omnell-Moses

GED/HS21+ Learning Center is proud to present, "Student of the Quarter Winter 2019", Tamara Omnell-Moses. Tamara came to us to work on her GED through participating in AWTP. Since October, Tamara has passed three of the four tests required to obtain her GED and will soon be passing the Math test to finish up. Tamara is a very driven student and has even already started her pursuit of higher education by joining the Microsoft Excel classes held here at the Muckleshoot Tribal College. Her educational journey is well on its way. She is doing this all while raising a family (see picture). We at the Muckleshoot Tribal College thank Tamara for her dedication to the GED Program and wish her success in this and all future endeavors.



Way to play fellas - DAS 2019 CHAMPIONS! Thanks to the Sneatulum Family for another great tourney!!!! Nate "Don't-Brake" Bisson, Kobe Courville, Leeroy Courville, Shawn Sanchez, Gale Jefferson, Tommy Chagolla.

IN CLASS HELP
Classes are offered Monday - Thursday. They will be on an alternating morning and afternoon schedule to accommodate different schedules. The four test subjects are rotated as well for student convenience. A calendar is posted monthly with class schedules.

GED ACADEMY
An internet based program that allows a student to study anywhere they have an internet connection and a computer. The program is set up to teach only the topics needed to pass the GED test and continually adjusts to address individual needs. If needed, a companion book can also be used.

MODES OF STUDY

INDIVIDUAL TUTORING
Both instructors are available for individual tutoring Monday - Friday on both a walk-in and scheduled basis. The best times for instructor availabilities are:
 o Mondays 9am to 3pm
 o Tuesdays 12pm to 3pm
 o Wednesdays 12pm to 3pm
 o Thursdays 12pm to 5pm
 o Fridays 12pm to 5pm
 (Times subject to change.)

SELF-PACED STUDY
Students are welcome to study at their own pace.

HYBRID/COMBINATION
Students are welcome to and encouraged to use multiple modes of study to match their learning style, comfort level, and desired testing time frame.

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The NT | PLUS IT Advice Column

Let's take a moment to talk about 'phishing' and protecting yourself in the digital age

By Andrew Bruce and Miguel Arreguin, IT Instructor's Muckleshoot Tribal College

As much as I wish we were talking about some nice salmon, like you would get from the river, we are talking about an attempt to steal your information on the internet. A common definition of "phishing" is the attempt to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details, often for malicious reasons, by disguising as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.

Phishing scams often use well-crafted and creative emails to panic you into giving them info. It might threaten to cancel a subscription or to charge you money if you don't respond. It might come in the form of a request to reset your banking details. It could also come in the form of a debt collection email or even a phone call trying to use fear to force you to pay.

A few things to note to make sure you protect yourself are that a legitimate company will ever ask you for your credentials, like username or password in an email. They also will not ask you to provide personal identifiable information (PII) over an unsecure email channel. Civil debt in the US is a civil penalty and there is no such thing as debtors' prison in this country, so if they say they will have you arrested unless you pay today, you can pretty much assume it's a scam and move on.

Don't use email links, always type the address in the address bar. This ensures you are headed to the right website. Don't ever give out usernames or passwords unless you are sure you are on the right site, its a good practice, make sure that at least your online banking password is unique and that you don't use it on other websites.

The best piece of advice I can

give you is this: If it seems suspicious it is and, if it is too good to be true, don't trust it.

Check back next Muckleshoot Messenger for another edition of the advice column and check the Elder's Complex schedule for upcoming Introductory Computer classes put on by your NT | PLUS Instructors!

Andrew Bruce is an experienced Network and Cybersecurity Professional, and Miguel Arreguin has 8 years' experience in the IT field.

If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing in taking IT classes, please contact [Queena Sneatlum](mailto:Queena.Sneatlum@muckleshoot.nsn.us), at the Muckleshoot Tribal College. Queena.Sneatlum@muckleshoot.nsn.us p. 253 876 3292

If you have specific questions you would like answered, send them to: MTC NT PLUS program

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- Communication (language comprehension and ability to express ideas)

- Personal-social skills
- Self-help skills
The purpose of a Child Find Screening is to identify factors that may interfere with your child's learning, growth and development. The screening helps parents identify their child's strengths and weaknesses and can be given activities and suggestions for skill-building.

This screening will usually be fun for your child and can involve blocks, drawing, cutting, counting, jumping and skipping. You will have an opportunity to talk with

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Eligibility for screening: Any child from 0-5 years, whose family or caregivers would like more information about their child's development. All school districts in Washington have Child Find screenings available. If you want a screening and if your family is living in a temporary situation, you may contact the district where you are staying.

If you have any questions or are interested in having your child participate in the Muckleshoot Support Services Program screening, please contact our Parent Liaison, Natasha Sheldon at 253-329-8250.

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