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Nonprofit after school program – Grades 3 through 5

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Dear Friends of Tools For Tomorrow,

We want to share an example of the many wonderful notes our Executive Director, Ed DiNicola, is receiving from school administrators this year. Nancy Nishiguchi is the after school program coordinator for Harry S. Truman Elementary School in La Quinta.

“Dear Ed,

I want to thank you for the outstanding help that you have given the Fuentes family, especially Nadia. I am so happy that you know, first-hand, what a difference you are making in the lives of our children in the Coachella Valley. Even more, I have seen a newly-found pride, happiness and hope in the eyes of Mr. and Mrs. Fuentes. This is HOPE for a Bright Future for the entire family.

I talked with Nadia’s mother for over an hour as she described the wonderful visit they had with you. She was so impressed that you took such a genuine interest in Nadia and her love of art and reading.

Tools for Tomorrow has made an incredible difference for Nadia and Nicole, her sister, and all of the Truman School students.

We truly appreciate the support that you have given to all of us.

*Yours truly in Education,
Nancy”*

Look forward in the fall to receiving a double newsletter telling you about:

- The 15 Coachella Valley Schools TFT serves and the over 1,300 students
- The Gala – The Friends Fall Fiesta – The Bridge Fundraiser
- Adopt A School Partners and New Affiliates
- TFT scholarship students to the Idyllwild Arts Academy and the Palm Springs Art Museum
- Donations, grants and corporate funding

- Calendar of Events
- An update from the Director
- The TFT ARTISTS & POETS GALLERY
- Lots of pictures of children and events

Your help is needed now more than ever. As school funding continues to be cut, the TFT integrated arts program becomes of even greater importance. We are working hard to prepare for the coming school year. We thank you on behalf of all those children we have been able to serve because of your past contribution and your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Kimberly

Kimberly Klink,
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P.S. Your full contribution will go directly to serving the children.





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ASSIGNMENT: Studying Kachinas and Dream Catchers in the Native American Culture

(Spelling and grammar are the children's own)



GODESS OF HELP

My kachina helps knowledge and helps plants grow.
My kachina's name is Goddess of Help.
She loves to eat pizza and sphagetti.
She loves her mother and she likes dancing.
She likes wearing hats and helps everyone make good choices.
But she doesn't like doing homework.
That's all about my kachina.

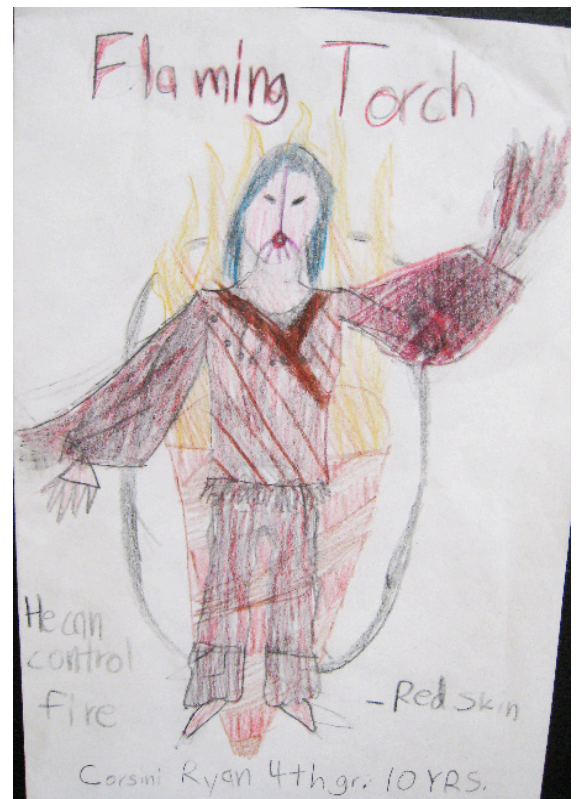
Monique, age 9

Princess Star
likes pink and purple
She does magic
and she dance
She makes stuff
that people want
She likes people
that are always respectful
to others.

Stephanie G., 10



Roberto, age 9



Ryan, age 10

I, Icaris the angle, will use my powers with my dream catcher
to help my tribe QueenKong!
I will put my fellow tribe members first in order to benefit my tribe.

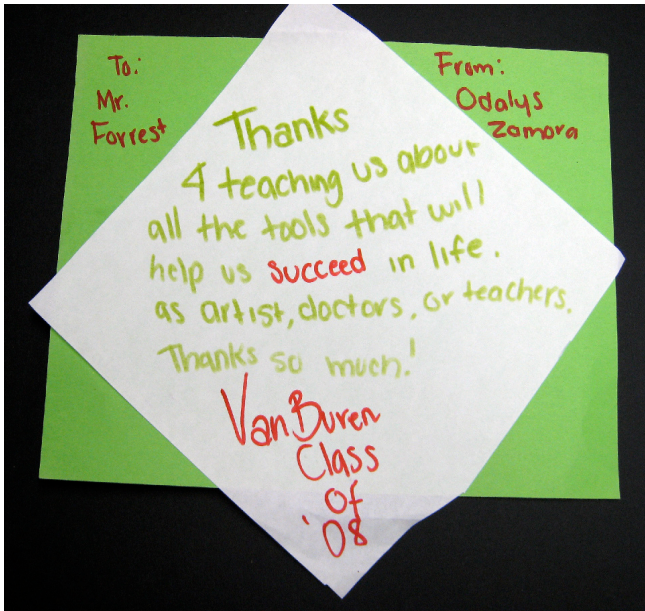
What I do to help:

- If there are leaks I can fix them
- If some one is sick I can call 911
- If some one is hurt I can heal them or get some help

Jason M., age 9

NOTES FROM THE CHILDREN

(The grammar and spelling are their own)



I like that no one teases anybody about anything. We all learned to be friends. We also learned about each and other. Some of us are in third, fourth, or fifth grade, but we're still all friends.

I enjoyed being in Tools for Tomorrow because I could really let my creativity flow out. I could also be myself. I learned many interesting facts while being in Tools for Tomorrow. I liked that you could also let out your ideas. As you can see, I really enjoyed being in Tools for Tomorrow.

Your friend,
Yvonne, age 10

I like to Tools for Tomorrow because we do acting. I like Tools for Tomorrow because we make masks. I like Tools for Tomorrow because we get to run four laps around the MPR. I like Tools for Tomorrow because we make story up.

Chris P., age 9



Thank you for the tools that will help us in the day after tomorrow!

Odalys, age 9



Nadia F., age 9

I like when we act and I liked to be with my friends. I like my teacher Mrs. Jen and I like when we do music and art. I like how we do emotions like greedy, tired, afraid, mad, jealous, depressed and bored. It is exiting to do stuff and play and learn.

Angelica A., age 10

