

# Chromebooks reduce disparity in Technology

Resources for Indian Student Education, Inc. (RISE) completed a two-month process to determine need and present computer laptops from Frontier Communications as educational resource gifts to Native students.

Grantmaking by CETF (California Emerging Technology Fund) strives to institutionalize digital inclusion by expanding telehealth and distance learning opportunities through public awareness and education, partnerships and advancing public policy. RISE gave away 80 Chromebooks.

Parents own the new Chromebook. They are encouraged to have their children use it to participate in classroom instruction as directed by the school, and in distance learning. CETF hopes that home distance learning will increase parent engagement with the school, district and public services.

RISE serves seven schools of Burney Jr./Sr. High, Fall River Elementary and Jr./Sr. High, Surprise Valley Schools, Alturas Elementary, Modoc Middle and Modoc High School for 112 enrolled students. Chromebooks were required to be distributed to RISE students in households within Frontier Service Areas, with an option to sign up for Frontier Fundamental Internet at a reduced rate, or another affordable service. Additionally, CETF provided basic digital literacy training for parents who requested additional support on the Chromebooks.

"Students and parents are grateful to the California Emerging Technology Fund and Frontier Communities for these support efforts in our communities. The Chromebooks will help better meet distance learning needs of our youth and their families, and several graduates who will go on to college," said Duanna Knighton, RISE Assistant Director.

Fall River Elementary parent Brianna Toney said, "We are so thankful to be a part of the RISE program. We are also grateful to receive the Chromebook! Thank you RISE."

RISE Director, Dr. April Lea Go Forth, stated, "RISE staff are commended for personal efforts in contacting families to learn which students needed a computer to facilitate participation in distance learning. This was a unique opportunity for so many students."

Frontier Communications Senior Vice President Joe Gamble explained, "Frontier remains committed to the California communities we serve and is proud to partner with CETF in helping students and their families adapt to the increased reliance on Internet-based learning."

Eighty students in the RISE program now look forward to reducing the digital divide.



**OWACHOBEE WOOD** using Chromebook in RISE classroom.



**DREAM GALI** (Above) is happy to be using her new Chromebook at RISE Center.

**ANGELA VILLARREAL** (Left) shows appreciation for her new ChromeBook.

## Sign up for Art Class

The Art Center on Main Street, Alturas will be offering the following event.

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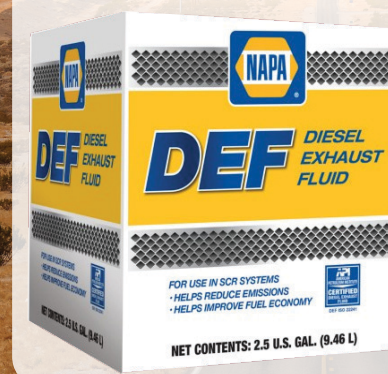
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