Resource 3

Promoting Community Events and Resources

Use this checklist to find ways you and your students can make the connections between home, school and community.

☐ Have students go through the phone book to identify and discuss different programs and agencies in the community; for example, a blood bank, day labor office, government housing office, public utilities office and so on.

☐ Have students report their participation in celebrations, grand openings, art exhibitions, fairs etc.

☐ Develop a community almanac with students that regularly reports on what is happening in the community. Students could take a simple monthly survey identifying seasonal changes and corresponding tasks, such as wood cutting, fall harvest, piñon picking, spring cleaning, etc.

☐ Create a community bulletin board with information about events, services, celebrations, etc. Make sure to place it in a busy, well-traveled area.

☐ Take advantage of students' family trips to discuss geography, culture and activities.

☐ Review course catalogs from local colleges, trade schools and other training agencies to help students become aware of career development and life-long learning opportunities.

☐ Use the Internet to find information about community service providers and events with students and their families.

☐ Invite community members to school events.

☐ Have students participate in civic organizations (e.g. Rotary Club, Lions Club).

Add more to this list as appropriate for your school community.