Speaker Naize Visits 2011 Navajo Nation Science Fair

Window Rock, AZ – On Wednesday, Navajo Nation Speaker Johnny Naize visited the 2011 Navajo Nation Science Fair at the Diné Education Center auditorium. The Speaker viewed a variety of different projects submitted by fifth through eighth graders from different schools across the Navajo Nation.

“I wish there was an event like this when I was your age,” said Speaker Naize as he addressed the kids.

“Don’t forget to thank your teachers and parents for letting you participate and be proud of your efforts and the schools you represent,” continued Naize. “Remember to take this great experience with you – all the way to college.”

The three-day event, hosted by the Department of Diné Education Office of Science, Math, Technology is broken into three grade categories from kindergarten through third on the first day, fifth through eighth on the second day and ninth through twelfth on the third.

After setting up their exhibits, the entries are judged and the best five projects on each day are awarded prizes. The first group received Leapfrog Learning games, the second group were given iPod Nanos, while the older teens have a chance to win iPads.

Registration is open to all students from across the Navajo Nation including Public, Private, Parochial, Charter, and Bureau of Indian Affairs institutions. This year 37 schools and nearly 180 students participated in the Fair.

Sponsors for the Science Fair included: The Department of Diné Education, Dyron Murphy Architects, P.C., Navajo Engineering & Construction Authority, Mesalands Community College, Navajo Nation Oil & Gas, Four Corners Orthodontics – Dr. David Herman, Native Constructors, and Gerald Martin General Contractors.

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