

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Our Thought for the Day is:

Enjoy your life without comparing it with that of others.

Students, Archery Club is cancelled today, it will start up on Wednesday, November 29th, 2017.

Hello Panthers! What goes well with our chilly days of fall? A nice soft, warm Hyde Park Spirit Hoodie! Supplies are limited. Stop by Room 204 or 208 and purchase your warm Hoodie for \$25 today!

November is National American Indian Heritage Month

I was born in 1962 in Kingman, Arizona. Kingman is a very multi-cultural community, and has a large mix of Hispanics, Native Americans, and Anglos. I am a mix myself; my mother is Navajo and my father is Caucasian.

During the time I was raised, Kingman was such a little town that there were not a lot of career opportunities for women, and girls didn't see examples of women who were doctors, lawyers, engineers, and scientists. Many girls, including myself, struggled with this lack of role models. However, I received a tremendous amount of encouragement from my parents who were both teachers. They showed me that an education could take me far.

After high school I went to Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona where I played basketball. It was at Yavapai where I first fell in love with chemistry. I had always loved math and had decided to study engineering.

After earning my Ph.D. in 1990, I spent twelve years as a research scientist at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL), which is operated by the Department of Energy.

At INEEL, I studied how waste metals like uranium and plutonium that were used in weapons production interact with the environment, mostly at the surface. Our research tries to understand all of these interactions so that better clean-up strategies can be developed.

Here is Ms. Belknap with today's Words of Wisdom.