

Quarterly Native Times Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

Native American Heritage Month Speaker, November 13th from 6:00-8:30pm @ South Campus Auditorium – Please join us in celebrating with teachings by Dream of Wild Health. Free!

NEW: Dakota Language and Culture Classes – Beginning November 6th, we will be offering FREE Dakota classes to our Native students and families. Join us the first Tuesday of every month at North Campus, 6:00-9:00PM!

Sewing & Beading 101 –Join us in our ongoing Sewing & Beading classes to work on some skills and leave with projects!! Materials are available for ribbon shirts/skirts, and diverse beadwork patterns. Join us on bi-weekly starting November 14th!

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American Indian Parent Committee

Established in the Winter of the 2015-2016 school year, the American Indian Parent Committee at White Bear Lake Area Schools plays an active role in ensuring equity, inclusivity, and success for our Native American students.

The following are free services that are offered to our Native American students in thanks to Federal and State funding, as well as the coordination of our AIPAC:

- Cultural Enrichment Classes
- Academic Advocacy
- Tutoring for High School Students
- Information for Post-Secondary Planning
- Financial Aid and Scholarship Mentorship
- 1 on 1 Academic Mentorship

Following officer votes that took place on August 20th, the assignments are as follows:

Chair – Andrew Adams III

Vice-Chair – Raymond Cermak

Secretary – Renee Butters

“Our goal is to provide meaningful, intentional, effective academic/non-academic services to every WBLAS American Indian student, while fostering cultural identity and pride.”



2018-2019 AIPAC Meeting Dates

August 20th

September 17th

October 15th

December 17th

January 28th (Resolution Vote)

February 25th

March 18th

April 15th (Public Hearing)

May 20th

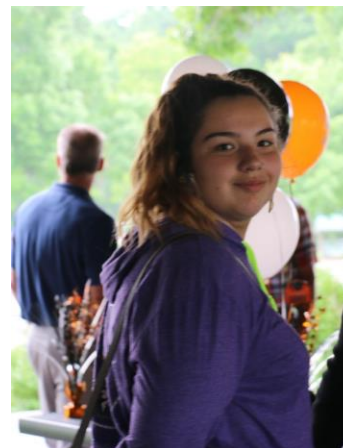
June 17th

District Center Room 206 at 5:30pm

Student Recognition Round:

Leticia Thornhill

Engaged. Motivated. Well-rounded. Indigenous.



Leticia is a leader in the White Bear Lake community, as seen through her academic and extra-curricular commitments. With her continued levels of high engagement, Leticia's ends know no bounds. We are honored to have her as a Native American student at WBL.

Happy Native American Heritage Month!

November is Native American Heritage Month, or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes, to raise a general awareness about the unique challenges Native people have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which tribal citizens have worked to conquer these challenges.

Events this Month:

- Many Faces of WBL: Ojibwe and Dakota People – Wednesday, November 14th from 6:00-7:30pm at the District Center. Includes blessings, historical presentation, community discussion, and a light meal. Registration required.
- Native American Heritage Month Speaker - Refer to page 1 for more details.
- Cultural Enrichment Classes – Including Ojibwe and Dakota Language and Culture Classes, as well as our Sewing and Beading classes. Free, no RSVP required.

Pride. Strength. Resiliency.

“There is no one Indigenous perspective...no one Indigenous story. We are all tremendously diverse peoples with tremendously diverse life experiences. We are not frozen in the past, nor are we automatically just like everybody else. That is why it is so important for everyone to share their own story. In revealing their personal truths, they help us all gain a better appreciation for the messy, awesome, fun reality of the world we live in.”

Wab Kinew (Anishinaabe)

Journalist, Hip hop artist, Director of Indigenous Inclusion at the University of Winnipeg

Native American College Fair – On October 16th, twelve of our High School students participated in the Native American College Fair presented by Minneapolis and St. Paul Public Schools. This College Fair was an opportunity for our students to explore diverse post-secondary options, connect with admissions staff, learn about financial aid, and tour the U of M’s St. Paul Campus. This was an exceptional experience for our students to focus on what’s ahead.

Book Club Launches – Due to our Program’s Indigenous book acquisition, Indian Ed. Book Clubs have launched at Central, Sunrise, North, and South. For our North and South students, there is an upcoming opportunity to facilitate community discussion around Tommy Orange’s story, *There, There*. For more information, please contact Jordan Zickermann.

Cultural Enrichment Classes – Our Ojibwe classes will continue with Hope Flanagan on the 3rd Thursday of every month with our next class on November 27th. We will also be launching Dakota classes – refer to page 1. Stay connected to [our calendar on the Indian Education website](#) for more details on upcoming cultural enrichment classes that are free and open to your entire family!



Interested in tutoring? Please contact Jordan.Zickermann@isd624.org for more information.



The Indian Education programs provides ACT Prep courses to all High School students through our grant. Keep an eye out for upcoming classes by clicking [here](#).



WBLAS offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Don’t miss out! Click [here](#), or contact Jordan Zickermann for more details or questions.



Follow the [WBL Indian Education Parent Committee Facebook](#) page for more information on upcoming events and community resources.