California Native American Day 2023

Alum Rock School District



Why:

To expand student awareness of the Native American experience in the US and take part in this year's celebration:

"Protecting our people through sovereignty: past, present and future"

When:

Friday, Sep 22
7:45 am- 5 pm



Sacramento State Capitol

45 Students attended

- **A.J. Dorsa Elementary** - Ms. Madril's 5th grade class
- **San Antonio Elementary** - YMCA Expanded Learning Program 5th grade class
- **Hubbard Media Arts Academy** - Think Together Expanded Learning Program 7th – 8th combo class

Prior to the Trip

- Through various lesson plans, students learned about the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe
  - Some lessons included:
    - Learning about land acknowledgement, how it is done, how to honor this practice in the classroom, the school, the district, the community.
    - Learning about the tribe's contributions and about native people and the culture.

  - Discussion starters:
    - How can we help the Muwekma Ohlone's fight for federal tribal recognition?
    - How can we bring back our experience from the field trip to our school sites and district?
    - What other CA tribes are they familiar with? Or can they learn about?

Governor Newsom makes it law in 2022

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

On California Native American Day, we honor and celebrate the first peoples and nations of this place who have long stood as an example of the leadership, determination, ingenuity and empathy needed to face the existential challenges of climate change, cultural shifts and meeting the needs of diverse communities.

The painful losses of the past few years have reminded all Californians of what is important and what is at stake. And Native communities in particular have experienced the devastating loss of larger-than-life leaders, culture-bearers, elders and family members whose absences will be felt for generations to come. As we have worked to build resilience in our communities and tackle threats to our state's future, California Native peoples have reignited the call to action to restore our relationships with the lands, waters, animals and each other through principals of sustainability, respect and reciprocity.

Example of Lesson Plans:

What is a Land Acknowledgement?



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Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Santa Clara County and our schools occupy the unceded territory of the Muwekma Ohlone Nation, the sovereign nation and original people of the skies, land, and waters where we work and learn. The Muwekma Ohlone people are the stewards of these lands and of the teaching and learning that comes from and responds to the needs of the land and people who share it. May our daily lives and work - research, teaching, and community engagement – support the evolving vision of the Muwekma Ohlone for their community and these lands.



Muwekma Ohlone Tribe
Native-Land.ca
Land Acknowledgement Overview & Examples

What do we notice?
What do we wonder?

What do you notice about this Land Acknowledgement?

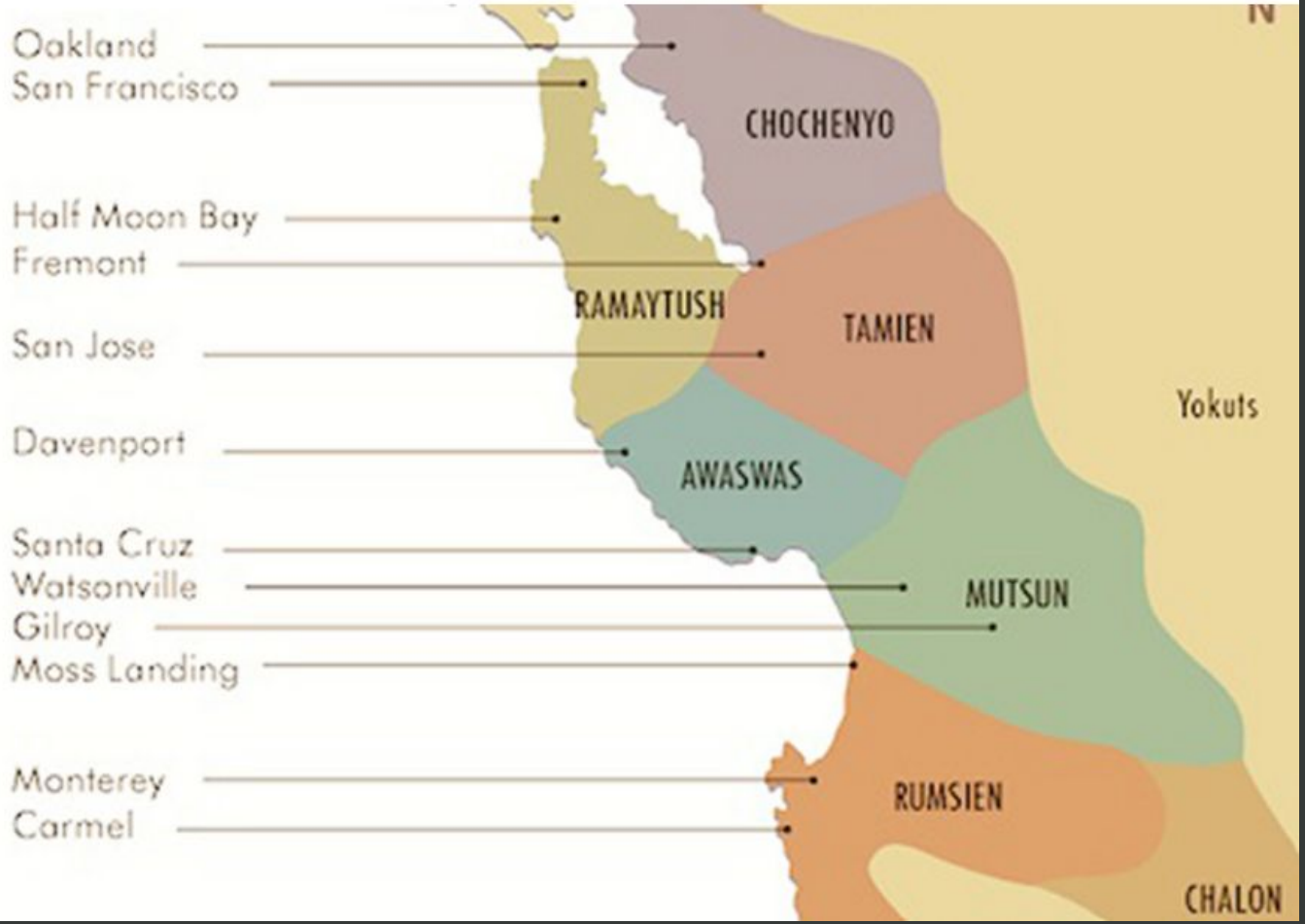
Driving Question: Why does the tribe use the phrase, “We are still here”?



Makkin Mak Muwekma Wolwoolum, 'Akkoy Mak-Warep, Manne Mak Hiswi!

We Are Muwekma Ohlone, Welcome To Our Land, Where We Are Born!

Ohlone Villages



Muwekma Ohlone: KNOW

What do we KNOW about the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe?

What does “Tribal Sovereignty” mean?

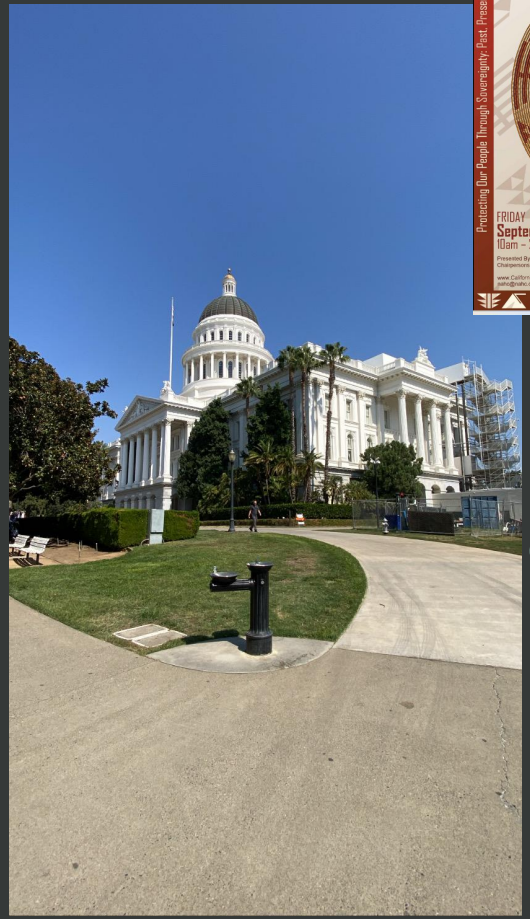


What does “Tribal Sovereignty” mean?

What have we LEARNED about the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe?

56th Annual Native American Day-Field trip








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S. Hubbard Elementary




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“My field trip is actually fun, because the trip is long and there are native american people. One thing I learned about is that there is a shop and they sell lots of stuff. Second, I witnessed native american dancing and traditional music. Lastly, the food was great. I really had a great time.”
-8th grader, Thai On

The trip was an amazing experience for me and the students. They all loved everything from the nice fancy bus and the smooth drive to all the different creative booths full of culture. Some quotes from the students were “this is so cool” and “we need to come back next year.”
-Shaynna Silva (Think Together-Program Leader)

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH-November

Follow up - Lesson Plans

- How might we support their struggle in regaining federal tribal status?
  - Sign the petition to restore their homeland
  - Sign the "Restore the Muwekma" letter
  - How can we get involved in supporting this movement?
  - Write a Board Resolution for CA Native American Day next year and/or Orange Shirt Day

- How can we bring in some of the tribes culture, customs to programs, schools? Through Music/Storytelling/Language/Cordage/Games

Related Holidays/Observances

Native American Day (Nevada & California)
Sept 22

Indigenous People's Day
Oct 9

Native American Heritage Month
November