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# FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

## GBAPS Land Acknowledgement

We, the members of the Green Bay Area Public School District, recognize and honor the original inhabitants of Northeast Wisconsin. Our district lives, works and learns upon the ancestral homelands of the Menominee and Ho-Chunk Nations, and the current homeland of Oneida Nation. We acknowledge the 12 diverse and vibrant Wisconsin First Nations, who have persevered here since before recorded time, and continue to be integral parts of our community. We uphold our responsibility to repair relationships, initiate partnerships, and stand with all First Nations Communities.

**Mission Statement:** We strive to support First Nations Students culturally and academically by acknowledging past and present trauma, offering healing and consistent relationships, and helping students develop their gifts.

## Medicine Wheel Ornaments

### HOWE

Just before winter break, Cheyenne Grignon and her students took a break to make Medicine Wheel Ornaments.



## Showcasing Great Books

### MACARTHUR

Kiyara Kinney, a second grader at MacArthur, shows off some of our First Nations Program books!



## Airport Tree Decorations

### KING

Angela Danforth supported Mrs. Cook's class at King Elementary as they decorated a tree at Austin Straubel Airport this year. The students honored and celebrated Oneida Nation with their design.

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# BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

NATIVE AUTHORS



## SKY SISTERS

Two Ojibwe sisters set off across the frozen north country to see the SkySpirits' midnight dance (The Northern Lights). [Use this link](#) for a read aloud of this book.



## THE LITTLEST SLED DOG

Igvillu is a little dog that dreams of becoming a sled dog in northern Canada.



## LUKA AND LITTLE FEATHER

Indigenous sisters Luka and Little Feather have a dream to see the ocean. But how can they? This book is written by former GBAPS First Nations Specialist, Ashlee Olujic (on the left in the photo)!

**Kennedy Students Love the book Luka and Little Feather!**

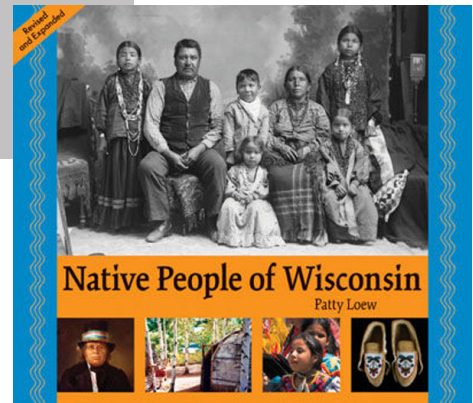
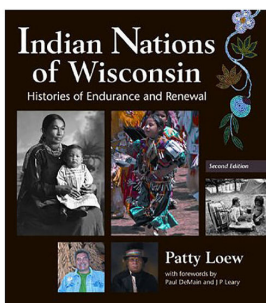


# CURRICULUM

# UPDATES

## INDIAN NATIONS OF WISCONSIN

AVAILABLE FOR  
TEACHERS



THIS BOOK TELLS THE STORIES OF THE 12 NATIVE NATIONS IN WISCONSIN. YOUNG READERS WILL BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE UNIQUE CULTURAL TRADITIONS, TRIBAL HISTORY, AND LIFE TODAY FOR EACH NATION.

**AVAILABLE IN ALL ELEMENTARY  
CLASSROOMS!**

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**WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

## Culture & Community



**GBAPS Summer School:** First Nations Specialists will be onsite this summer at Fort Howard Elementary! They will be supporting First Nations Students, as well as joining classrooms to provide cultural opportunities for all students! *Registration Coming Soon!*

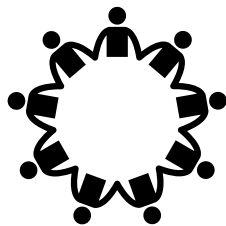


**Oneida Adventures:** Celebrate the most beautiful season by getting out into the woods and taking a hike in the winter air! Register by emailing: [Adventure\\_dept@oneidanation.org](mailto:Adventure_dept@oneidanation.org)

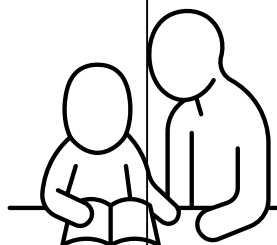
ONEIDA CAMPS

**SPARK THE  
NEXT  
GENERATION**

**UWGB & Oneida Nation Summer Camps:** Explore interests, learn from experts, engage with the natural world around us. Oneida Nation youth can participate in summer camps at no cost! Register at: <https://www.uwgb.edu/camps/oneida-camps>



**Parent Advisory Committee:** Please join us for our next parent advisory committee that will be held at King Elementary School at 5:30pm on February 19th! All are welcome!



**Ho-Chunk Nation Tutoring Services:** Ho-Chunk Nation has recently started a tutoring service for Ho-Chunk Nation Students. If you are interested, please contact Andi Cloud at [andi.cloud@ho-chunk.com](mailto:andi.cloud@ho-chunk.com).