



MAY 2024



FIRST NATIONS PROGRAM

*Special
Edition*

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.



Asia
Chevez

Background, Education and Future:

Asia is an enrolled Oneida Nation member of the Turtle Clan and Salvadorian. Asia is graduating with high honors from the West IB Program. Asia shared her story with us, "I attended Elmore Elementary, Franklin Middle and West High School. I will be attending college at St. Norbert College in the Business Program, which is my dream school.

I have taken free college courses throughout my high school career, even taking some over the summer to have the credits to earn my associate degree. When I graduate I will already have earned an associates degree in business!

My goal is to get my Bachelor's Degree in two years. I look forward to college, St. Norbert is a beautiful campus, with a small community feel. I will be on the track team, the coach and administration made me feel accepted and that I would be an important part of their community from my first tour. I am not sure what I want to do in the future, I want to run a business, maybe open a bakery named after my grandpa who taught me how to cook or a fitness program or a nutritional program."

Influences:

The people that had the most impact on her were her family. They always supported her and taught her important life lessons. Her friend group was a major influence as well, she noted that you need to surround yourself with the right influences to be successful. If you surround yourself with the right people you do well in school, if you don't it can lead to bad decisions.

School Activities:

"I was not active when I started high school, my Freshman year I was scared to really join anything. I joined track my Sophomore year and I really enjoyed it. I started joining more things, by my junior year I was in track and cross country. I became involved with: The First Nations Club, where I now serve as the President and the National Honor Society where I now serve as the vice-president. I am a member of the Rising Phoenix Club, the science club, the math club and the school newspaper. I am really glad I became involved in so many things! My advice to kids entering high school is to get involved, try new things even if it scares you. Take the leap!"

Advice for Elementary and Middle School kids:

"Elementary and Middle school is the foundation of your education while High School determines your future. Elementary school is fun while middle school is where you may get bored, this is where you need to find a good group of friends to keep you involved. In Middle School is where you may have your grades start falling but this is where you need to keep your grades up. It matters even if you think it doesn't. Remember, don't ever give up on yourself, one mistake does not define you! Keep trying to be successful, find it in yourself, everything you do is your decision and your choice. You are responsible for your choices!"



Background, Education and Future:

I am an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation and will be graduating from Green Bay Southwest High School. I have also attended Lombardi Middle school and King Elementary. I will be attending UW-Milwaukee in the fall and Majoring in Business. During my time at Southwest I was involved with Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer and track, playing Varsity for all four. I was also on Deca and volunteered for numerous events. I took several dual credit classes which will fill some of my Gen Ed requirements for College. My future goals are to achieve a Masters in Business with a minor in Finance or Marketing and then either open my own business or work for a big company.

Influences:

I would say my influences are my parents. Seeing how hard they work to give me the life that they have, makes me really appreciate the sacrifices that they made just so I could get the opportunities that they didn't have. They always pushed me to do my best, whether it was in school work or in sports. They are always there when I need them and are always giving advice, whether I ask for it or not.

Advice for Elementary and Middle School kids:

Surround yourself with people who like you for you and don't change for anyone. Do things that make you happy, don't try to make others happy first, because in the long run, you're only hurting yourself. Lastly, go outside your comfort zone, you may find a new love for something that you didn't know was there.

Whitney
Danforth



Background, Education, and Future

I am Bear Clan and an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation. I am currently a senior at Preble High School and I attended Danz for elementary school and Edison for Middle School. During my time at Preble, I have been involved in numerous extracurricular activities including being Preble Pride Student Board President, Student Council President, Sting Cancer Student Advisor, Key Club, MAC Scholars, and Diversity Leadership President just to name a few:) Aside from these activities, I competed for the girl's soccer team for all 4 years, making varsity sophomore year and becoming a captain both Junior and Senior Year. As my high school career comes to an end, I am preparing to attend St. Norbert College as a commit to the Women's Soccer team while majoring in education and minoring in Spanish and I am super excited for the next few chapters of my life!

Influences

My biggest, most important influence is my family. No matter the event, the day, the time, or anything I am a part of, my parents are always there to support me and lift me up. I would not be the person I am today if it weren't for the constant support from my parents, siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles, and grandparents.

Advice for Elementary and Middle School Kids

Some advice I would give to kids of the younger generation is that it is okay to step out of your comfort zone, try new experiences, and take advantage of opportunities while staying true to yourself and what you believe in. Set your phones aside, take a deep breath, and take in your surroundings because as advanced as this life is, we never get to live through the same moments twice so live in the moment and hold on to the positive memories.

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First Nations



Achievement Summit



Plant searching

ELMORE

4th grade group getting outside to see how many spring plants they could find & identify.



April 8th Solar Eclipse

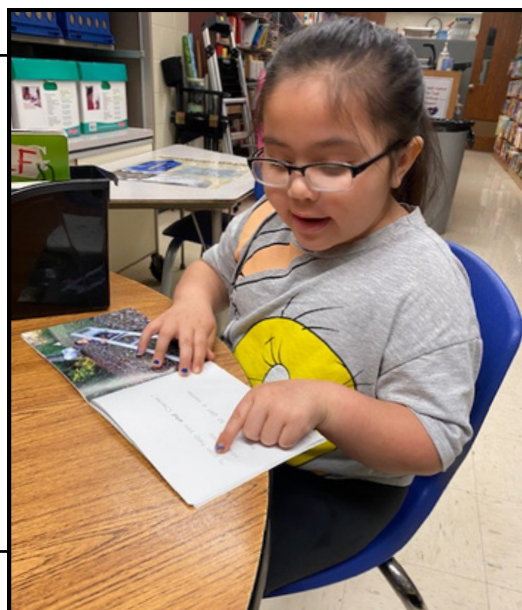
KING

1st grade students viewing the solar eclipse with special protective glasses.

Reading practice

MACARTHUR

Rebecca Jean is using reading skills she has learned this year.



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Recipes



Spam and potatoes

- 3 russet potatoes. Peeled and diced.
- 1 half can of spam. Diced.
- 2 tsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a medium skillet heat pan on medium high and add olive oil, salt, and pepper. Slowly add the potatoes and stir. Cook for 10 minutes.

Add spam and cook an additional 10 minutes or until potatoes are soft. Serve with Nanapun or biscuits. Enjoy!



Nanapun

- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tbsp melted shortening
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup water

Mix all the ingredients together well. Bake at 350 for 40 min or until golden brown. Glaze with butter. Enjoy!