



# LR Indian Education Winter Newsletter 2022-2023

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## Happy New Year Lake Roosevelt Families!

Welcome back everyone to a new year, we hope you had a restful and rejuvenating winter break and were able to spend some quality time with friends and family. Our last Newsletter was in October so in this issue we will be sharing about activities throughout November, December and January.



**November**



**December**



**January**

## Heritage Month Pow Wow



November is Native American Heritage Month and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> LR K-12 enjoyed an indoor pow wow, which was also open to LR families. We would like

to thank our drum group, Silent Hill, our student MC's and our veteran flag Carriers. Also Liz Peasley organized a recognition for our Colville Tribes CCT Royalty, Nespelem 4-H award winners, Colorama Rodeo Queen and Suicide Race King of the Hill winner, congratulations to our student's in their achievements, we are very proud of you and your involvement in the community.

## AWARENESS WEEK

For the past two years LR has been participating in what we've named Awareness Week. Awareness Week occurs during Native American Heritage Month and is a week where each day is a different chosen theme. The theme coincides with a color to wear to help raise awareness about various topics that are relevant to the tribal communities, locally and across the nation. Our Indian Education Program also makes stickers or ribbons available to encourage participation. This year the themes chosen included: Blue – people of the river *United by Water*, Yellow – honoring Mother Earth *We Are the Land*, Green – honoring our traditional foods and medicines, Rainbow colors – honoring our two-spirit people, Purple – heritage love day.



Picture: Blue Day, river themed snack bags for students

## Chilean Visitor

One of our teachers, Mrs. Miller, who has been a huge support for our cultural program and who serves on our Indian Education committee as a teacher rep, reached out to our program to connect us with a friend of a friend who was visiting from Chile. Liz Peasley our events planner eagerly accepted the opportunity as a great cultural learning experience and organized a visit.



Jose Huilitrano of the Mapucha people, of what is now Chile was visiting the Moses Lake area and had been traveling to various locations. He had hopes while in the United States to visit among Indigenous people of the north. He finds that much of the work that he does in Chile is similar to the efforts of many of our tribal people. In Chile he is a history and geography teacher. He also specializes in curriculum development, leadership, and intercultural education. Jose has a focus in indigenous language revitalization and has also participated in international conferences with people from all over the world.

While visiting here at LR he spoke with our Culture Class and our Salish Language Class. The Indian Education staff, and various others also hosted a lunch for our visitor where we shared a lot of stories pertaining to our common efforts and passion for cultural revitalization.

(Picture: High School Salish Language teacher Steven Wynecoop discussing tribal language with Jose)

## CCT Flags Distributed

Over the years at various times during collaborative meetings, there has been discussion as to how our school can enhance visual cultural representation, and an idea that has continued to come up is that we should display our CCT flag at our school and in each classroom. After a few years of navigating all that goes into that effort behind the scenes, collaborating with various departments, pricing for the size, and using the design with a local graphics print business, we have finally achieved

## January Culture Class

The Middle School Culture Class is finishing up the first half of the semester. During the winter months they have been able to learn about various local tribal legends, the various uses of tribal legends and the connection that many of the stories have to a geographical land base.

During the first semester the Culture Class has been able to cover many topics pertaining to our local CCT's way of life and our contemporary governing system.

As this first semester comes to a completion, the Culture Class will be welcoming in another new group of students to the class.

that goal. By the end of last year, we were able to have the flags printed and recently were able to hand them out to our teachers to display in their classrooms.

## Honoring our Veterans

Ashley Atkins our director collaborated with the music teacher Mr. James, to support the LR Veterans assembly. We would like to thank Darnel Sam of the CCT for opening the gathering with a song, for those who helped us as we continue to update our slideshow recognizing our local veterans, and for the local veterans in attendance. Thank you for joining us as we honor our community veterans together and thank them for their service.

## Deer Meat Preparation and Drying



Students in the Culture, Middle School Science and HS Language Classes, focused on Traditional Ecological Knowledge during a section of heritage month. Presenters from our community, David Cox and Kevin Manuel, talked with students about our ecosystem and its reciprocal implications with humans. As part of their lesson, they participated in taking care of a deer and preparing it to be dried. The students finally got to use their smoker, made by former Lake Roosevelt student and recent graduate Showaway Hunt! Iamlamt to our teachers and presenters bringing our students quality land based learning!



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## Community Outreach

Our program is interested in utilizing our community resources, educators and knowledge keepers. We would love to have various community members visit our classrooms to share their life-insights, present cultural projects and various other forms of educational connections.

We are also looking to have various presenters connect with our High School Native Literature Class and share with the students. Would you be interested in sharing about your experience as a Native student overcoming educational obstacles, and how you overcame them? Are you involved in any type of creative writing/communication/expression projects that you could share with the students? Are you passionate about Native Literature and would like to share about a Native writer that inspired you?

If you would like to connect with us and share some ideas, feel free to email: Ashley, Lisa or Liz and we can help connect you with various class presentation opportunities.

## Reminders:

- Our Indian Edu Program is supported by the JOM, Title VI and overlaps with the Migrant Grant – the committee involved in strategizing to meet our goals meets every other month. You can request to be on our email list via our director Ashley Atkins. You are welcome to join us.
- Our new Facebook website *Lake Roosevelt Indian Education Program* has up-to-date info. Visit us there at [www.facebook.com/LRindianed/](http://www.facebook.com/LRindianed/)
- You can read our earlier Newsletters posted on our school website under the *LR Indian Edu Programs* page, under the tab “News”.

