

Indigenous Peoples' Day: October 12, 2026

ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE

W-K & FVO's Recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day

Monday, October 12th, is Indigenous Peoples' Day. This day provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the history, cultures, experiences, and many contributions of Indigenous peoples and Tribal Nations.

Although not a federal holiday, Minnesota has recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day in since 2023. Minnesota state statute 120A.42 also stipulates that schools must engage in educational lesson and observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

This provides students, staff, and school districts the opportunities to learn about the Indigenous tribes of Minnesota across all subjects and grade levels.

As a school district we value teaching about Native peoples, Tribal Nations, and the history surrounding not only Indigenous Peoples' Day but the collective history of Minnesota and those who first inhabited the land. As educators, we have an important role in ensuring that our students learn about Indigenous peoples and Tribal Nations through accurate, respectful, and authentic resources and perspectives.

There are many activities and events happening across the state this month to celebrate! I have highlighted a few. Click the linked words for more information.

Indigenous Peoples' Day POWWOW

Hosted by the Culture Language Arts Network and other center programs at the Minneapolis American Indian Center.

Grand Entry is at 4:00pm.

Food and merch vendors will be available.

Location: Minneapolis American Indian Center, 1530 E. Franklin Avenue.

The center has many activities going on this month check it out [here!](#)

[Mpls. St. Paul Magazine](#) has an article with activities across the state.

- Owámni Falling Water Festival on Oct. 10th
- Indigenous Peoples' Day Weekend and Native American Food Truck Festival Oct. 10th - 12th
- [Minnesota State University Mankato Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration](#) on Oct. 12th
- Sunrise ceremony at Bde Maka Ska - 7am Oct. 12th

If your student would like to attend one of these events and would like help, please reach out to the American Indian Education Coordinator, Johna Nelson at jnelson@wkfalcons.org