

Quarterly

Native Times Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Campus Visit – On Wednesday, February 6th, we will be visited Fond du Lac Community College. This campus visit is open to all Native American high school students. For the permission slip form, click [HERE](#).

ACT Prep Test – Looking to tighten up on your test taking skills? If so, the Indian Ed. Program would like to waive the cost of your prep test. For more information on where to sign up, and how to receive the waiver, click [HERE](#).

Rattle Making Class – Join us on February 13th and 15th from 6:00-8:30pm in the South Campus lunch room for a Rattle Making Workshop. For more information, click [HERE](#).

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Take a glimpse at how our year is going and some events that we still have in store!

American Indian Parent Committee

Established in the Winter of the 2015-2016 school year, the American Indian Parent Committee at White Bear Lake Area Schools plays an active role in ensuring equity, inclusivity, and success for our Native American students.

The following are free services that are offered to our Native American students in thanks to Federal and State funding, as well as the coordination of our AIPAC:

- Cultural Enrichment Classes
- Academic Advocacy
- Tutoring for High School Students
- Information for Post-Secondary Planning
- Financial Aid and Scholarship Mentorship
- 1 on 1 Academic Mentorship

Following officer votes that took place on August 20th, the assignments are as follows:

Chair – Andrew Adams III

Vice-Chair – Raymond Cermak

Secretary – Renee Butters

“Our goal is to provide meaningful, intentional, effective academic/non-academic services to every WBLAS American Indian student, while fostering cultural identity and pride.”



2018-2019 AIPAC Meeting Dates

~~August 20th~~

~~September 17th~~

~~October 15th~~

~~December 17th~~

January 28th (Resolution Vote)

February 25th

March 18th

April 15th (Public Hearing)

May 20th

June 17th

District Center Room 206 at 5:30pm

Student Recognition Round:

Jennifer Adams



Leader. Innovator. Indigenous.

Jennifer is our first Native student at 624 to ever receive credit for an Indigenous language class. It was her innovation and effort that led to this possibility not only for herself, but other students.

Further, Jennifer will be attending the National Congress of American Indian's Youth Legislative Summit in February as a representative of WBL. We are so proud that Jennifer is a bear! Keep up the great work - not only in school, but throughout Indian Country.

How WBL will be celebrating ALL Native American Students?

Since the launch of WBL's Indian Education Program, an annual graduation ceremony has been held to honor all Native American graduates. Through this ceremony, graduates were celebrated and honored through traditional song, dance, prayer, and food. Most importantly, our graduates have been presented with Eagle feathers, which they are allowed to wear on their cap during the official commencement ceremony.

In an effort to honor ALL Native American students, this year, the Indian Education Program will be hosting an Academic Honoring Ceremony for students K-12 who have completed the school year. All students will be given certificates and will be honored through traditional song, dance, prayer, and food. Our graduating class on 2019 will be the only students to receive Eagle feathers.

This event is FREE and open to the public!

Positive Ojibwe words to tell your Student(s):

Geyaabi wiikwajichigen.

Keep striving/endeavoring.

Gego aanizhiitangen.

Don't give up.

Waasa zhiywa gi-bi-izhaa.

You've come a long way.

Gidaa-gashkitoon.

You can do it.

Geyaabi ginzhizhawizin jiminwaabanjigaadeg wenjibaayah.

Keep working hard for your community.

In thanks to Empowered Youth Development Initiatives.

Many Faces of White Bear Lake – Through honoring our past, understanding the present, and planning for the future – the Many Faces of WBL series offers an abundance of learning opportunities around the diversity of our community. Some upcoming events include:

- **Touching the Earth of Our Ancestors:** A desire to learn about his Dakota ancestry started presenter Rob Thomas on a continuing journey of discovery. Examine Rob's story while considering your own. Hosted at Lakeshore Players in WBL on February 25th from 6:30-8:00pm.
- **Why Treaties Matter:** Traveling exhibit made in partnership with the MN Indian Affairs Council and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. Hosted at Century College on March 25th at 1:00pm.

Ojibwe and Dakota Culture and Language Classes –For remaining class dates, please click [HERE](#).

Sewing and Beading 101 – For remaining dates, please refer to our program calendar by clicking [HERE](#). These classes are free and open to the public!



Interested in tutoring? Please contact Jordan.Zickermann@isd624.org for more information.



The Indian Education programs provides ACT Prep courses to all High School students through our grant. Keep an eye out for upcoming classes by clicking [here](#).



WBLAS offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Don't miss out! Click [here](#), or contact Jordan Zickermann for more details or questions.



Follow the [WBL Indian Education Parent Committee Facebook](#) page for more information on upcoming events and community resources.