



White Bear Lake: Native Times

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Upcoming Community Events

by Jordan Zickermann

Summer Break!

Congratulations to all of our students and parents/guardians for completing the 2017-2018 school year. All of us from WBL Indian Education hope you have a fun and safe summer!

Rattle Making Class

On June 11th and 13th, a Rattle Making Class will be taught by Wayne Manthey. This event will be from 6:00-8:30pm at WBL North Campus in the Cafeteria. It takes two classes to complete a rattle so please plan on attending both classes in order to participate. Please refer to the flyer by clicking [here](#) for more information. Free!

Native American Heritage Night

On Saturday June 23rd, the St. Paul Saints will be hosting a Native American Heritage Night at CHS Stadium in St. Paul. Check out the Saints while

celebrating your heritage! For more information, you can visit their website by clicking [here](#).

Ribbon Skirt Making Classes

On June 14, 15, and 25th, a Ribbon Skirt Making Class will be taking place at the District Center, room 201. Native American ribbon skirts are regalia items that are worn by Native American people of many tribes and traditions. It takes three classes in order to complete a ribbon skirt so please plan on attending all of the classes in order to participate. This event is free and taught by Dianna Johnson!

Rough-Face Girl at the Hanifl Performing Arts Center

Check out this Algonquin version of the Cinderella story this August 10th-12th at the new performing arts center in WBL. Check out their website for more info.

Recap of Past Events and Meetings



Including the American Indian Honoring Graduation Ceremony, AIPAC meetings, and many other gatherings – we'd like to recap some of what's been going on. Check it out!

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Student Recognition Round



As part of this newsletter, students are recognized for their academic achievements during the 2017-2018 school year.

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Indian Parent Committee

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There will be no AIPAC meeting during summer break. Stay connected through the AIPAC Facebook page for reminders about upcoming events through August.

Established during the 2015-16 school year, the Indian Parent Committee at White Bear Lake Area Schools plays an active role in ensuring equity, inclusivity, and success for our Native American students.

This 14-member committee meets monthly, and is open to the Native community. Since the last issue of the Native Times, two AIPAC meetings have taken place on April 23rd and May 21st. Highlights are as follows:

- Smudging
- Prayer/Words of Wisdom
- Public Hearing – breakdown on funding and 2018-19 planning
- Discussion around upcoming events
 - Rattle Making Class
 - Ribbon Shirt and Skirt Making Class
 - Seven Generations Teachings
- Discussion around Native books for High School students/libraries
- Final preparation for Honoring Graduation Ceremony
- Discussion around spending leftover grant funds
- Last AIPAC meeting date is June 18th at 5:30PM at the District Center – room 206.

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Are you following the **WBL Indian Education Committee Facebook page**? You do not need to be a member of the committee. Instead, this is a great platform for resource sharing. Follow the page by clicking on the icon below:



Student Recognition Round

Native American Graduates from the Class of 2018

Nicholas Barnes

Niccolo Boschi

Ryan Bradbury

Joshua Duren

Bryce Erickson

Matthew Kealy

Tristan Kemp

Troyona McCoy

Amanda Nitsche

Sylvia Scott

Dakota Steen

Kali Tessier

Review of Past Events

American Indian Honoring Graduation Ceremony

On Saturday, June 2nd, the Indian Education Program at WBLAS hosted an honoring ceremony for the Native graduates of 2018. This honoring ceremony included drum and song from Julian, Bobby and Ian from Cloquet, MN - as well as Larry Yazzie and the Native Pride Dancers. Further, the keynote speaker and honorarium for the evening was the well-respected – Hope Flanagan. Lastly, WBL had the honor of hosting Sean Sherman and the Sioux Chef Team! The Indian Education Program at WBLAS would like to thank all of our collaborators for their help in making this event possible. To our graduates – we are so proud of you and your accomplishments – we are honored, to have honored you!

Congratulations to the class of 2018.

University of Minnesota Morris Campus Visit

On April 24th, a group of students had the opportunity to attend a campus visit at the University of Minnesota Morris. Through this tour, students had a glance at student life, financial resources available to them, and the Native American community throughout Morris. The American Indian studies professionals were all available to welcome us on campus.

Campus visits are something that we offer our students each year. If you have any suggestions on campuses you would like to tour during 2018-2019 school year, please email jordan.zickermann@isd624.org.

Launch of Indian Education Website!

As of March 2018, the Indian Education program now has a landing page on the White Bear Lake Area Schools website! For information about the Indian Education program, the parent committee, 506 forms, educational resources, and community brochures – [please visit our page](#). You can also find our landing site by visiting www.isd624.org – the Indian Education page is located under the academics tab.



Superintendent Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak and graduate Tristan Kemp

Honoring Michael Heurth

Michael Heurth is an extremely well-respected elder within the Native American community and has been pivotal in the launch and expansion of the Indian Education Program at WBLAS. Although the 2017-2018 school year will be Mike's last year with us, his efforts and initiatives will continue on, as his impact is beyond measure. Mike – we thank you for your dedication in ensuring educational success for all Native students, programs, and communities. We will miss you.
