



White Bear Lake: Native Times

November 2017

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Upcoming Events

by Jordan Zickermann

Action Plan Meetings: School Board

On behalf of WBLAS, you are invited to get involved in shaping the future of White Bear Lake Area Schools by joining an Action Team. The Action Teams will volunteer to create an action plan for the Strategic Plan's eight strategies. These strategies are as follows:

We will ensure that each student is the primary agent in their learning.

We will provide expanding access to a broad range of opportunities for all students.

We will foster community engagement and partnerships.

We will build organizational capacity.

We will embrace all cultures with humility and respect.

We will ensure learning environments enhance students' educational experience.

We will engage families as partners in the education of their children.

We will ensure the social and emotional growth of our students.

Your involvement is an essential part of our work. If you have any questions, please refer to the contact information listed on page three of this issue. Or, if you'd like to sign up for an action team click [here!](#)

Native American College Fair

This event will be held on Thursday, November 16th from 5:30-7:30PM at the East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center in Minneapolis. Here you can speak with a variety of a college and career representatives, inquire on job training and community programs, and learn about college life. This event will also allow for students and families to apply for the FAFSA on-site. A light meal will be provided to the first 200 families.

Ojibwe Language Classes

Thanks to Hope Flanagan, classes will be ongoing. Join us at North Campus from 5:30-7 on the first and third Tuesday of every month! Room 237.

College and Career Night

Hosted by White Bear Lake Area Schools' Indian Education Program, on December 8th beginning at 6:00PM, Native students and their families will have the opportunity to explore post-secondary options. This will be a very informative night you will not want to miss. More details to come!



Indian Parent Committee

Our numbers and enthusiasm make us strong for our students! For those of you interested in becoming members of the Committee, you must be parents or guardians of a WBLAS Native Student and must attend two consecutive meetings. For more information, visit page two of this newsletter.

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Student Recognition

As part of this quarterly newsletter, students will be recognized for their academic achievements during the 2017-2018 school year. Refer to page two for more!

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Indian Parent Committee

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Established in the Winter of 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 has begun coming together for the 2017-18 school year. Highlights from the September meeting are as follows:

- Smudging
- Update on Indian Education Coordinator, Mike Huerth
- Introduction of Native American Cultural Liaison

- Introduction of the Strategic Plan and corresponding Action Teams
- Status of Indian Education webpage on District Website
- Updates provided on past and upcoming events
- Discussion on Indigenous Peoples' Day and why Columbus Day is still included in the District Calendar

Moving forward, highlights will be provided for all of the meetings that took place since the last Newsletter issue.

ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no Indian Parent Committee during the month of November. The next scheduled meeting is December 18, 2017 at the District Center, room 206 beginning at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be provided.

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Follow the WBL Indian Education Parent Committee Facebook page for upcoming events and community resources.

<https://www.facebook.com/group/5/593249147491370/>

QUESTION TO CONSIDER

Would your child be interested in touring the University of Minnesota Morris? This opportunity can be valuable in that all of our Native American students are eligible for the Tuition Waiver.

If interested, please email Jordan.zickermann@isd624.org.



Student Recognition Round

Tristan Kemp

A current student leader at our South Campus, Tristan Kemp, continues to demonstrate his commitment to community involvement and cultural inclusiveness. Through his extensive participation in the Indian Education Parent Committee, school-related events, and strategic planning processes – Tristan makes White Bear Lake a better place. Further, his academic achievements match his level of commitment and motivation.

CONGRATULATIONS TRISTAN!



Review of Fall Events

by Jordan Zickermann

Drum Making Class

On October 9, 2017, or rather, Indigenous Peoples' Day, a Drum Making Class was held at our South Campus. This class was directed by Wayne Manthey, master drum maker, and included at least five, full, families. To put it into perspective, every drum frame that Wayne brought, was made into a drum!

From smelling deer hide, to stretching it, cutting it, staining it, and then stringing it, every drum became unique in its' own way. This was surely an 'ooh' and 'aah' moment.

American Indian Campus Visit Day

Unfortunately, the University of Minnesota Twin Cities American Indian Campus Visit Day was cancelled this year due to low interest. What can we do as a school district to better connect with student and families to ensure access to these opportunities are optimized? Please send feedback to the contact information listed below.

Corn Husk Doll Making Class

On October 30th, yet another successful event took place at our South Campus. The corn husk doll making class was arranged to celebrate Halloween with an Indigenous twist. Check out some of the dolls that were made on the [WBL Indian Education Parent Committee Facebook page](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions, or would prefer to receive this newsletter in print form, please contact Jordan Zickermann at,

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Or via phone at 651-407-7647



CALLING ALL NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS

The Native Times Newsletter is looking for students to be part of our team.

As a group, tasks will include:

1. Writing
2. Editing
3. Photography
4. Community Resource Finding

The goal is to have fun while making this tool. If you or a student you know might be interested in this student group, please contact Jordan Zickermann at Jordan.zickermann@isd624.org.