

Native American Education NEWSLETTER

November 2024



Students and Families,

Happy November

Let's capture October's happenings! If you missed our Parent Committee Meeting for October, we discussed taco sales, future fundraisers, NASA meetings, and Native American Heritage Month assemblies. The Next Parent meeting will be November 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. The assembly is on November 18th; the time is TBD. If we have any students or families who would like to participate in our assembly, please contact Ms. Hinton.

High School NASA won the September Philanthropy Project diaper/ wipe drive. Go NASA! This month's Phil project is the Veterans Day Can Food Drive. The group with the most cans wins the spirit stick again and a PO from Mr. Moody. Let's get those cans in—it is for a great cause!

NASA participated in the Trick or Treat hosted by STUCO on October 24th, and the Absentee Shawnee Housing Trunk or Treat event on October 31st. We also had a very successful Indian Taco Sale! Thank you to all who helped with these events, this is not possible without your help.

Intermediate NASA enjoyed Stick Ball with Choctaw Nation, this month.

Just a reminder if you have not completed this, please do! Returning students and parents, please log into PowerSchool and complete the Title VI 506 form. When uploading your child's CDIB card, please provide a clear picture. Title VI will count the student if it is a parent or grandparents CDIB as well. Doing this consistently at enrollment each year will help us keep the forms and cards current because the form and some CDIB cards do expire.

WHAT IS NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION? (NASA)

OUR PURPOSE:

NASA PROGRAM PROVIDES:

- CULTURALLY ENRICHED RESOURCES.
- FIELD TRIPS
- STUDENT MEETINGS ONCE A MONTH
- FUNDRAISERS (T-SHIRT SALES, INDIAN TACO SALE)
- HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BEADING, DANCING, AND MUCH MORE.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

TOP 8 BENEFITS OF HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

1. Clubs look good on college applications
2. You'll improve your academic performance
3. You'll improve your mental health
4. You'll develop passions and interests
5. You'll boost your skills
6. You'll gain teamwork & leadership experience
7. Clubs lead to success later in life
8. You'll get a break from your studies



JOM INFORMATION

[JOM Form](#)(1 per child)

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf> (In Parent/Guardians name and only 1 per household)

November Calendar

News and Upcoming Events

- **November 18th- School-wide Assembly for Native American Heritage Month- Tentatively- Time has not been determined yet. Email Ms. Hinton for more info. If needed.**
- HS/MS Book Fair-Nov. 11-15
- Nov. 11-Veterans Day Assembly-9 AM
- November 25th-29th- No School

High School Students:

- **If you have not already, join our Native American Student Association (NASA). We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month in Coach Cox's room in the PAWD from 12:10-12:35. Bring your lunch so you don't miss out! Check Google Classroom or announcements for any updates.**
- **Meeting Friday, November 8th - Absentee Shawnee Tribe will be attending.**
- **TEDNA Specialist will be onsite every Monday and Tuesday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm**

Middle School Students:

- **NASA will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 12:10-12:35 in Coach Cox's room in the PAWD. Check Google Classroom or announcements for any updates.**
- **Meeting Wednesday, November 13th- Topic to be determined**

College/Career/Scholarships Resources

<https://okpromise.org/> (Don't wait; fill out now)

ucango2:

<https://www.ucango2.org/Scholarships.html>

American Indian College Fund:

www.collegefund.org

Native Forward:

www.nativeforward.org College and Career Tribe Specific

A promotional graphic for the TEDNA ACE Project. It features a laptop with an orange screen displaying three categories: "CAREER ADVISING", "COLLEGE RESOURCES", and "TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES". To the left of the laptop are two QR codes. The top QR code is labeled "SCAN TO APPLY INQUIRY" and the bottom one is labeled "ENROLLMENT SURVEY". Below the laptop, contact information is provided: "WEBSITE: www.tedna.org Then click ACE Student" and "CONTACT: ACE SPECIALIST Rob Meely 1-918-509-7289 rmeely@tedna.org". A decorative orange circular graphic is on the right side of the contact information.

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Intermediate

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Remember to receive the latest information, please visit our website at nrcps.org and keep your contact information updated in PowerSchool to receive notifications through school messages/emails. Join our Facebook page, North Rock Creek Native American Education.

Attendance is extremely important, please contact the school secretaries of absences and tardies. If there is anything that I can be of help with ,please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is the fastest way to reach me,chinton@nrcps.org.



Carissa Hinton-Native American Education Director

Bread (Choctaw - ChickAsaw) Banaha Recipe

2 cups cornmeal

1 1/2 cups hot water

1 teaspoon soda

1 teaspoon salt

Corn shucks (boil about 10 minutes before using.)

Mix dry ingredients. Add water until mixture is stiff enough to handle easily.

Form small oblong balls the size of a tennis ball and wrap them in corn shucks.

Tie in the middle with corn shuck string, or use oblong white rags 8 x 10 inches and cut from an old sheet. Banaha is much better boiled in shucks. Drop covered balls into a deep pot of boiling water. Cover and cook for 40 minutes.

Serve.

Indians used to heat hog lard and pour it over bread as gravy. Leftovers may be stored in the refrigerator. To serve, slice each ball into 1/2-inch slices and fry in hot fat. Variation: Add 1/2 Cup of cooked black-eyed peas or red beans to the recipe.