

Students with 95- 100% Attendance

Arnold	Fredstrom	Pershing	Cody Damian	Lux	Andrew Mothershed
Aidan Bad Moccasin	Cheyenne Canby	Sylas Gildea	Amber Morse	James Pace-Corn silk	Drew Pillard
Alex Birkel	Drake Conroy		Mario Perez	Brian Mobley	Mikayla Poor Bear
Chase Birkel	Pancho Desantiago	Prescott	Shelby Shafer	Malachi Stricker	Raymond Poor Bear
Alexander Flynn	Raymundo	Eric Bearce	Jesse Strickland	North Star	Sloan Rupp
Rachel Flynn	Desantiago	Chase Boyd	Ulan Trudell	Middle School	Hezekiah Smith
Shaun Flynn	Ann Marie Hoover	Caitlyne Messman		Alan Eckout	
Dakota Grant	Jeffrey Hoover	Liz Tarvin	Goodrich	Gina Goodteacher	
Brianna Laravie			Sequoia Berens		
Marco Ramos	Hawthorne		Damon Mackety	Lincoln High	Southeast
Crystal Stabler	Samatha Beets	Pyrtle	Jarod O'Horo	Elliot Anderson	Jay Ferguson
Kaylene Stabler	Cherish Mallory	Kristofer Mobley	Jamikaa Walter	Jonathan Beahr-	Alyssa Gullikson
Kendrick Stabler				Santos	Amber Vivier
Kenneth Stabler		Randolph	Irving	Christopher Becker	
Kiana Stabler	Hill	Caleb Lindley	David Abraham	Tyler Byron	North Star
	Noah Prichard	Darion Montgomery	Chelsea Jackson	Brittany Canby	Nia Bickert
Beattie	Holmes	Ana Weise	Dorothea Johns	Alice Daniels	Emily Bloomquist
Mitchell Cayou	Tiannie Alexander	Riley	Crystal Kendall	Eric Daniels	Isaac Bloomquist
Katlyn Cayou	Huntington	Quentrena	Karah Kendall	James Fuller	Chaney Buck
	Ryan Burt	Schweitzer	Vinny Osburn	Kiara Grant	Amanda Canby
Belmont	Gabriela Canby	Saratoga	Tasha Zerfass	Sarah Hart	Ashley Canby
Adriann Davis	Dakota Ironrope	Aries Bluestone-		Jeff Hollow Horn	Hannah Craig
Mahusa Flores	Emerald Ironrope	Weaver	Lefler	Shawn Hollow Horn	Bree Douglas
C.J. Merrick	Andy Madsen	Trenton Canby	Mason Calim	Eva Johnson	Jessica Moton
Jaesa Vaughn		Scott Cross	Rebecca Franson	Craig Kellogg	Sierra Grant
Maycie Vaughn		Raven Gatewood		Bryson Shepard	Nathan Polka
			Mickle	Codie Stone	Alma Olsen
Calvert	Humann	Sheridan	Justin Alexander		Justin Olsen
Timothy Le	Cori McClatchey	Ira Humm	Brittany Diaz		Jami Robinette
	Kahoa	Maizie Humm	Jade Olsen		Claudia Rodriguez
	Cozad Sheridan	Avery Stricker	Evgenia Rohlman		Desiree Rodriguez
Clinton	McPhee	Lauren Stricker	Peyton Sheridan		Tiffani Spencer
Julia Black	Marshawn Poor	Teala Sumovich		East	Frank Sheridan
Nathaniel Black	Bear	West Lincoln		Karla Coffman	Isaiah Thomas
Maverick Hampton	Tierin Sheridan	Jacob Mackety		Elijah Lahm	Micheal Whitemagpie
Isacc Hopkins	Tyra Sheridan	Mary Olsen			Anthony Yelm
Mimi Miller	Jason Velder	Dakota Saul			
Savon Whitemagpie	Tristen Velder	Jerrica Saul			Southwest
Terrence Wright					Dani McClatchey
		Roper			
Eastridge	Meadow Lane	Culler			
Emily Hernandez	Nicole	Sha-Keela Johnson			
	Goodteacher-	Thomas Johnson			
Elliott	Holloway	Erica Vance			
Cheyenne Gottula	Seth Marshall				
Ian Kellogg					
Hartley	Maxey	Dawes			
Fawn Byron	Kody Wright	Camie Buck			
Lila Byron	Taya Wright	Ethan Buck			
Anthony Erb		Amber Grant			
Joshua Erb	Everett	Leslie Stabler			
Damaris Grant	Tearah Kendall	Allison Thomas			
Malique Grant	Corrine Lakota	Amanda Thomas			
Amy Leach	Manny Laravie	Helan Woods			
Dale Leach	Montoya Laravie	Edward Yohe			
Diamond Leach	Brooke Redowl				
Lasaige Leach	Chance Riblett				
Tasha Leach	Hunter Riblett				
Tate Monaghan	Dallas Shafer				
Mark Rodriguez	Franklin Yankton				
Sasia Roundtree	Guno Yankton				
Julia Sifuentes	Joseph Yankton				
Reynaldo Sifuentes	Timothy Yankton	Park			
		Kathleen Coffman			

Godfather's Pizza recognizes attendance

The Indian Education Program at LPS would like to thank Godfathers for their generosity! All students with attendance of 95% to 100% will receive a certificate good for a Mini Single Topping Pizza included with this issue of the Indian Education Newsletter. Congratulations, keep up the good work!!!

Celebrate Lincoln

Downtown Lincoln will come alive with the sounds, smells and activities of other cultures in a brand new ethnic festival, "Celebrate Lincoln" set Friday and Saturday, April 30-May 1st. Here's a chance to share your culture: Display your unique art or craft, demonstrate your music and dance, offer a wide variety of foods. Applications are available from all the bilingual liaisons in Lincoln's public schools and at cultural centers throughout Lincoln, and can be downloaded online at www.celebratelincoln.org. For information call Holly at 474-3950; or contact the Lincoln Updowntowners at 434-6902.

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"What is life? It is the flash of a firefly in the night. It is the breath of a buffalo in the wintertime. It is the little shadow which runs across the grass and loses itself in the sunset."

-Crowfoot, Blackfoot warrior and orator

February 2004

North Star Native American Caucus



Photo by Emily Bloomquist
Caucus member Michael Ryan and Ms. Saporta work together assembling the caucus's display.



Photo by Emily Bloomquist
Mr. Wright gets some help from a student while Indian Education Advocate Kate Marx and North Star Counselor Virginia Saporta look on.

Emily Bloomquist is a sophomore at North Star High. Emily is a Choctaw native and her interests include photography and journalism.



Photo by Emily Bloomquist
Mr. Wright, Cherelle Stabler and her son Isaiah Thomas attend the Native American Caucus

Story and photos by Emily Bloomquist

The Native American students and certain administrators at North Star High have organized the Native American caucus, it consists of meetings that take place once a week after school at 3:00pm to 4:00pm. The meetings are to decide what projects should be done throughout the school year and to find a way to let everyone know that the Native American students are here.

Some projects that are in action are T-shirt designs, making Native American food and other crafts to sell to earn money for educational field trips. There is also an exhibit in the glass cases in front of the bayou consisting of Native American art, tools, clothing, and many more neat crafts and artifacts.

North Star has the most Native American students attending. There are a total of 35 Native American students. However, only a few attend the caucus, our goal is to enroll all the native students into the Native American caucus.

Cherokee, Lakota, Diomede Inuit (Eskimo), and Omaha are only a few tribes we represent. I, Emily Bloomquist am Choctaw. As you can see there are many different tribes among us.



Photo by Emily Bloomquist
Mrs. Marx and Michael Ryan admire the display before it's completed.



Photo by Emily Bloomquist
Jamie Robinette (left) and Ashley Hoover listen as plans are made during a recent caucus meeting.

Contacts

For more information on the events or announcements in this month's newsletter, please contact Kris at kross@lps.org or Kate at kmarx@lps.org. Or call us at 436-1963.

This is your newsletter. We look forward to your ideas, suggestions, announcements, events, and student achievements.

Contact us before the 25th of each month for the next scheduled publication. We are excited to hear from you!



Students display extra- curricular achievements

*I am thankful for nurses that help my grandpa when he was sick.
I hope for my grandma, that she loses her Alzheimers.
I hope for my great aunt to get out of the care center.
And I hope for people that don't got a home to get one.*

-Cheyenne Gottula

Cheyenne Gottula

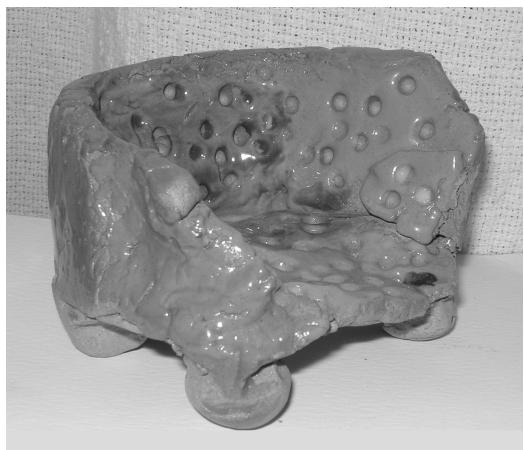
Cheyenne Gottula is an eight year old student at Elliott Elementary School. She is the daughter of Lori Gottula. Cheyenne is Oglala Sioux. She loves art and has loved to draw ever since she learned how to hold a pencil. She also plays the violin, dances, swims, and plays YMCA youth sports. She also enjoys writing poetry.

Indian Education Advocate, Kris Ross recently asked Cheyenne about her artwork and being an artist:

Kris: What inspired you to create this clay piece?



All artwork by Cheyenne Gottula. (Clockwise) 'Trees', watercolor; 'Interior room', clay; 'Chair', clay.



Cheyenne: It is like a rocking chair in my house. I put red in it because I like red lady bugs.



Kris: Does your art turn out the way you expect it to?

Cheyenne: Working with clay has been the hardest. It takes a lot of practice but it is my favorite.

Kris: Where will your art career go from here?

Cheyenne: I hope to sell my art one day. I have already sold one piece. It was a clay shoe and I sold it to my Aunt Bobbie.

Lindsey Cayou



Lindsey Cayou, Omaha Nation, is an 8th grade student at Irving Middle School. She was recently chosen to be the Head Lady Dancer for the Lincoln Indian Club's Second Annual Youth Christmas Pow Wow held at the Indian Center on January 3rd. Lindsey is a traditional dancer who just started dancing last August. Her beautiful regalia was made by her Grandma Harriet Sleeper, who had made it originally for her daughter, which was then passed down to Lindsey. Lindsey enjoys dancing and learning about her culture. She also plays basketball for her school as well as playing for the YMCA Spirit basketball team Ladies Above The Rim (LATR). Congratulations Lindsey!

Wynona Porter

Congratulations to Wynona Porter, Omaha and Santee Sioux, for being chosen as princess for the All Nations Native American Center in Arkansas City, Kansas. Wynona is a 6th grade student at Dawes Middle School. Way to go, Wynona!

Announcements

IPAC

Meeting Friday, February 6th in room E11, LPSDO at 12:30.

Do you want to play a game?

UNL UNITE plans Laser Tag Event for Friday February 6th. LPS Native American students are cordially invited. For more information, contact Janet Jarvis, 472-2866, jjarvis2@unl.edu.

Youth and mentors needed

Lynda Todd, Indian Center Youth program director, is currently looking for parents with children in grades 3-5 who would be interested in accessing a mentor. She is also searching for interested Native American adult mentors to become a part of this program. Please call Lynda Todd at the Indian Center, 438-5231 for more information.



LPS Indian Education student awarded prestigious scholarship

Congratulations to Codah Gatewood, winner of the Gates and Davis Scholarship. This scholarship program, launched with a \$1 billion grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is designed to reduce financial barriers and increase the number of African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students enrolling in and completing undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) is the administrator of the Gates Millennium Scholars program. To reach, coordinate and support the constituent groups, UNCF has partnered with the American Indian Graduate Center Scholars, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund and the Organization of Chinese Americans. We would also like to congratulate Nicole Kills Enemy, winner of the Native American Heritage Scholarship, Heather Jackson, winner of the Native American Heritage Scholarship and Gabe Long Soldier, winner of the Native American Student Scholarship.

College entrance information & scholarship center

Are you meeting college entrance requirements?

Now is a good time for students and parents to see if college entrance requirements are being met. The requirements for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are:

English: 4 years or 8 semesters.

Math: 4 years or 8 semesters including one year beyond Advanced Algebra

Science: 3 years of science.

Social Studies: 3 years of social studies

World Language: 2 years of the same world language

See your high school counselor or Kris or Kate if you have any questions.

If students need letters of recommendations or transcripts they need to plan accordingly. Students should give individuals at least a week's notice when requesting a letter of recommendation.

Did you know Native American students are eligible for numerous scholarships?

Scholarship information arrives at your school often. All current scholarships available to high school students are usually posted outside the Counseling Center or may be viewed on Lincoln High School's website. To conduct your own search of national scholarships visit one of the following sites: www.fastweb.com or www.educationquest.org. Native American students are eligible for many scholarships. Please contact your high school counselor, Kris, or Kate for the most recent lists.

Now is the time to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Students and parents can pick up the FAFSA Form for the 2004-5 school year in your High School Counseling Center. FAFSA Forms were eligible for submission beginning January 1, 2004.

Tribal Support Programs and the Indian Higher Education Program

Financial assistance for tribal members wishing to pursue post secondary education or vocational training is available through individual tribal education departments. To apply contact your tribal education director for an application and program guidelines.

Grants and Scholarships

The Financial Aid Director will explore most grants and scholarship opportunities upon the receipt of a completed Free Application for federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

Federal Pell Grant Program

The Federal Pell Grant Program is a student aid program designed to provide undergraduate students with a base of financial aid to help meet the costs of attending college. The Federal Pell Grant is also the foundation from which all other student financial aid (federal, state, institutional and private) is built.

ACT and SAT TEST DATES/ DEADLINES

AMERICAN COLLEGE TEST (ACT)

Regular Registration Fee is \$26.00 (\$15.00 late registration fee)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late
February 7, 2004	January 2, 2004	January 16, 2004
April 3, 2004	February 27, 2004	March 12, 2004
June 12, 2004	May 7, 2004	May 21, 2004

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)

Regular Registration Fee is \$28.50

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late
March 27, 2004	February 20, 2004	March 4, 2004
May 1, 2004	March 26, 2004	April 7, 2004
June 5, 2004	April 30, 2004	May 12, 2004

ACT and SAT have their own web sites where students can register on line, take practice tests, access college information etc. The ACT site is www.act.org and the SAT site is www.collegeboard.org