

Students with 95- 100% Attendance

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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, Diomed 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

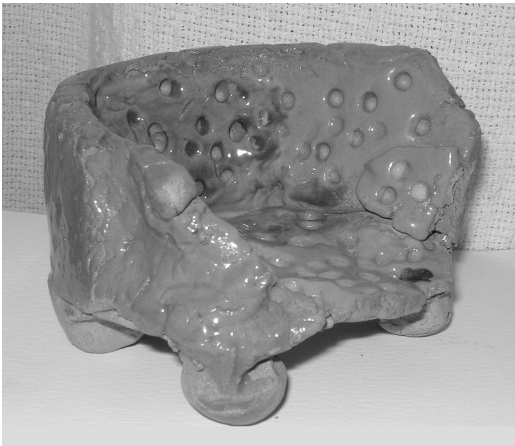
Cheyenne Gottula is an eight year old student at Elliott Elementary School. She is the daughter of Lori Gottula. Cheyenne is Oglala Sioux. She loves art and has loved to draw ever since she learned how to hold a pencil. She also plays the violin, dances, swims, and plays YMCA youth sports. She also enjoys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

