

November is
**NATIVE
 AMERICAN**
 HERITAGE MONTH
 HONORING THE PAST, CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE



November is Native American Heritage Month. It is a time where we celebrate the ancestry and time-honored traditions of American Indians & Alaska Natives in North America. To honor those before us, the BPS Native American Resource Program encourages you and your students to join us throughout November as we research and learn about the many contributions of Indigenous people.

November 2022 Activities Include:

- **BPS Native American Resource Program Showcase**
 - On Saturday, November 5th from 10am-1pm at West Hertel Academy #94, the Native American Resource Program will share what they are working on with students and will have various cultural and language activities for all to join in. The event is open to all BPS students, families, and staff.
- **Native American Heritage Month Interactive Research Calendar with Daily Prompts**



- District wide contest: classrooms can submit their answers to the questions on the calendar daily to be entered to win a prize. Daily questions and links will also be posted on the Native American Resource Program (NARP) page at <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/99965>.



- **Rock Your Mocs: Moccasin Design Contest**
 - Students are invited to design and decorate moccasins and join in the “Rock Your Mocs” initiative. Each building will internally select an entry to represent their building by Friday, November 18, 2022 and the district wide winning design will be selected by a panel of NARP staff, administrators and community members. Information and templates can be found at <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/99967>.

- **Rock Your Mocs or wear something Purple or Turquoise (Nov. 13th- 19th)**

- All students and staff are encouraged to wear moccasins or wear something purple or turquoise in recognition of the national “Rock Your Mocs” movement. Please send pictures to BPSWebmaster@buffaloschools.org (by November 21st) to be featured in the BPS homepage slideshow.
- Students can design and color their own pins for Rock Your Mocs week using the template found at <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/99951>.



- **Orange Shirt Day Design Contest**



- Students are invited to create a design for Orange Shirt Day to represent their building in a district wide Orange Shirt Day design contest. Each building will internally select an entry to represent their building by Wednesday, November 30, 2022 and the district wide winning design will be selected by a panel of NARP staff, administrators and community members. More information and a template for students to use can be found at <https://www.buffaloschools.org/Page/99966>.

- **Classroom & Building Presentations Presented by BPS Native American Resource Program Staff**

- Classroom and building presentations offered on Native American history, culture & language. Contact Charity Hill, Native American Resource Program Coordinator, to secure your presentation by email at chill@buffaloschools.org or by phone at (716) 816-3371.