Attention: High School Students

Meet other Native students in the district and in surrounding districts. Learn more about your culture. Learn to speak Seneca? Learn how you can become a leader in your community.

Flyers will be sent home soon with meeting dates, time and meeting locations.

Reminders
Registration & 506 Forms
When registering your child, please make sure that your child's information is up to date and correct. We often find that we have students misidentified who have a 506 form (Native American eligibility form) on file. If you are submitting a 506 form, you should also verify that your child is being self-identified as Native American. We also find that we have many students identified as Native American who do not have a 506 form on file. If you are not sure if you have a 506 form on file, please call Charity Hill, Native American Program Coordinator at (716) 816-3371 or email at chill@buffaloschools.org. We can check and answer any questions you may have.

Parent/Student Committee
Your voice is important in your child’s education. Please consider joining us at the next Native American Parent/Student Committee Meeting. Should you have any questions, please email: bpsna19@gmail.com.

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, February 11, 2019
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm
Location: NAMS #19 (Cafeteria)

Native American Resource Program, Title VI
Native American Magnet School #19
97 West Delavan Avenue
Buffalo New York 14213

Native American Artist
Who: Jay Carrier (Wolf Clan, Onondaga/Tuscarora Nations)
Exhibit: "We Took Things with Us"; A Collection of Recent Work
When: January 24, 2020 – March 6, 2020
Where: Buffalo Arts Studio
2495 Main Street
Buffalo, N.Y. 14214
For more information, visit buffaloartsstudio.org.

Attention: Updates Needed
Do you receive the newsletter in your email?
Do you receive calls for upcoming Parent Student Committee meetings?
If you are not receiving emails or calls, please call Charity Hill at (716) 816-3371 or email at chill@buffaloschools.org to update your contact information to ensure that you receive our emails and calls. When you call or email with your updated information, please include your name, your students’ name and your students’ school to ensure that the information is updated in our system accurately.

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Upcoming Family Trips
Keep a look out for this year’s upcoming family trips. This year’s trips include:

- Ganondagan
- Seneca-Iroquois Museum

Trips will be held on Saturday this spring and space is limited. Additional information will be sent home soon.

Title VI Public Hearing
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Location: NAMS #19 (Cafeteria)
(If you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to contact me by email at chill@buffaloschools.org or by phone at (716) 816-3371.)

Native American History
February 8, 1887
President Grover Cleveland signs the Dawes Act, giving the president the power to divide reservations into individual, privately owned plots. Land was allotted to individuals in units of 40 to 160 acres which proved unsuitable for farming and were too small to support livestock. As a result of the Dawes Act, ninety million acres of tribal land were stripped from Native Americans.

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Classroom Spotlight

Special shout out to the students at School #2. In December, we made a Clan hanging to show our identity. For many students, this was the first time doing any kind of craft. It is during the winter months that the children learn a craft or something they would use for their own use or the family. We hope you enjoyed what your child made. We are also learning our Nation, what our Gistoweh looks like and what it is made of.

For the students that take the “Singing & Dancing” classes on “B” days at NAMS #19, we are learning the beat to various social songs, what instruments are used, and names of the songs and dances. Some of the classes have begun to learn the steps to the dances.

If you would like to listen to some of the music we are using in the classroom, please check out this website: Ohwejagehka.com.

During this time of the year, a number of our communities are having Midwinter Ceremonies at the Longhouses. This is a very important time of the year to communities having Midwinter Ceremonies at the Longhouses. This is a very important time of the year to

CONGRATULATIONS

Michael R., Grade 7, from BPS School #81 for being inducted into the Junior National Honor Society!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Special shout out to the students at School #2. Students held a Yuda Band fundraiser. The money raised from the bracelet sales will be used to pay school fees for youth in developing countries so they can attend high school.

Classroom Project Update

The BPS Native American Magnet School #19 has one of the highest Native American student populations in the Buffalo Public School district. Natives from all over Turtle Island attend. Students at BPS #19 receive cultural instruction to enrich their culture, language and history.

In December, Ms. Thompson shared that her students, in grades 4-8 were working on a beading project and clan pillows to raise awareness of their culture and identity. The students worked very hard to complete their project before the winter break and they all did an awesome job!!

NARP Programmatic Work Sessions & Native American Parent Student Committee Meetings

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Seneca Nation Tutoring Program

The Seneca Nation Buffalo Tutoring Program is housed at the Native American Magnet School #19 which is located at 57 W. Delavan Street. The tutoring program is a branch of the Seneca Nation Education Department which is located on the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation.

The program has a partnership with the Native American Resource Program at which also supports the Native American student population in the Buffalo Public School District.

The tutoring program serves any self-identified Native American Student regardless of Nation at BPS #19, 65, 72, 81, 93, 304 and 305. If you would like your child to receive academic support from the Seneca Nation tutoring program, please call Tina Kettle, Program Assistant at (716) 816-3195 for an enrollment form.

Help Wanted

Seneca Nation Tutoring Program AASP Teacher (2FT 42 weeks)

Applications due by: February 7, 2020
Education Dept. Buffalo, NY
Salary: $18.84/hour

Job Description
Provide academic assistance to Native American students by referral of staff or parents with activities developed to assist these students in study skills, homework skills, and test taking skills.

Qualifications
Bachelor’s degree in Education, NYS Teaching Certification preferred. At least two years successful experience working with Native American students with extensive knowledge of reservation community. Background Clearance required.

Submit applications/resume to:
Human Resources Department
12837 Route 438
Irving, NY 14081
Phone: (716) 532-4900 x5091/Fax: (716) 532-8235
Email: darcy.kettle@dni.org

Additional information: (https://dni.org/departments/human-resources/employment/)
• Seneca or Native preference given to qualified applicants.
• Pre-Employment Drug Screen Required.

**NARP Work Session**

- Do you have questions about the services and supports that the BPS Native American Resource Program offers?
- Do you want to learn more about upcoming events and field trips?
- Do you want to have a voice in the supports, services, events and field trips offered through the Title VI grant?

If you answered “yes” to any of the questions above, please join us during our upcoming work sessions. Please email Charity Hill (Native American Program Coordinator) at chill@buffaloschools.org or call (716) 816-3371 for more information.

**Next Session**

Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2019
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Location: NAMS #19 (Cafeteria)