



Upcoming:
Fall Open House
Wed, August 28th
 4:30-6:00 for Elementary &
 6:00-7:00 for 7th Grade



Blackduck Title VI/JOM American Indian Education Family NEWSLETTER

TITLE VI/JOM

Hello families of Native American students!

You are receiving this newsletter because your child(ren) have qualified for and are receiving Title VI services and/or Johnson O'Malley (JOM) funding.

Do you have questions about what this means?

Please contact Mrs. Armstrong at **218.835.5336** or sarmstrong@blackduck.k12.mn.us

Please read on for program news and important dates you should know about.



Above: Kindergarteners show off their dreamcatchers.

Above Right: Xavier Graves (G1) practices sight words.

Top: Meadow Lee (PK) with her dreamcatcher.

Right: Andreas Nordrum teaches Jazmin Oppel and Kordae Kingbird how to use a dremel tool.

CULTURAL NEWS

This month students in PK-G4, finished designing, wrapping, and weaving their own dreamcatchers. They should have also brought home a portfolio with their name on it, containing work, books, and information from our time together. Please take the time to read and talk about the information with your child[ren].

Throughout the month of May, Native American students in grades 5-8 participated in a series of Wood Carving Workshops with local Anishinaabeg artists Sharon and Andreas Nordrum.

We look forward to many more opportunities like this in the upcoming school year.



PROGRAM UPDATES

- ▶ Look under the **District** tab on the Blackduck Schools website for AIPAC Minutes, Newsletters, and more!
- ▶ Tutoring ended Thurs, May 16th and will commence again in the fall.
- ▶ We have expanded our culturally - relevant library in Room 36 to include many books by Native American authors or people of color. We are working with the library to design Accelerated Reading tests for all books.
- ▶ **EVERY Native American student in the district will receive school supplies in 2019/2020! Come to Room 36 during the Fall Open House OR anytime during the first week of school.** We will have grade-level supply lists and bags to put everything in.

WORKSHOP DATES

We are pleased to announce that Gerald White, the Indian Education Program Coordinator at Deer River, will present to all Blackduck Staff in two workshops on **Wednesday, August 28th**, regarding how to best work with and support Native American students.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

On Friday, May 24th, we honored our four graduating seniors with a traditional dinner, drum circle, and gifts.

We celebrate and congratulate:



Congratulations Graduates
2019

Lynsey Graves,
Joeley Lyons,
Evan Nelson,
and Elliot Stillday

Graduation ceremony is Friday, May 31st @ 7pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**American Indian Parent
Advisory Committee (AIPAC)
Board Members**

Mark Kingbird, Sr. - Chairman

Bernadine Sargent - Vice Chair

Jeani Iceman - Teacher Rep

Sonja Budde - General Rep

Wendy Jourdain - General Rep

Cherish Kingbird - Student Rep

*Your opinion matters. Please
consider joining AIPAC in the fall.*

Terry Pater invited all High School students (G7-12) in the program to her property for a BBQ lunch on the last day of school. -Miigwech!



END OF THE YEAR PHOTO GALLERY

