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WEEKLY EVENTS FOR MARCH 2019

- Tutoring 3rd-5th Mondays and 6th-8th Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.
- Bake sales every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 2:30PM. See your school calendar to determine which classroom is hosting
- Basketball, movie, and concession night every Wednesday beginning at 5:30PM. Hosted by your 8th grade class.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!

Isna Wica Owayawa celebrated its 100th day of school on February 4th! Our kindergarteners enjoyed their day making cup pyramids, Fruit Loops necklaces, completing counting activities, building towers, and more. While the kids seemed to enjoy every part of the 100th day of school, I bet you can ask ANY of these kids and their favorite part was the pizza party and root beer floats! See more pictures on pg. 4.

Boys' Basketball!

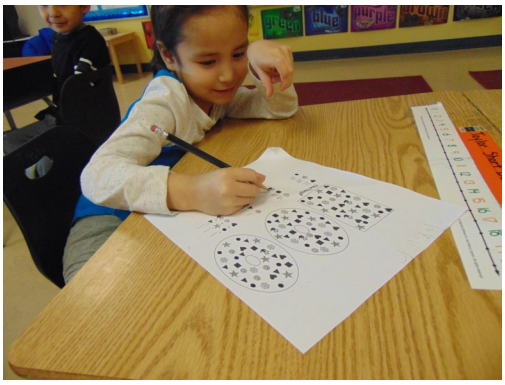
The boys basketball season has officially kicked off! Check out how they're doing below! See the next page for their upcoming games.

February 7	Wounded Knee	Canceled (weather)
February 12	O.L.L.	A/B/C - loss
February 14	O.L.L.	A/B/C - loss
February 19	Porcupine	A - win B/C - loss
February 21	Little Wound	Rescheduled
February 26	Oelrichs	A - win B - loss
February 26	Red Cloud	A/B/C/- loss

Boys basketball season continues through March. This year our boys will be coached by Jaasir Naviq and Manuel Yellow Horse. We're looking forward finishing up an exciting season!

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
February 28	Wounded Knee	Away	3:30 PM
March 5	Wounded Knee	Home	3:30 PM
March 7	American Horse	Home	3:30 PM
March 12	Crazy Horse	Home	3:30 PM
March 14	Little Wound	Away	3:30 PM
March 19	Red Cloud	Home	3:30PM
March 21	Porcupine	Home	3:30PM
March 22-23	C-Team Tournament	TBA	
March 25-27	B-Team Tournament	TBA	
March 28-30	A-Team Tournament	TBA	

EVEN MORE 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL!



Valentine's Day

Our students and staff celebrated Valentine's Day with afternoon classroom parties on February 14th. Students brought in treats and cards to share with their classmates and friends.

It was a fun afternoon of relaxing and enjoying the company of one another. Please enjoy some pictures of our classes spending the afternoon of Valentine's Day together!

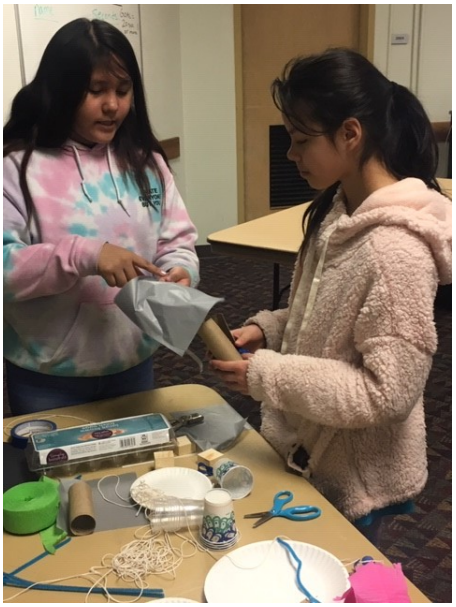
Buffalo Kill ~ Middle School

Our middle school students were scheduled to go on a buffalo kill on February 20th; however, due to the weather conditions we had a change of plans and the buffalo was brought to the school! Still, the middle school students gathered around and smudged, prayed, and listened to our drum group perform a few songs. Our counselor, Charles Spotted Thunder, also spoke to our students about how important the tatanka is to the Lakota people.

Middle School Science Fun!

Our middle school students also had the opportunity to enjoy a lot of science fun during the month of February. Our sixth and seventh graders travelled up to Rapid City on February 21st for Science and Engineering Day. Students and teachers went to South Dakota School or Mines for the day and were able to watch a variety of experiments.

Our middle school science teacher, Celena Bear Robe, also took eight middle school girls to Ft. Collins for a weekend filled with science. These students were able to visit Colorado State University and stay the night nearby. Nora Marshall's favorite part of the trip was a glow in the dark room where she was able to see different glowing experiments.



Loneman students are very fortunate to attend a school that offers such unique experiences! Heading into March, our students across grade levels will begin working on their science fair projects. So look for more on that in our March newsletter!

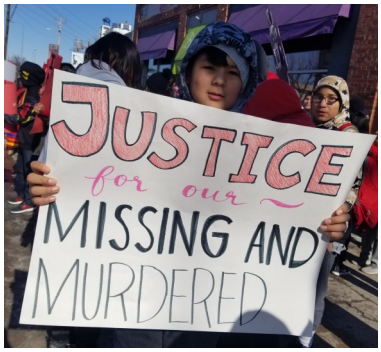
MORE PICTURES, MORE FUN!

MMIW March in Rapid

Miss Kat and Leksi Moreno took a group of fourth and eighth grade students to Rapid City on February 14th to participate in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's March.

After discussing the importance of this march, Miss Kat had students create posters to carry during the march. Once again our students showed how incredibly creative they are coming up with slogans like "Roses are red, violets are blue, our missing sisters - we will find you!"

Our student drum group was able to open the march up with a song and lead the way. This was an amazing opportunity for our students to take part in and hopefully we will be able to take even more students next year! The Lakota youth are our future and their participation in activities like these are crucial for their understanding of the world around them.



Child Find

Child find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA '04) that requires schools to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth through 21, located within their boundaries of responsibility who are in need of early intervention or special education services.

Child find applies to children who are:

- Suspected of having a disability even though they are advancing from grade to grade
- Highly mobile, such as migrant and homeless
- Wards of the state
- Private school students
- Homeschool students

If you suspect your child or a child of having a disability that is affecting their educational progress – please contact the school and speak to the following individuals:

Judy Martin-Hillman - Director of Special Education Department
605.867.6875 ext: 6895

Ronald Ten Fingers - Special Education Teacher
605.867.6875 ext: 6960

Melissa Blacksmith - Principal
605.867.6875 ext: 6904

Staff Update:

Members of the Isna Wica Owayawa staff have been participating in a number of trainings and courses to help make our school even better!

- The entire staff participated in a safety training, reviewing our procedures to guarantee our students' safety
- Everyone took part in a training on Mandatory Reporting - once again with our students' safety at the forefront on our minds!
- In March members of our Special Education Department will be traveling to different cities for their own trainings - look for more information in the March newsletter

Upcoming Events:

March 1	Reservation Wide Spelling Bee - No School
March 11	Culture Night 5:00-7:00PM
March 12	School Board Meeting 5:00PM
March 15	Math Meet - No School
March 20	Inipi
March 22-25	Spring Break - No School
March 27	Black Elks Peak Hike (3rd-8th) - K-2nd No School
March 30-April 6	8th grade trip to NYC/Washington D.C.