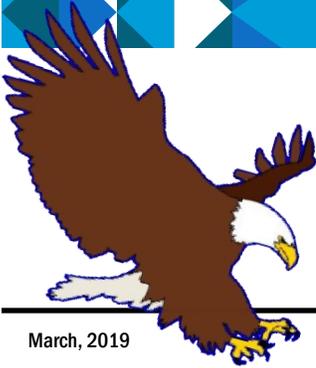




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Black Elk Peak Hike

On Wednesday March 27, 2019 our third through eighth grade students and staff travelled up to Custer State Park to hike Black Elk Peak and welcome back the Thunder. This annual Spring Journey is always a refreshing start for our school to welcome warmer weather and renew our spirits.

Read and see more on pages 4-5.



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.



Boys' Basketball!

The boys basketball season is sadly coming to a close. We had many game cancellations because of the snow, but we still enjoyed our season as much as we could! Check out how they did below! See the next page for their upcoming tournament 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
February 28	Wounded Knee	A - win B/C - loss
March 5	Wounded Knee	A - win B/C - loss
March 7	American Horse	Cancelled (weather)
March 19	Red Cloud	A - win B/C - loss
March 21	Porcupine	Cancelled

Boys basketball season ends at the beginning of April with their tournament games. We're proud of our players and their coaches and wish them luck in the upcoming tournaments!

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
April 1-2	C-Team Tournament	Red Cloud	4:00 PM
April 3-4	B-Team Tournament	O.L.L.	4:00 PM
April 8-9	A-Team Tournament	Porcupine	4:00 PM



Thanks to Mr. Martin for the great pictures!



Our basketball team

was cheered on by our 5th - 8th grade cheerleaders: Keena Chief

Eagle, Krystyne Walking Eagle, Tayilayah Martin, Nora Marshall, and Caileigh Two Bulls.

These girls have worked hard and will go with our boys to their tournament games, too!

more Black Elk Peak...

Known as the highest peak in the Paha Sapa, Black Elk is a location that our school visits annually near the Spring Equinox. The peak's name was officially changed by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names in 2016 to honor the great Oglala medicine man, Black Elk.



When Black Elk was nine years old, he had a great vision on the top of the mountain. In John Neihardt's book *Black Elk Speaks*, Neihardt recorded Black Elk's experience: "I was standing on the highest mountain of them all, and round about beneath me was the whole hoop of the world. And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell and I understood more than I saw; for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of all things in the spirit, and the shape of all shapes as they must live together like one being."



The hike of about seven miles round trip seems to be a breeze for our young students. Some even run up the entire way! This is a trip that many students look forward to going on every year. We begin by gathering in a circle near



the base of the mountain and have a prayer, drum group song, smudging, wasna, and chokecherry juice. Afterwards, our staff and students make their way up the icy, muddy peak.



While some students enjoy going for the hike, many like to go just for the AWESOME lunch that our kitchen staff prepares for afterwards: fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, and more. Even though it's a day where students and staff don't return to school until around 6:00PM we are still incredibly grateful to have opportunities like these at Isna Wica Owayawa.



Lakota All Star Games

By: Dale Pine

On Saturday March 23, 2019 Isna Wica Owayawa hosted the Lakota All Star Games. We had over 500 unique fans throughout the day as an estimate, but it was likely more! The 8th grade class did the concessions toward their class fundraising. We had 104 participants from 35 schools - middle and high schools combined.



We had players from as far east as Mitchell and as far north as McLaughlin. It was a great event and we had a good amount of our own staff show up as volunteers to help and support the event.

The following Loneman students participated: Endonnis Moreno, Alila Ten Fingers, Tasunke

Weston, and Kevin Walking Eagle. Endo and Alila played in volleyball and basketball, while Tasunke and Kevin took part in the boys basketball game. There were several of our students who came to watch and I think it was good for them to see this in their school's gym to show that they can be recognized in whatever they do. We're hoping to do it again in the future and learn from this experience to make it better yet!





Third Grade Trip to Thunder Valley CDC

By: Bethany Przybocki

On March 20th, the entire 3rd grade had the privilege of travelling to Thunder Valley in order to participate in a tour and learn about the opportunities that this organization is working on for the community. Throughout their time, the students learned



about different aspects of community development like growing your own food and building solar powered houses. "I really liked the houses," said Caspian Yellow Horse, referring to the part of the tour where they went inside a two-story home and were able to explore all of the newly built rooms.

Students also learned about opportunities for youth during the summer time, such as week-long camping trips and different classes. "They are going to build a skatepark!" exclaims Elijah, which can be seen in the Thunder Valley model on their website. Overall, the 3rd grade class enjoyed a lovely day learning about wonderful opportunities happening in the community."



March Family Night

Isna Wica hosted our monthly family night activities on Monday March 18, 2019. Families were welcome to join us for a free meal and free activities! Our kitchen staff prepared a delicious meal of hamburger gravy and



mashed potatoes for the families who attended and the staff who stayed late to run activities.

Our staff worked hard to come up with many creative activities for students and their families to participate in. There were adding/subtracting



games, using shapes to create images, creating super heroes from hand prints, making turtles from shells and paper, making lanyards, interactive word games, and a mural that every participant played a role in creating. Ms. Gooder also

stayed after to handout some donated boxes of baking supplies.

At the conclusion of the night, students and families who completed every activity were entered



into a drawing for prizes. We

invite everyone to come to our April Family Night on April 29th for a meal, activities, and the chance to win prizes. We'll see y'all there!



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

Special Education Professional Development:

By: Kayt Martin

During the first week of March, I was given a really cool opportunity to go to Seattle, WA for a General and Special Education Conference. I learned a ton and it helped that it was sunny and 75, no snow. Just kidding, it was cold and cloudy, but hey, it wasn't -5. When I registered, I got to choose three sessions out of 30 ranging anywhere from math tools to culturally responsive teaching to behavior management techniques. I chose sessions on Creating Assistive Technology, Social Skills in the Classroom, and Neuroscience in Education (my favorite.) The presenter for Neuroscience in Education, Shannon Kuschel, showed us these really amazing MRI scans of students' brains who were fluent readers and students with dyslexia and it was really eye-opening actually seeing which parts of the brain become "activated" in both sets of students. She also gave us a list of "Important Themes" to use to help educators encourage students who sometimes just have a different way of processing get the best and most out of their education.

Upcoming Events:

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| March 30-April 6 | 8th grade NY & DC Trip |
| April 3 | 8th grade trip to Rapid City, SD |
| April 1-11 | Book Fair |
| April 9 | Public Meeting @ 5:00PM (see flyer) |
| April 11 | Caregiver/Teacher Conferences 3:00PM-6:00PM |
| April 12 | Culture Day - No School |
| April 17 | Science Fair |
| April 19-22 | Easter Break - No School |
| April 29 | Family Night |