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Isna Wica Owayawa Celebrates our Veterans!

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WEEKLY EVENTS

- Tutoring Mondays and 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.



Our students enjoyed a day off on November 12, 2018 in honor of Veteran's Day. When students returned to school on Tuesday, the Gifted and Talented program hosted a Veteran's Day assembly and invited community members to come speak. Veterans who attended were given a gift put together by eighth grade leadership students as a thank you for their service. Continued p. 5.



Basketball is Back!

The girl's basketball season is up and running! This year our Lady Eagles are being coached by Mary Tobacco and Desirae Blacksmith.

Team Roster:

Anjah Lamont

Endonnis Moreno

Daniel New Holy

Hope New Holy

MJ Bordeaux

Essence Tobacco

Nora Marshall

Bessie Blacksmith

Alonna Dreaming Bear

Choleah Cortier

Keena Chief Eagle

Brandy Marshall
Christine Walking Eagle
Dani Mesteth



This season, we have begun all our home-games with a prayer song performed by our school's drum group.

Girls Basketball Schedule

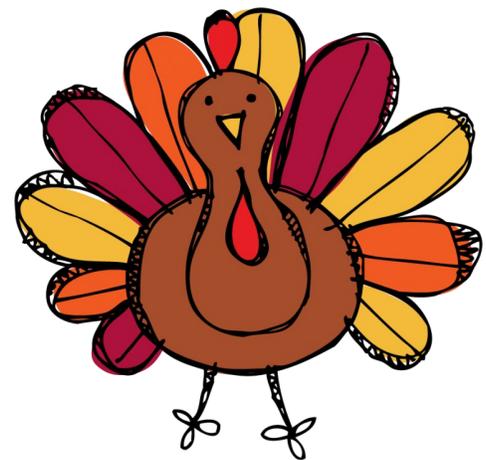
December 4	Our Lady of Lords	Home	3:30PM
December 6	Little Wound	Home	3:30PM
December 11	Wounded Knee	Away	3:30PM
December 18	Pine Ridge Girls School	Home	3:30PM
January 9	Wounded Knee	Home	3:30PM
January 10	Pine Ridge Girls School	Home	3:30PM
January 15	American Horse	Away	3:30PM
January 17	Porcupine	Home	3:30PM
January 18-19	C - Team Tournament	TBA	
January 21-23	B - Team Tournament	TBA	
January 24-26	A - Team Tournament	TBA	

Game locations, dates, and times may be changed if necessary



Thanksgiving Celebration!

Every year for Thanksgiving, our school has an amazing lunch prepared by our wonderful cafeteria staff. This year we were also fortunate enough to have a second celebration! On Saturday November 17, 2018 Isna Wica partnered with Conscious Alliance to provide meals to the community. We had 128 people sign in for the meal. There were twenty-two bingo games. Prizes included a crockpot, coffee maker, board games, sports balls, roadside assistance kit, tool kit, laundry set, remote control car, Tupperware, baked goods set, toaster oven, dish set, and more! The turkey calling contest was won by Brayton Brings Him Back. The movie package was won by Beverly Brewer. Leadership students who helped were MJ Bordeaux and Hope New Holy.



Did You Know?

The story of the first Thanksgiving, as most Americans have been taught, is not exactly accurate. In 1621, the Pilgrims celebrated a successful harvest with a three-day gathering that was attended by members of the Wampanoag tribe. However, there are no primary source documents indicating that Chief Massasoit and his men were *invited* to the meal, but rather it's more likely they just showed up and were asked to stay to celebrate a successful harvest. It's also unlikely that the Pilgrims and Wompanoags even ate turkey! It's more likely that their main protein would have been deer meat.

A common opposing viewpoint is that the first Thanksgiving stemmed from the massacre of Pequot people in 1637, a culmination of the Pequot War. However, the national holiday wasn't made official until 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln declared it as a kind of thank you for the Civil War victories in Vicksburg, Mississippi and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.



Veteran's Day Honoring



Community Veterans attended:

- Diana LaBoissiere
- Jerlene Arredondo
- Lewis Belt
- William Makes Him First Sr.
- Frank Starr Comes Out
- Ellen Fills Pipe
- Marcus Palmier
- Cornell Conroy
- Caroline New Holy

Staff Veterans:

- Andrew Condon
- Rudy Two Bulls
- Charles Spotted Thunder
- Wilbert Buckman
- Manny Yellow Horse
- Angie Richards
- Perry Mesteth



"I hope that one day more Native Americans are able to serve at the Pentagon like I was able to."



"I am proud to have served my country and my people."



Awesome Assemblies!

In honor of November being Native American Heritage Month, Isna Wica Owayawa hosted two marvelous assemblies for our staff and students to enjoy!

On November 27, 2018 we had renown hoop dancer, Kevin Locke perform for students. Locke's Lakota name is Tokaheya Inajin which translates to "First to Rise." In addition to hoop dancing, Locke is a distinguished player of the Indigenous Northern Plains flute, traditional storyteller, cultural ambassador, recording artist and educator.

During his visit to Isna Wica Owayawa he worked with students to teach them how to dance with the hoop as well as performed a round dance with our students!



We were fortunate to also have Pine Ridge Flute Society come to our school on November 28, 2018. The Pine Ridge Flute society was awarded a Native American Music Award for Flutist of the Year. Our students were excited to hear and eager to learn!





Ft. Laramie Trip

On November 5, 2018 the Lakota Studies department took fourteen students to Wyoming to celebrate to the 150th Anniversary of Chief Red Cloud signing the Ft. Laramie Treaty. When they arrived, prayers and songs were happening and our students got to participate. A gentleman came over and asked two of our female students to help them and these students got to pass out wasna of different kinds to people in attendance. After the prayers were finished, they moved to the community center and listened to speakers. A meal of traditional foods was provided to the group. The program ended with a victory dance and Isna Wica Owayawa was asked to lead the dance. Our students were excited to participate! Gilma Stands went on the trip and said "I truly believe they have an experience to remember!"

This trip is just one of the many cultural trips our school participates in throughout the year. Our Lakota Department will be hosting a Winter Solstice Ceremony at school on December 21st and we will also hike Black Elks Peak in March in honor of the spring equinox.

Upcoming Events!

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| December 7, 2018 | No school for 6th - 8th grade, regular class for K-5 |
| December 10, 2018 | Culture Night (Storytelling) 5:00 - 7:00 PM |
| December 11, 2018 | School Board Meeting |
| December 17, 2018 | Afternoon Family Activities 12:30 - 1:30 PM
Holiday Program 5:00 - 7:00 PM |
| December 21, 2018 | Winter Solstice Ceremony |
| December 24, 2018 -
January 4, 2019 | Holiday Break (school resumes January 7, 2018) |

November Family Night

Our school hosts family night activities monthly for our students and their relatives. On the last Monday of the month our community comes together for dinner at 5:00PM and activities from 5:30 – 7:00PM. This month our kitchen staff prepared a delicious



Each month different staff members stay to host these activities for our students and their families.

For the month of November activities included making reindeer headbands, learning about the life cycle of the dragon fly, creating a thankfulness banner, seeing how many words could be made from the letters in “Thanksgiving,” roll a die to draw a turkey, handprint art, and practice with numbers by rolling dice.



At every family night, students and their families who complete every activity are put into a drawing for different gift baskets!

We hope you had fun if you came to our November Family Night and we hope to see you on December 17th from 12:30-1:30PM for our December family activities!

School Spotlights!

November brought Isna Wica Owayawa yamni new staff members and now we're here to introduce them to you!

Janelle Black Elk is joining our staff as part of our Special Education Department, specifically working with a kindergarten class. She is from Pine Ridge. Previously, she worked at Anpetu Luta Otipi Comprehensive Substance Abuse program. She's excited to be working at Isna Wica because she has always wanted to work with the youth! She's a pre-nursing student who is looking forward to getting to work with a variety of people. When Janelle was in middle school she participated in cross-country and loved getting to learn new things daily.



Tony Ten Fingers is coming to Loneman as our Refocus Room leader as well as a substitute when necessary. He comes from the Drywood Community. He has worked at Isna Wica before as well as at Oglala Lakota College as an adjunct instructor. Tony is excited to work with the children in our community and he's looking forward to seeing our students graduate eighth grade and go on to high schools in the area! One of Tony's favorite school memories was when his father bought him a motorcycle after his graduation from Isna Wica Owayawa.

Ronald "Bill" Ten Fingers is returning to Isna Wica as a Special Education teacher working mostly with our middle school students. He comes from the Drywood Community - him and Tony are brothers! Bill served in the U.S. Marines and was also an adjunct instructor at Oglala Lakota College. He also has teaching experience at Porcupine and Pine Ridge. As a community member, Bill is excited to return to our staff because he feels like he has a great opportunity to make a big impact on the lives of our students. He wants all of our students to recognize that there is hope!

