

MISD News & Notes

April 2021

A Spring Tradition Continues



Even a pandemic can't stop some traditions and that includes the maple syrup season!

In most years, classes would go out to the Menominee Sugar Camp to learn about traditional maple syrup practices.

This year, to keep things safe, the educational process changed a bit. At KPS

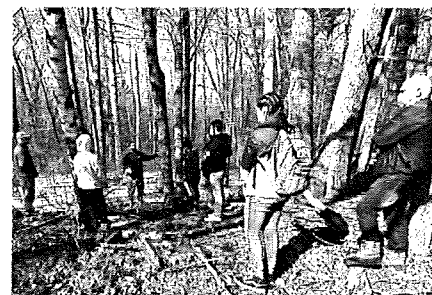
and MIHS, maple syrup taps and buckets were installed on trees near the schools. This allowed small groups of students to go out to the trees without having to take a field trip.

Students learned about the traditional process through language and culture classes as well as science classes. They also emptied the buckets daily.

The main Menominee Sugar Camp collection continued during this time, with boiling of the sap taking place in

mid-March. With April being the month of the Maple Sugar Moon, language and culture coordinator, John Teller Jr., hopes to be able to hold pancake and strawberry breakfasts for students, which will use the fresh syrup and provide another opportunity to talk about Menominee traditions.

Thanks to Mr. Teller for making this important spring tradition accessible to our students!



MISD VISION
Enriching the lives
of our children
through education

Up To Date on Immunizations?



With the way the past year has gone for many people, it's no surprise that some youngsters are not up-to-date with required immunizations.

If you put off taking

your child in for their required immunizations, now's the time to get it done. With all of the COVID health and safety protocols in place, **it's absolutely safe to visit the clinic.**

By state law, your child is required to

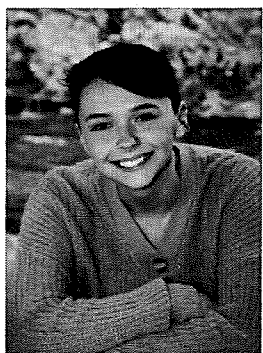
have a number of vaccinations in order to attend school.

MISD has a policy (#5320) requiring standard childhood vaccinations, based on DHS guidelines. To learn more go to: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov

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\$10,000 Scholarship for MIHS Senior



**Tehya
Pyawasay**

Tehya Pyawasay, a senior at Menominee Indian High School, has received the prestigious 2021 Herb Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship.

The \$10,000 award is given to students for exceptional scholarship, leadership, citizenship, school involvement and community involvement.

The daughter of Darryl and Chrystal

Pyawasay, Tehya maintained high honors all four years at MIHS; was a stand-out on the volleyball team; participated in track & field, setting three school track records; served as wrestling team manager; is a published poet; and is state certified as a CNA.

Pyawasay will pursue pre-med studies at Marian University in Fond du Lac. She has a goal of becoming a

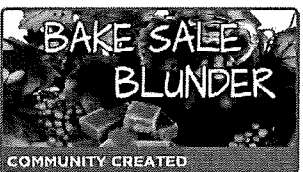
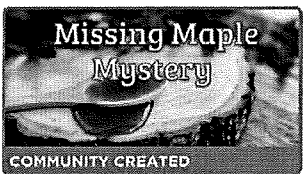
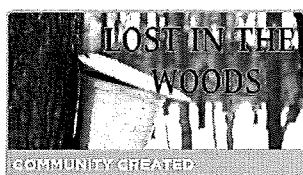
surgeon.

"This is great news for Tehya and her family and is well deserved," said MIHS principal Chuck Raasch. "Tehya has achieved so much during her time at MIHS and we wish her nothing but success as she continues her education."

The Herb Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship is sponsored by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation.

Creative Learning

Three online educational games have been published



Thanks to a College of Menominee Nation Library grant, KPS Building Technology Coordinator and Teacher Amy Bohr, along with STEM enrichment students created, and are in the process of publishing, nine online educational games on Breakout EDU.

The site contains breakout games for both remote and in-person learning where students work collaboratively to solve challenges. The three games published so far include:

Lost in the Woods.

This game is about maple sap harvesting and is designed for upper elementary school students.

Game Designers: Amy Bohr, Bethany Huse, Laura Robinson, Rose Carmelo-Skenadore, Sara Wescott.

Missing Maple Mystery incorporates social studies and science as elementary students learn about Maple syrup. Game Designers: Amy Bohr, Bethany Huse, Laura Robinson, Rose Carmelo-Skenadore, Sara Wescott.

Bake Sale Blunder

is geared toward the middle grades and uses social studies and science as students problem solve. Game Designers: Amy Bohr, Bethany Huse, Laura Robinson, Rose Carmelo-Skenadore, Sara Wescott.

"Students take great pride in creating these educational games," said KPS principal Mary Juckem. "Plus, by being published online, they can be used by students worldwide. Great job! Congratulations!"

Verhulst a Kohl Educational Foundation Fellow

Keshena Primary School music teacher, Natasha Verhulst, has been selected as a 2021 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation teacher Fellow.

The Kohl Teacher Fellowship program recognizes and supports teaching excellence and innovation in Wisconsin.

"It was so exciting to hear that I was selected for the teacher fellowship," said Verhulst. "In fact, I was deeply honored to just be nominated and then learn in December that I was a finalist for the fellowship."

Verhulst is a recognized leader in Native American music education. Her music lesson plans are being used by teachers throughout the country, and around the world, as an example of how to teach Native music in an authentic way.

"It's so important for students to learn the meaning, the context and the connection between our music and our people," Verhulst added.

Each of the fellowship recipients receive a \$6,000 grant, which Verhulst says will help

her pay for her master's degree program. Keshena Primary School will also receive a \$6,000 grant and Verhulst is hoping that will be used to acquire more music-related items for the students.

MISD Superintendent Wendell Waukau said Verhulst is very deserving of this recognition. "Verhulst is an outstanding example of how our teachers go the extra mile to connect with and educate our students, while sharing their best practices with others. Congratulations!"



Natasha Verhulst

Interested in Serving on the School Board?

The Menominee Indian School District Board of Education will be appointing a member to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education. Any qualified elector of the District who would like to be considered a candidate, must submit a notice of their interest, in writing to the District Administrator, Wendell Waukau that he/she is a qualified elector and desires to be considered for the appointment. In accordance with Wisconsin Statutes and Board policy:

1. The candidate must be a qualified elector residing within the boundaries of the Menominee Indian School District and apportioned area, **At Large Area**, if applicable.
2. A written notice of interest may be hand delivered to the office of the District Administrator located at N522 STH 47/55, Keshena, or sent by U.S. Mail to PO Box 1330, Keshena, or submitted to the District Administrative Assistant using the following email address: gkaqu@misd.k12.wi.us **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 5, 2021.**

It is the sole responsibility of the individual who is submitting the materials to verify that the District has received the materials on a timely basis. The appointment will occur at Menominee Indian School District Administrative Office Board Room. The selected candidate will serve a one year term.



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				1 No School	2 All buildings closed	3
4	5 School Board mtg. @5 p.m.	6 School Board Election	7	8	9	10
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18	19 School Board mtg. @ 5 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24
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