

PĪTĀCEMOW

"He or she who brings stories/news"

Homecoming 2022

Homecoming 2022 was a great success thanks to the fantastic support from the community! While it was a challenging week, students and community members banded together to make sure students enjoyed a full week of activities.

A Community Spirit Stick challenge designated each day of the week with a different theme ranging from Native Pride Day to Hawaiian/Floral Day to Throwback Day. Community organizations and Tribal departments joined in to show their support. The Homecoming Parade also had a strong turnout and the little ones enjoyed all the candy! Thanks to everyone who participated. As you can see from the photos, it was a lot of fun. Menominee Pride was strong and on display!



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MISD VISION

Enriching the lives of
our children through
education



Photo courtesy MNN

Congrats Eleanor Wayka!

Eleanor Wayka is the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Woodland Boys & Girls Club (WBGC).

Wayka is a graduate of Menominee Indian High School and has spent more than 10 years working with the club in a variety of roles. She helped grow the club into its new location in Neopit and helped launch a second club site in Keshena.

Wayka has extensive experience in, and respect for, Menominee language and culture and knows the importance of incorporating it into programming to help heal generational traumas that impact many Menominee youth. Congratulations Eleanor – everyone at MISD looks forward to working with you for the betterment of our young people.

MIMS After-School Activities

After-school activities are in full swing at MIMS. Students have the opportunity to learn new skills and improve their abilities in core competency areas. There's a wide variety of offerings ranging from cooking to music to STEM activities; something for every student! As you can see from the photos below, students are enjoying the options.



MIHS Student Safety



MIHS students and parents, please be aware that there have been some issues with students bringing vapes and inappropriate items to school. As a result, MIHS is performing random bag searches to keep a safe environment at school. If you have any questions or concerns please call Kate Mikle or James Oshkeshequoam at the High School Office at 715-799-3846.

Immersion Charter School Opens Its Doors



MISD opened a new immersion school this fall. The new charter school is called Kaehkēnawapatāeq, which means "We learn by observing."

For the first year, its two classrooms are for pre-K and Kindergarten students, with hopes of expanding the school one grade/one classroom per year moving forward. Many of the students have previous exposure to the Menominee language through an immersion program offered at daycare.

Waqnahwew (Ben Grignon), the Menominee Nation's language and culture coordinator, and Menominee language immersion instructors, Kākekāēcewan (Kara Besaw) and Mīhicēh (JayCee Tourtillott) are all involved with and teach at the school.

Grignon recently told Wisconsin Public Radio in an interview, "When the immersion program first started, there were very few, if any, children under 5 who were being raised in the language. Now we have a population at this school of 33 students who will be totally immersed in our language and in our daycare and Head Start."

Language learning comes more naturally for younger children, which is a big advantage. As Besaw explained in the WPR interview, "Things are so different in Menominee language. The way you order your sentences. What's considered animate and inanimate, living and non-living, is different in Menominee than it is in English."

Students will not only be learning Menominee, but keeping it alive for future generations. They will have a better understanding of what it means to be Menominee, and that benefits everyone in the community. Thank you to WPR for shining a spotlight on the school!



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November 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 No School	2	3	4	5
6	7 School Bd. Mtg. @ 5 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 No School School Bd. Mtg. @ 5 p.m.	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School Thanksgiving	25 No School	26
27	28	29	30			