Menominee Indian School District

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# **PĪTĀCEMOW**

"He or she who brings stories/news"

### Planning Underway For New MIHS

Progress is being made as design planning continues for the new Menominee Indian High School. The design team has been meeting with "user groups" including building staff to confirm space needs, discuss the site and building layout, and overall vision for the new spaces.

Inside, the new building is being designed to promote flexibility and collaboration, connect the classrooms to nature and honoring Menominee Indian culture. The District is also exploring sustainability features that will maximize building system efficiencies but, more importantly, create an environment that enhances the well-being of its occupants with an abundance of natural light and clean air.

MISD is also working closely with the Menominee Indian Tribe on finalizing the land lease agreement. Once approved, Menominee Tribal Enterprises (MTE) will be contracted to manage selective tree harvesting to accommodate construction of the new building. Residents will be happy to learn that some of the wood harvested from the site will be repurposed and incorporated into the new high school.

A conceptual site plan for the land has been developed, which is designed to preserve the beautiful land, while creating a safe and efficient traffic flow for all that enter the school site.

We'll continue to share the progress being made through the District newsletter and Menominee Nation News. We hope to host a groundbreaking in spring of 2023

#### Focusing on School Attendance

Chronic absenteeism soared nationwide during the pandemic. On August 24, at MIHS, the District will unveil a 90 day plan designed to head off chronic absenteeism.

Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. with the program beginning at 6 p.m. In addition to discussing the plan, special guest speaker Hedy Nai-Lin Chang, the founder and Executive Director of Attendance Matters, will join the discussion via video conference. Community members and parents are encouraged to attend and



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#### Summer Transportation Institute

More than a dozen students in grades 6-8 recently took part in the College of the Menominee Nation (CMN) Summer Transportation Institute (STI).

STI is a program to help students explore a variety of career opportunities, qualifications and education needed for jobs in the transportation industry.

As part of their exploration, students went to Glide N.E.W., LLC to tour Green Bay on a Segway! Thank you to Glide for great photo of the group!



#### Summer School Success

It was the biggest and best summer school yet! MISD summer school classes experienced record enrollment this year. Class offerings had been redesigned to combine new approaches with educational activities and students said they loved it! It was great to see so many students interested in continuing and expanding their learning during the summer.



#### Native American Readers Theater

Students in Miss Grignon's and Miss Rose's Native American Readers Theater classes recently had an opportunity to read "Fry Bread" while also enjoying some fresh fry bread outdoors. As you can see, it was a fun and tasty learning experience.



### Getting Fit & Having Fun

**KPS** got a new playground over the summer and as you can see from the photos, it is pretty spectacular. Designed with age-appropriate areas, and flooring that will accommodate youngsters of all abilities, it has been a hit in the few short weeks it's been open.



Meanwhile, you might have noticed some construction activity outside **MIHS**. An outdoor fitness center is being built that will feature a wide variety of exercise stations and activities. The center will be open to community members when not in use by students.



And finally, students in the upper ages gym class have been learning and practicing a number of different sports this summer, including a round of Frisbee Golf!



### It's Not Too Late!

It's not too late to get your student's sports physical done before the start of school. Just a quick reminder that their physicals have to be up-to-date for them to participate in sports. Call the Menominee Tribal Clinic or your doctor to get it scheduled. Menominee Indian School District

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	1 School Bd. Mtg. @ 5 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 School Bd. Mtg. @ 5	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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