

# PĪTĀCEMOW

*"He or she who brings stories/news"*

## Looking Good!

After a year of intentional design, we are excited to share preliminary renderings of a few of the spaces in the new MIHS. These spaces are designed to bring the outside in for the students, staff and the community to experience; emphasizing the importance of nature and using the building as a learning tool connected to the curriculum. The use of daylight, earth tones and natural elements will be showcased throughout the building.



These preliminary renderings are a representation of what the finished spaces may look like. There may be a few variations to the final space based on bid results and final project discussions.

### You're Invited!

Everyone is invited to the **MIHS Groundbreaking Ceremony on Wednesday, May 31 at 1 p.m.** The event will be held in the outdoor classroom next to the gym in the current high school. Attendees will hear from students, district administrative team members and tribal leaders. The event will be held rain or shine, so if you plan to attend, please dress accordingly. If you can't attend in-person, the ceremony will be streamed on Facebook Live.



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Enriching the lives of  
our children through  
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## Double the Degrees

Congratulations to four MIHS super-achievers! Ashlee Corn, Alamea Pyawasay, Pearson Denny and Mariah Fish will be graduating from high school this spring – and will receive an associate degree in liberal arts from NWTC at the same time.

The four completed a dual degree program through NWTC's 4x4 program by taking college level courses alongside their high school classes. Credits earned with their associate degree will transfer to most colleges and will also help lower the overall cost and time spent pursuing a bachelor's degree.

Completing the dual degree program took discipline and patience as the students navigated how to balance multiple workloads in addition to their own extracurricular activities and, for some, part-time jobs as well. They all credit support from teachers and their families for helping them reach this achievement.

What an accomplishment! Congratulations!



Ashlee Corn



Alamea Pyawasay



Pearson Denny

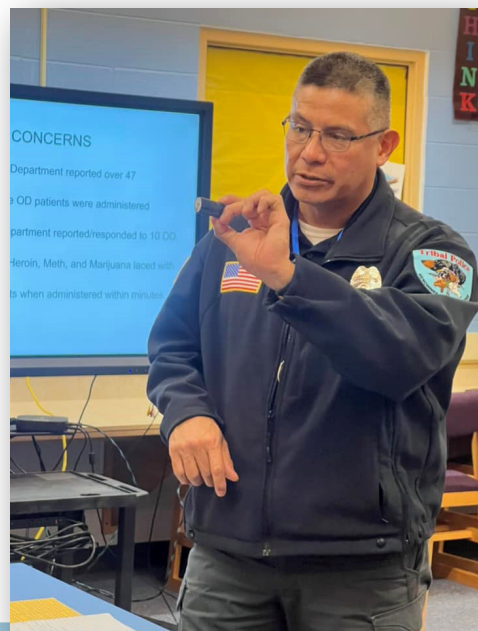


Mariah Fish

## Parent Café

At the most recent Parent Café, parents and community members came together to learn about drug prevention education. Attendees were taught best practices including how to talk with children about vaping, marijuana, methamphetamines and fentanyl. All are serious issues facing our children.

Discussions about common substance use signs, lifelong effects and community concerns were also discussed to help support the fight against drugs in our community. Thank you to everyone who attended and our guest speakers for taking the time to share your insights!





## Farm-to-School Experience

Child nutrition program administrators around the U.S. are finding ways to connect students with their food and Keshena Primary School (KPS) is part of the effort!.

Farm-to-School initiatives help students better understand the source of their food, improve health and education outcomes, promote equity in the food system and advocate for careers in agriculture.



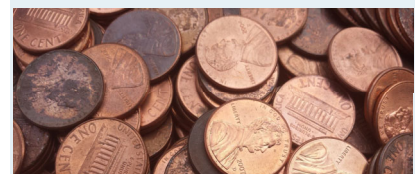
KPS participated in a yearlong study to track the growth of students' perception, consumption and knowledge of fresh food and physical activity by introducing Flex Farms into their classrooms. Flex Farms are indoor, hydroponic farms that produce large quantities of fresh food in an environmentally friendly way. A Flex Farm can produce almost 400 pounds of leafy greens in one year and requires minimal water and energy resources. It also eliminates food transportation miles and produces almost zero food waste.

After engaging with the Flex Farm within the classroom, the study concluded that KPS students experienced a 46% increase in positive perception of fresh vegetables. It created an educational environment leading to the students' growth and knowledge about the food they are consuming and how they can contribute to a more sustainable environment. Great job everyone!

## Penny Wars

The results are in! Our KPS third grade team was the winner of this year's Penny Wars drive with a total of \$717.59. Since March, students and teachers at KPS have been bringing in pennies to participate in the battle for the title of Grand Champion.

All proceeds of the Penny Wars were donated to the MISD Autism Walk. The Penny Wars was a great opportunity for students to participate in healthy competition and practice generosity and charity. Thank you to everyone at KPS who participated, raising a grand total of \$4,340.45. Amazing!



## Fresh Air and Fishing

Menominee Indian Middle School (MIMS) students recently enjoyed an afternoon of warm weather and wildlife interaction thanks to the assistance of the experts from Patagonia. Patagonia representatives and fly-fishing leaders joined MIMS 8<sup>th</sup> graders for an afternoon of fishing and learning about nature, wildlife and sustainability. The program, offered through Patagonia's Youth Outreach and Fly-Fishing Program, also engages and educates students on the sport of fly fishing and its benefits.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 School Bd. Mtg. @ 5 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 No school	11	12	13
14	15 School Bd. Meeting @ 5 p.m.	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 MIHS graduation @ 5 p.m.	25	26	27
28	29 No school Memorial Day	30	31 MIHS ground- breaking @ 1 p.m.			