

Lake Roosevelt 2023-2024 – September

Indian Edu Program

Welcome back to a new school year Lake Roosevelt students, staff and families! Here's a quick update on things happening this year from our program:

Each year our program works to support various areas that involve academic advocacy, life health/wellness and cultural awareness/practices. For the past several years we've had a focus on advocacy work, and various forms of helping incorporate cultural awareness/practices into the school day classes and everyday life. In recent years we've been able to see progress with educators utilizing cultural materials in classes, incorporating visual representation, supporting awareness days, becoming familiar with cultural curriculum materials, and also collaborating with the local Colville Tribes to participate in education here at LR. We are grateful for this progress and will continue to support these measures. Whereas an area that we would like to spend time focusing on this year is the area of life health and wellness efforts. One of our main goals this year along those lines is to shift emphasis toward building connections and relationship support to meet our wellness goals.

Some ideas to reach these areas of focus include collaborations for family fun night activities, creative opportunities for students including art competitions, Culture Night activities, Literacy Night Collaborations and hosting small group activities for classes during the school day. We are excited about making these relationship building connections this school year.

Upcoming Activities

- September 20th, first LR Indian Edu PAC (Parent Advisory Committee) meeting 6:30 @ HS Hub
- October 11th Harvest Festival Collaboration w/Nespelem school and Colville Tribes YDP, details soon!

Quick Info Guide

Basic Yearly Events and Resource Links

<u>September</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4th Friday, region's Native Am. Day• 30th Orange Shirt Day	<u>February</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plateau Tribes winter storytelling season
<u>October</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd Monday, National Indigenous People's Day, in lieu of Columbus Day	<u>March</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nearing the end of winter, preparing for traditional food gathering and first foods
<u>November</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Native American Heritage Month• Veteran's Day	<u>April</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Root Digging
<u>December</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plateau Tribes winter storytelling season (after snowfall)	<u>May</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5th MMIW Awareness Day
<u>January</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plateau Tribes winter storytelling season	<u>June</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Salmon Ceremony• Canoe Journey

No School Friday September 22nd in recognition of Native American Day – Learn of ways to celebrate our local Indigenous People



Native American Day and Heritage Month

Native American Day and Native American Heritage Month is a time to recognize the people indigenous to what is now commonly known as the United States of America. Some states or regions celebrate Native American Day on different days which was adopted prior to the designated national days in recent years. In our region we celebrate Native American Day in September with a focus on local culture. The national Indigenous People's Day in October is a day in lieu of Columbus Day and is a national recognition and re-education. We also celebrate the national Native American Heritage month in November.

Some ways to celebrate these days/month is to participate or learn of the present day culture and historical culture of the local tribes in your area, learn of ways to support the collective advocacy work of various tribes and their way of life, and help support those in various tribal communities with their businesses, projects and restorative work.

[Native American Heritage Month](#) - [Native/Indigenous Americans Quick FAQs](#) - [US Depart of the Interior](#)

US and Canada Educational Resources

- Orange Shirt Day - Information, curriculum, activities, merchandise
 - [Home - Orange Shirt Society \(orangeshirtday.org\)](#)
- Indigenous People's Day - Information and curriculum links
 - [Indigenous-Peoples-Day-Toolkit_B1_C4.pdf \(illuminative.org\)](#)
- MMIW - Info, advocacy
 - [Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women \(MMIW\) \(nativehope.org\)](#)
- Native Hope Resources
 - [Native Hope Resource Library](#)

Local Tribes

- Lake Roosevelt Indian Education
 - [Learning About the Colville Confederated Tribes \(gcdsd.org\)](http://gcdsd.org)
- Colville Tribes Curriculum Developer
 - [CCT curric — Colville Tribes](#)
- Tribal Tribune
 - tribaltribune.com | [Yesterday](#) | [Today](#) | [Tomorrow](#)

The LR Indian Education Department has some exciting plans for this school year and some collaborations with various departments to look forward to. To stay connected and join our activities, follow us at:

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