

American Indian Education



Centennial School District

25-26

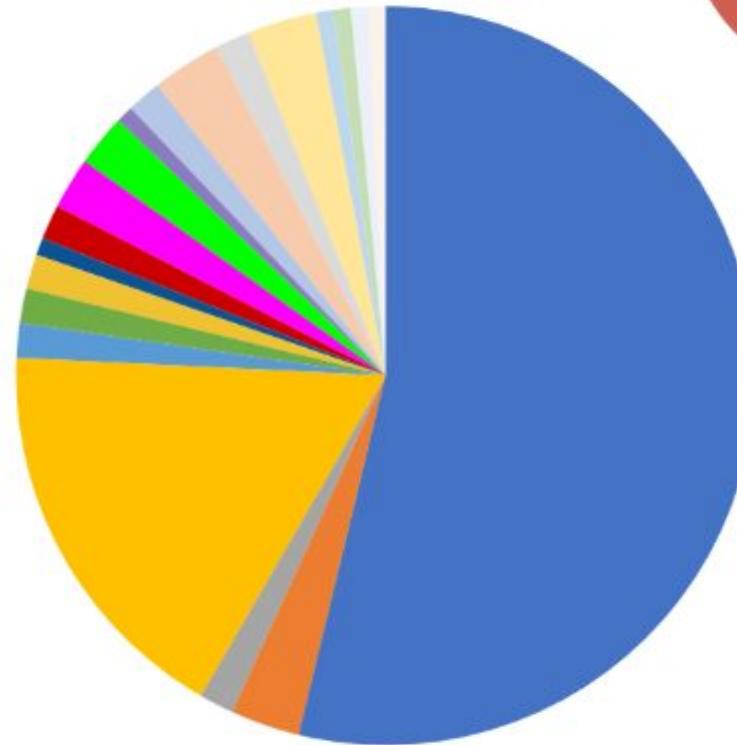
As we gather in this space, we recognize that we are connected with one another through the winds that blows air into our lungs and through the waters that move deep into the earth and up into the sky. We acknowledge that the ground beneath our feet in Minnesota is historically the home of the Dakota and Ojibwe Nations. We honor America's First Peoples and all elders, past, present, and emerging who have taken care and continue to take care of this beautiful land, despite their forced exiles. Let's embrace the sacred knowledge of the Dakota Peoples as we strive to learn and share about tribal history, culture, and contributions that have been removed from our everyday experiences.



Who we are



We have 181 students here at Centennial that identify as Native American, We represent a total of 89 unique Nations.



Legend (Nations represented):

- Anishinaabe
- Winnebago
- Yupic
- Dakota/Lakota/Nakota
- Choctaw
- Comanche
- Lumbee
- Karuk
- Haida
- Apache
- Cherokee
- Hualapi
- Oneida
- Native Hawaiian or other pacific Islander
- Blackfoot
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- Mamaceqtaw
- Cree
- Ponca
- Haudenosaunee

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Achievements



Graduation Rate for 24-26

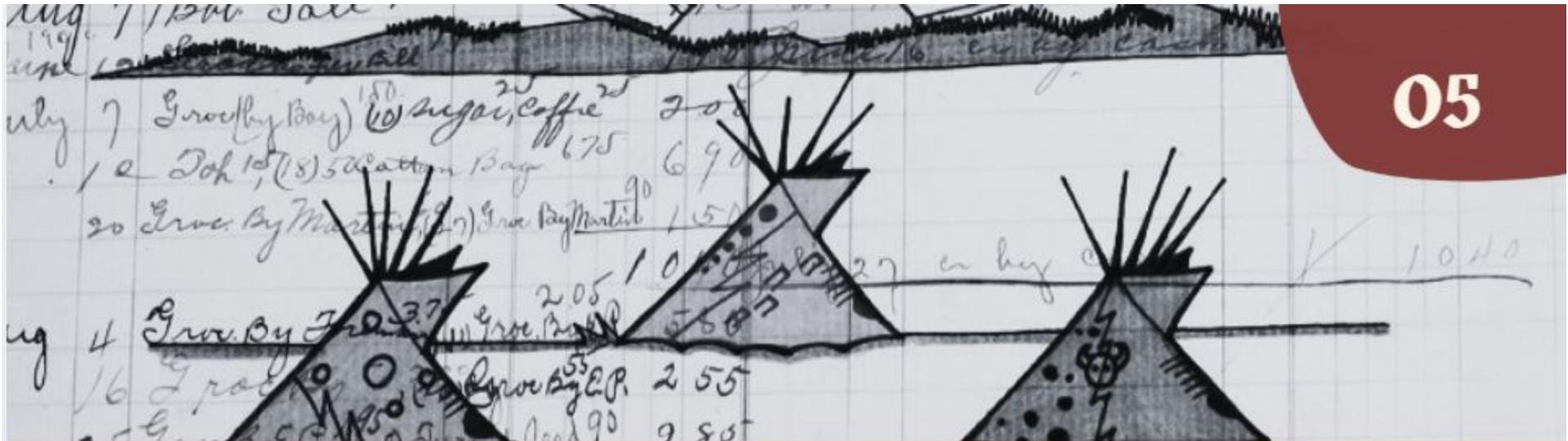
We had 17 Indigenous students up for graduation. 16 of those received their diplomas.

Attendance Awards

59.6% of our students missed less than 5% of school for the first semester of the 2025-2026 School year

GPA

38% of middle school and Highschoolers received a 3.0 or above



Culture Class



Creating Community

Culture Class meets once a month at each school. During that time we do our name, Tribal Affiliation, high and low. We always have a different theme, this year we are doing Ojibwe and Dakota Language.

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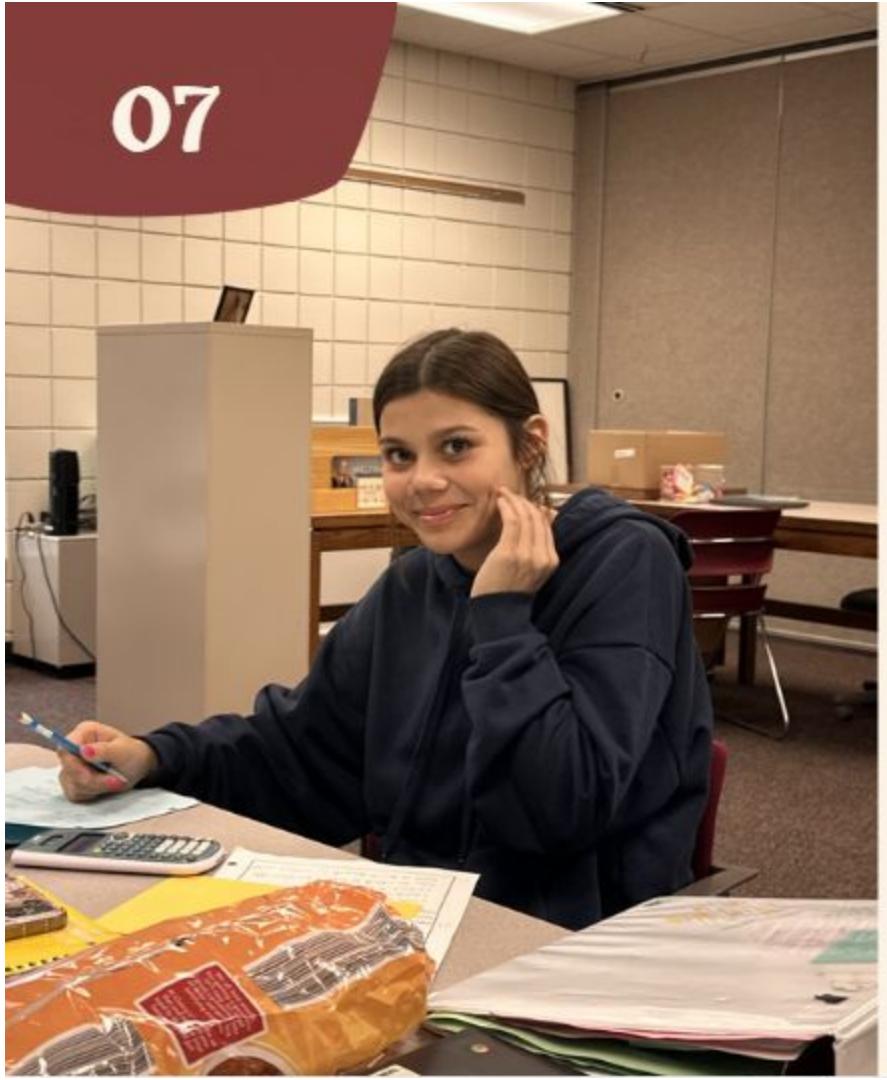


Language and Crafts

We have the best time in Culture Class! This year in American Indian Ed, we worked on Ledger Art, Ledger Art, we each got to make a unique drawing on Ledger paper, we played games Miigwech, and Gold Fish (Ojibwe style). We also did our own Winter Count (like the High School did, more on that later)







Middle School



Connection to Place and Belonging

In Middle School this year, we are also working on language. We also did our own Ledger Art, which has taken us longer then we thought. In January we had a much needed game day and played Miigwech. It was honestly one of the funniest days we had this year. We are going to do Dakota Poems next, and if there is time, Steph is going to help the 6th graders make Ribbon Hoodies.

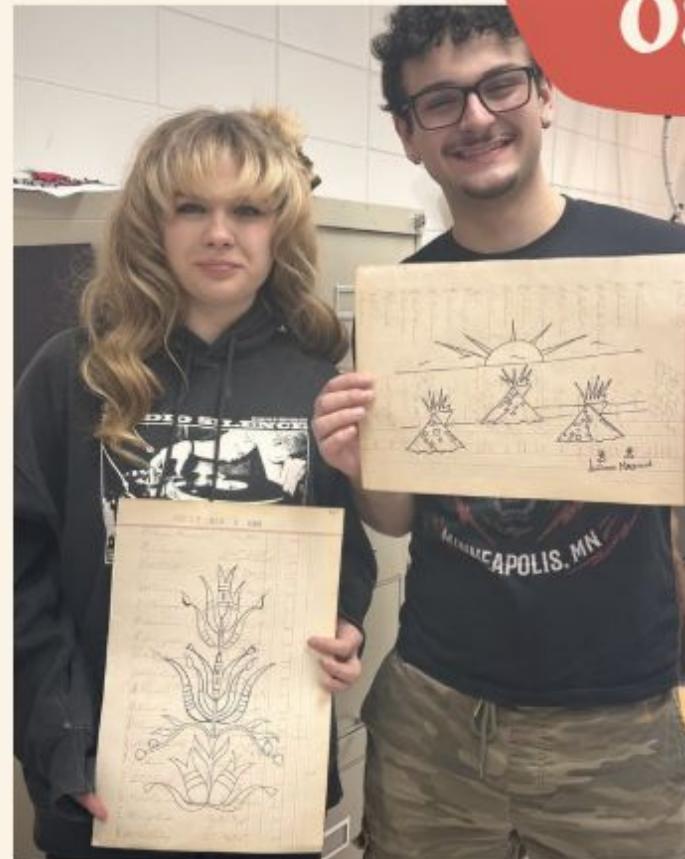
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Making Centennial better for the next 7.

At the High School this year we have been doing Ledger Art, Stephanie got us paper from 1908 to make it true Ledger Art. We have been spending all of our time on the art and we are slowly but surely getting that done.

We have a bunch of other stuff planned for the rest of the year.



Middle School Study Group

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After School On Tuesdays

Ms. Olivera and Stephanie stay after on Tuesdays with the 6th, 7th and 8th graders. We work on our missing assignments, get help on homework, and some of us just stay to have extra time with our community. The middle schoolers turned in 146 missing assignments in 1st semester.



Events



Every year we like to gather and do things with our families and community.

Wear Orange



Need a shirt? Steph has a few shirts available, email Steph by



Orange Shirt Day





Indigenous Peoples Day CHS







Jingle All the Way



Wiitaya Wacipi/Maa mawi Niimi'idiwin We Dance together Pow Wow









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Senior Honoring



Stephanie took pictures!



8.11.11. There were 17 students and the way they took a million pictures with each other after the program you could tell how close they were. It was as if they did not want the evening to end because it would be the end of their close knit group.



Frybread Taco Night **24-25**

Frybread Taco Night is a night where we celebrate Centennial as a whole.+.

Stephanie did not take any pictures of this event but we feed 300 our community Frybread Tacos.. It was a great way to end a wonderful year.



We had a senior who couldn't attend the Senior Honoring, so with the help of our 300 community members, we were able to Celebrate her. To remind her she always has her Centennial AIE family in her corner.

The Extra







Miigwech