

Report on WHA American Indian Education (AIE)
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For board meeting on October 20th, 2025

Grants

- AIPAC Meeting was held on October 7th, 2025
- Gina Dahmen completed and submitted the EASIE Annual Performance Report Surveys for 2024-2025 School year.
- Gina Dahmen, Stormy Campbell, and Theresa Jordan went to the Dream Catcher Project fall gathering at Mille Lacs on September 23rd.

Student, family and community engagement

- The Ojibwe I class and the Cultural Arts class went on a field trip to the Tribal College on September 8th to learn about Wild Rice, how to process it, and how to make knockers and poles.
- The Cultural Arts Class had a community member and parent, Shenowa Allen, come in and teach them how to make dream catchers September 15th, 16th, and 18th.
- Stormy Campbell taught the Cultural Arts Class how to make Tie blankets.
- The Ojibwe I class and the Cultural Arts class went on a field trip with Bethany Stangel on September 26th to pick Sage. We then returned to the school and bundled it and hung it to dry. The students also watched a video on smudging.
- The Fall Feast/Healing Walk was on September 28th and was very successful with almost 100 people participating.
- Orange Shirt Day- September 30th. Orange Shirt Day, observed annually on September 30, is a day of remembrance and truth for the legacy of residential and boarding schools in Canada and the U.S., which were designed to assimilate Indigenous children into mainstream culture, causing severe trauma and loss of culture. The date honors the experiences of survivors, families, and communities, inspired by [Phyllis \(Jack\) Webstad](#)'s story of her orange shirt being taken away on her first day at a residential school. Wearing an orange shirt symbolizes the stripping of identity, culture, and self-esteem, and serves as a call to action for reconciliation, empathy, and understanding.

- The Cultural Arts class began beading with another community member/parent Annette Johnson, on September 30th. They will be making a project of their choice, such as a medallion, jewelry, on lanyards.
- In celebration of Indigenous Day the Indian Education Department planned a demonstration of “the Story of the Pow Wow”. We had guest speakers come in and talk about the Pow Wow and the different regalia the dancers wear, we had a drum group here to play, and our students danced.





















