

Native American Newsletter



Spring 2019

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OKCPS JOM Princess 2018-2019 Destanee Thomas

Congratulations to Destanee Thomas for being crowned the 2018-2019 OKCPS JOM Princess! With this title, Destanee will represent the Native American student population of OKCPS, the Native American Student Services department and our OKCPS district!

Destanee Isabella Thomas is the eleven year old daughter of Mellissa Woods and Direk Thomas. She is the granddaughter of Carl Woods, Tina Moore, Kenneth Thomas, and Patricia Thomas. She has four brothers and two sisters. Destanee is from the Seminole, Muscogee Creek, and Chickasaw Nations. She is in the sixth grade at Fillmore Elementary School. Destanee enjoys spending time with her family, playing volleyball, attending powwows, stompdances, and beading. She is an active participant in many Native American Student Services programs including; MY LIFE (after school girls mentoring program), Student Art Show, and Cultural Nights. Destanee is honored and humbled to have been selected as the 2018-2019 Oklahoma City Public Schools JOM Princess. She would like to thank her family, friends, and the NASS Staff for this incredible opportunity to represent all the Native American Students and Families in OKCPS.



School Supply/Uniform and Summer Day Camp Application Available April 1st

Here is some important information about different applications that will be available from our NASS office. Please check our website or call the NASS office for more information:

Summer Day Camp Application Available April 1, 2019 Due May 31, 2019
Summer Day Camp is tentatively scheduled for June 10-13 at Hayes Elementary

School Supply & Uniform Assistance Available April 1, 2019 Due June 28, 2019
To guarantee your child receives a uniform voucher and school supply kit, you must submit your form by the June 29, 2019 deadline. All forms after the deadline will be on first come first serve basis. *School supplies and uniform vouchers will tentatively be given out Aug 5-7, 2019 at MLK Elementary, 1201 NE 48th St, OKC. NOTE: 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL IS AUG. 12, 2019*

Native American Summer Day Camp

NASS hosts a Native American Summer Day Camp for OKCPS students K–6th grade. The camp is free and provides breakfast and lunch everyday. The camp focuses on reading, math and Native American culture. Students will attend 2 field trips during the week. An application must be completed to attend and students must provide their own transportation for pick up and drop off. We look forward to having your student at our camp this year!

Native American Summer Day Camp

June 10-13, 2019
Hayes Elementary

Applications Available
April 1, 2019

Applications DUE
May 29, 2019



OKCPS Native American Student Services

Community Social Stickball
April 20, 2019
12pm- 3pm
Webster Middle School
6708. S. Santa Fe Ave
Oklahoma City, OK

For more information:
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OKCPS Social Stickball Game

Everyone's invited to our Community Social Stickball Game on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Webster Middle School at Noon! You do not have to know how to play or have your own stickball sticks. We will have an instructor there to teach you or your student how to play and will provide sticks for those who do not have any. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a day of Stickball! For questions, please call Ro at 587-0358.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 31 – Indian Taco Sale, 10am - Noon
@ Angie Smith United Methodist Church

Feb. 28 - Cultural Night, 6pm @ MLK Elem

April 4 - Cultural Night, 6pm @ MLK Elem

April 16 – Indian Taco Sale, 10am - Noon
@ Location TBD

April 18 - Native American Elementary Excellence Awards, 6pm @ US Grant HS
*must be nominated for an award

May 2 - Native American Senior Honor Banquet, 6pm @ First Presbyterian Church
*invitation only



Join our **facebook.** group:

OKCPS Native American Families

The fastest way to get information from our department! Read and post information that is helpful for your student and family and see photos of all the events we have going on!

TRIBAL CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

NASS is already planning for the next school year. We want to encourage you to reach out to your tribe early to find out if your tribe offers assistance for school clothing! Many tribes offer school *clothing assistance either by reimbursement or direct pay to parents so that you can purchase what your child needs for school.* Some tribes that we know for sure who offer assistance are:

- Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribe
- Chickasaw Nation
- Comanche Nation
- Muscogee Creek Nation
- Otoe-Missouria Tribe
- Seminole Nation...

And there are many more! Please check with your tribe early for assistance.

Native American Senior Honor Banquet

GRADUATING SENIORS!!! Please be on the look out for an invitation to our Native American Senior Honor Banquet! You will receive an invitation from your school. You must attend the banquet in order to receive your Native American graduation stole!

For info:

Sarah Botone
587-0359 or
587-0355

Or email at

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Native American Elementary Excellence Awards

The Native American Elementary Excellence Awards Assembly is scheduled for April 18, 2019 at US Grant High School at 6pm. In order for a student to receive an award, they must be nominated by an OKCPS employee. Nomination forms will be sent out to schools on Feb. 11 and are due back to NASS by March 29th. If your child is nominated for an award, you will be notified the week of April 8th. Awards range from Perfect attendance, Helping Hands, Reading Warrior, Academic All-Star and the Eagle Award. If you are concerned about your child being nominated, please speak to your child's school or teacher before March 29th. We are excited to see all our outstanding Native American students demonstrating EXCELLENCE at our Elem Excellence Awards Assembly on April 18!! If you have questions, please call 587-0355.

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Stay Informed!

Join the Native American parent/student listserv! Get the latest information on our NASS dept and community events! We will do a monthly email blast about any new information from our department and promote community events. **To join the listserv, email Sarah at shbotone@okcps.org.**

Support our Fundraisers!

Indian Taco Sales are fundraisers to help with our Pow-wow and other cultural events for your students. Order, donate or volunteer! Look for our flyers on facebook on our website. Support our cultural programs and our Native students!