

Wyatt Hunter
Student Council Updates

Dec. 12 - Unfortunately, due to the school going online, the Talent show has been postponed until after Christmas break

Cheyenne Whiting
Top Christmas Movies
to Watch During
Christmas Break

1. Elf
2. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
3. Christmas with the Kranks
4. A Madea Christmas
5. Home Alone
6. The Nightmare before Christmas



Enola Running Hawk
The Controversy of Vaccination: Pros and Cons about
the Vaccination for Children 5-11 years of Age

Dec. 12 - On November 2, the CDC recommended that children of the age group 5-11 years old should get vaccinated. (Preferably the Pfizer vaccination.) With the pandemic going on, the school has gone off virtual and back to in person school. At the beginning of this school year the vaccination was only recommended, but anyone under 16 weren't allowed to get vaccinated. In October a motion was made with the tribal council that everyone must be vaccinated in order to be in school.

With that motion being passed, over the first semester of this school year, school hours changed for the younger children. The elementary schools which are K-5 were moved to school starting at nine and getting out of school at two o'clock. School hours were changed for them to help keep the younger students safe.

With the CDC signing off for the covid vaccine for the younger students, they were and are parents who have had their opinions about whether or not they want their children to get the vaccine.

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Hand Games: Cultural Anchor

Dec. 12- Hand Games is a great cultural start for someone being introduced to our Lakota culture. It's known from one indigenous being to another that there is a spirit in everything we see, touch, hear, smell and feel. Coach John "Chepa" LittleSky says, "It's a good way to teach our songs and about the drum." For those who don't know what hand games are, it can be defined as a glorified game of "which hand is it on."

You want to be able to find the bones that are marked using hand signals to tell the hider what hand to open.

There are two sets of bones, four altogether, one of them will be marked and the other will be empty. Whoever holds the marked bones the longest wins the sticks, which are considered the "points." Each team starts out with eight sticks and whichever team ends up with all 16 sticks wins the game.

Last year due to the pandemic, LWHS played virtually with Red Cloud high school. This year, our hand games team is preparing to play in the Teca Wacipi Okolakiciye hand games tournament at the Lakota Nation Invitational.



Tokala Janis

First Basketball Game Rescheduled Due to COVID

Dec. 11- Due to three Little Wound individuals testing positive for COVID-19, The first basketball game of the season against Crow Creek has been rescheduled.

Learning will also be remote for the last week of school before winter break. Student-Athletes will be able to resume practice Monday,

Dec. 13, as long as they have a negative Covid test.

Any Little Wound Students going to LNI must also test negative for COVID before they go. Hopefully this setback doesn't jeopardize the rest of the winter sports.

Wanakiwin Janis

Origin of Christmas

Dec. 10- Christmas started in Rome about 336, but it did not become a major Christian festival until the 9th century. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Native Americans did not celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, since they hadn't heard of him. Also the added things like kissing under a mistletoe, carolling, even gift-giving were all from pagan holidays that were adapted into Christmas celebrations in the early years.

8 Also The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. Santa Claus did not always dress up in red clothes that started in the 1870s with the American cartoonist Thomas Nast.



Kansas Clifford
Social Studies Standards



Dec. 12- Western education has had a significant impact on indigenous people and culture. Boarding schools and other establishments focused on stripping indigenous children’s culture away from them to “kill the indian save the man.” This undoubtedly created a generational issue in the education system for indigenous children. From personal experience the

a general attitude towards education on the reservation can be considered as something that is forced upon you. It makes sense for the children to feel this way as there is no real excitement for an education system that has systematically abused their people. Personally I think reservation schools need to create a better system, one that is better at persevering who we are as a people while still learning what is necessary for our futures. If children can be connected to their culture and have guidance and hope for their individual futures through their education, then they would be more motivated to excel in it. In conclusion the system has to be changed, it is a broken system that inherently strips our true indigenous identities.

Madison Clifford
A Happy Holidays

December is upon us once again, and with it trails the holiday train. Whilst Christmas itself is often the focal point of this break, and general time of year. Especially with the pre-established westernized views on the end of the year that almost constantly solidify celebrating Christmas as the standard. I feel it important to put an emphasis on the non-Christmas celebrating individuals and to give cheers to those who endure the holiday season.

Alternative religions or simply just secular it’s still ever as important to raise a glass to those that co-exist with this abundance of holly-jolly as we all ready for December’s end, when 2021 turns out the lights and locks the door behind them; I hope we can all bring in the new year with respect and understanding of worldly diversity.

Enola Running Hawk
The Controversy of Vaccination Continued from page 1

Ms. Jennifer Janis, high school math teacher, is on board with this action that the CDC approved of. She says “I have vaccinated my children since they were babies. I get the shots and all my vaccinations. I trust the vaccine is safe and effective. I feel less anxious about coronavirus knowing my kids are vaccinated.”

Ms.Cecilia Borleske, third grade teacher says “ I felt a huge sense of release when the vaccination for children 5-11 years of age was approved by the CDC and am anxiously awaiting for younger children so my daughter can receive it.” She felt a lot of anxiety having the need to protect her daughter from covid while everything was slowly starting to open back up. Cecillia believes vaccinating her child and others are in her best interest, along with protecting the people around them.

With covid rates being up and down, the covid vaccine has been put out to help people slow the spread of covid. CDC says “*Data was added indicating that COVID-19 vaccination remains highly effective against COVID-19 hospitalization and death caused by the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2.*” Every state tries to let others know that by getting the vaccine it can help you and others around you. With the pandemic still ongoing it is safe to say that people should continue to wash their hands, wear masks and if you feel sick then to stay home.





Kylee Whirlwind Horse

Native Hope

Dec. 12- Native pride is an American Indian non profit organization that was founded 30yrs ago by Clayton Small, Ph.D and Maha Charami Small, Ph.D. They work with 2,000 native children a year and 1,000 men and women. It helps the children by preventing suicide and teaching the youth to be good relatives to the people around them and teaching the youth about signs of depression. They give tools to the youth by giving them ways to get help for their friends when they are in a hard time or a tough situation.

When they're training people to work at native pride they do a 2-4 day retreat and have around 80-100 participants they teach adult, youth, prevention, wellness and leadership. Their programs are designed to help individuals, families, communities, and organizations to use their strengths, culture, and humor to overcome challenges in their life called the Good Road of Life.

They have the youth do the Native H.O.P.E. program that teaches them the related risk-factors of suicide and what to look out for when someone is at a higher risk of suicide it's a youth helping youth type of program. Their vision is for Native people to live the "Good Road of Life" Filled with hope and pride. They also wish to inspire leadership, healing, and wellness, from colonization and multigenerational trauma. Some of their core values are, creating a safe and sacred environment for learning, the Native people can assist and support each other, the Native people can make positive changes, in the process that keeps hope alive and thriving. , and in a strengths and culture-based approach.

One of their objectives is to make more programs that focus on youth leadership, action-planning, team-trust building, diversity, leadership , and positive changes.