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THANKSGIVING DAY THOUGHTS



Why do you suppose Thanksgiving Day is held the fourth Thursday of each November? Well, it turns out that over the years Thanksgiving Day has been held on different days throughout the year. The origin of Thanksgiving Day dates back to the early harvest-home celebrations of England. But it wasn't until 1941 that the fourth day of November would be observed as the national day of celebrating Thanksgiving.

President Roosevelt set the day a week earlier than the current date. He set the date to help lengthen the shopping days for Christmas shoppers. But Congress decided that the date should be moved back to the fourth Thursday of November and it was recognized as a national holiday from that time on.

President George Washington issued a proclamation naming November 26 as a day of national thanksgiving. In the same year, the Protestant Episcopal Church announced that the first day in November would be a regular yearly day for thanks. President Lincoln named the last Thursday of November as a day of thanksgiving and praise. He did so after Mrs. Joseph Hale, an editor of a popular magazine at the time, insisted in her articles that the country celebrate a national day of thanksgiving.

Native Americans have also played a significant role in the Thanksgiving Day tradition. The first dreadful winter in Massachusetts had killed nearly half of the white settlers who were spending their first year in the new world. Thanks to the Indians, the corn harvest the following summer brought rejoicing and renewed hope. The settlers and Indians spent days preparing for a feast in which to celebrate their food surplus. Indians provided corn, venison, and wild turkeys. The settlers and the Indians sat together at long tables outside, and together they celebrated their good fortune.

Today, Thanksgiving Day is usually celebrated within the family or by many families who join together. There are many interesting facts and ideal concerning a lot of our holidays and the best way to learn about these are to do a little research. The World Book Encyclopedia is one excellent source of information; I used the encyclopedia to gather the material in this article. The library is also a great place to expand your knowledge concerning holidays: their origins and their rich and colorful past history. So do yourself a favor and do some research: you never know what interesting fact you'll run across! Happy Thanksgiving!

If you have any comments or suggestions for this Newsletter or if you have something you want printed to appear in an upcoming issue, please send it to us. We'll be glad to print it.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

by Phil Minkkinen

It's already November. The time sure flies. Parent-teacher conferences were very successful. It was exciting to see so many parents in the school checking the progress of their children. I hope that those of you that could not make it will make the next conference. We do plan to hold conferences each quarter. This seems to be an excellent way to keep the lines of communication open between parents and school activities. The weather will soon be turning cold and the possibilities of school closings, postponements, and early closures becomes a reality. In the event of inclement weather, listen to the radio at any of these stations: KDAL, KODS, KEIO, WAKX, WAVC, WEBC, WDSM, WKKQ, or WKLK.

We attempt to announce these closings before 6:00 a.m.

Basketball season opens for both boys and girls this week. The first girls' game is scheduled for November 14 against Bug School. The boys open against Nay Ah Shing on November 29.

We have several new members on the school board. They are Bob Diver, Dorthy Leifeste, Linda Houle, and Don Ojibway. These people will be joining the present members: Sandi Savage, Kathy Leimer, and Patty Goward. The meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month in the school library. These meetings are open to the public.

We have hired a new Early Childhood Development teacher, Molly Harney. She lives in Duluth, and has taught in the Habitat Program in Duluth before joining our staff. She is a welcome asset to the school. If you have a child in need of special attention at home that is pre-school age, give Molly a call and arrange a meeting for services.

Just a reminder to high school students: we have a homework policy at our school. Teachers assign homework to students at least once a week. It is our way of testing students' ability to work without immediate supervision and to check for understanding of the work assigned. We also hope that parents will take an active role in the education of their children by checking the work brought home and offering assistance if the child asks.

SPECIAL REPORT

Charlin F. Diver
Coordinator of MAEP

It has been recognized that there are approximately 850 minority students, both Black and American Indian enrolled in the sixth-eighth grades in the Duluth Public Schools. There are approximately 225 sixth-eighth graders in the Cloquet, Carlton, Wrenshall, Brookston Public Schools, and in the Fond du Lac Ojibway School.

The initial goal of the MAEP Program is to offer tutoring to the sixth-eighth grade minority students, using minority college students as tutors.

Minority sixth-eighth grade students who are failing or having difficulty in subject areas will be identified as eligible for and referred to the tutoring program; however, all minority students in the Duluth Public School system and the FDL Reservationn Educational Service area who show a decline in academic performance may be eligible for the program.

The program will assist in increasing the numbers of academically prepared and socially-adjusted minority students bound for college. It will also help to provide an excellent opportunity for graduation from high school and college.

The tutors will be individuals who have demonstrated good grades in the subject area they will be tutoring in and who demonstrate that they are good role models and will provide encouragement and interest in the younger student's career choices.

Science, mathematics, medical and engineering fields of study will be stressed in this program as these areas reflect the largest area with the fewest minorities who graduate or choose these fields as career choices.

Family involvement and increased family support are objectives of this program. Families of the minority students are encouraged to participate. Familial participation is a key criteria for student success.

In the near future, I will be holding an open forum to discuss the program and start it off.

SCIENCE

by Charles Karp

Seventh graders are slowly becoming aware of bacteria and how they live. So far, the budding bacteriologists have observed, grown and learned how to control bacteria growth. So if you have a problem with strange things growing in your refrigerator, maybe you could ask your seventh grader to clean it for you!

In the physical science class, ninth graders have been studying energy in its various forms. As one part of their unit, the food (or calorie) values of peanuts and walnuts were discovered by learning the foods and determining the rise in temperature of water caused by the burning of the nuts.

MARTIANS INVADE!

Well, not really. As the eighth grade began their study of the solar system and space travel, their imaginations were spurred on by an original taped version of "War of the Worlds". Among topics brought out in the class discussion were modes of travel, communication systems and current

unmanned spacecraft visiting the planets of solar system.

What do television, computers and Chemistry have in common? The eleventh grade Chemistry class is finding out. As electrons are excited in the back of a television set, the beams are aimed at the front of the tube to form a picture. The Chemistry class has been studying the details of elements and characteristics of protons, neutrons and electrons as part of their Chemistry curriculum.

SHOCKING NEWS

A shocking experience! Did you ever wonder how static shocks happen? In colder drier weather, electrons transfer to the soles of your feet from the carpet you walk on. This gives you extra electrons and when you touch someone those electrons which caused the electrical charge are transferred to your unknowing victim. The result is shocking, quite frankly (from the Charles Karp files).



OJIBWIDA CHESS TEAM PLANS STRATEGY

Do you play chess? It's a great game which requires enormous amounts of defensive and offensive strategy. Keith Levinski and Mike Rabideaux will soon be starting a chess team at the Ojibway School. Some students have signed-up for the chess teams and will have the opportunity to match their wits against one another. We plan to begin the matches in December, and if things go well we may challenge other schools to matches. Chess is a thinking game. It's not only fun, but educational! as well!

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ENGLISH CLASS TRAVELS

On Wednesday November 15, seniors in the English class traveled to the University of Minnesota. Duluth. We completed research in UMD's library: the research was conducted in order to locate information on subjects which the students had chosen.

Lisa Northrup and Melvin DeFoe spent a lot of time searching the micro-fisce for their related subjects. Chris Knowlen, Morris Lamarche, and Tara DeFoe explored the extensive reference books area. All students made copies of articles which they will use to complete their own research papers. It was a very educational trip, and we look forward to more trips in the near future.

L.I.E.C. MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Fond du Lac School Board is soliciting parents to serve on the Ojibway School Local Indian Education Parent Committee (L.I.E.C.) Parents interested in joining the L.I.E.C. should contact the principal's office and speak with Phil Minkkinen. The phone number is 879-4593.

WHY HUMAN RELATIONS?

What are human relations? Well, if you're not sure, here is a short course that touches on some of the main concepts.

The six most important words are: "I admit I made a mistake."

The five most important words are: "You did a good job."

The four most important words are: "What is your opinion."

The three most important words are: "If you please."

The two most important words are: "Thank you."

The one most important word is: "We."

And the least important word is: "I."

NEW EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST HIRED

Molly Harney is our new Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator. For the past four years she has been working with teen parents in Duluth. She is married and has a daughter 16 months of age, Marijah.

YOUTH AND AGE

THE DAY

The day was a year at first
When children ran in the garden;
The day shrank down to a month
When the boys played ball.

The day was a week thereafter
When young men walked in the garden;
The day was itself a day
When love grew tall.

The day shrank down to an hour
When old men limped in the garden;
The day will last forever
When it is nothing at all.

Theodore Spencer



FIRST LESSON

Lie back, daughter, let your head
be tipped back in the cup of my hand.
Gently, and I will hold you. Spread
your arms wide, lie out on the stream
and look high at the gulls. A dead-
man's float is face down. You will dive
and swim soon enough where this tidewater
ebbs to the sea. Daughter, believe
me, when you tire on the long thrash
to your island, lie up, and survive.
As you float now, where I held you
and let you go, remember when fear
cramps your heart, what I told you:
lie gently and wide to the light-year
stars, lie back, and the sea will hold you.

Philip Booth

SPORTS

OGICHIDA GIRLS BEGIN SEASON HOT!



by Dale Sautbine

The Fond du Lac Ojibway girls basketball team opened its season with a scrimmage against Chief Bug School from Cass Lake. The Ogichida B-team took the floor first and had no trouble with Chief Bug. The Ogichida played a tough defensive game allowing the Eagles only 9 points the entire game. On offense Richelle Mullen, an eighth grader, was unstoppable and led the Ogichida by scoring 31 points.

The Ogichida A-team had a debt to repay: we were swept last year 3 games to none. We beat Bug School 48-28. Although we controlled the first quarter,

I think we can play tougher defense: we have to tighten it up defensively. The first regular season game will be with Barnum at home on November 21, at 6:00p.m. Get out and support the Ogichida!

ALL CONFERENCE NAMED



On Wednesday November 8, coaches from the Great Northern Football Conference met in Grand Rapids to choose outstanding 9-man football players. Selected from the fighting Ogichida to the All Conference Team were seniors Dan Aubid, linebacker; and Chad Lewis, defensive end. John Martin, end; and John England, safety; were chosen honorable mention.

Congratulations Ogichida!

Below is listed the 1989-90 Girls and Boys basketball schedule. Please make an attempt to attend and support our Warriors this year. Thank you. GO OGICHIDA!

1989-90 FOND DU LAC BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

November 14	.....Bug School, Girls,	3:00 p.m.,	Home
November 21	.....Barnum High School, Girls,	6:00 p.m.,	Home
November 27	.....Tolvola Meadowlands, Girls,	6:00 p.m.,	Away
November 29	.....Nay Ah Shing, Boys/Girls,	3:00 p.m.,	Home
December 1	.....Cromwell, Boys,	6:00 p.m.,	Away
December 7	.....Nay Ah Shing, Boys/Girls,	1:00 p.m.,	Away
December 13	..Heart of the Earth, Boys/Girls,	4:00 p.m.,	Home
December 14	.....Floodwood, Girls,	6:00 p.m.,	Away
December 19	.....Grand Marais, Boys,	5:45 p.m.,	Home
December 21	...Red Lake Tourn., Boys/Girls,	11:00 a.m.,	Away
December 27	.....Barnum Tourn., Boys,	3:00 p.m.,	Away
December 28	.....Barnum Tourn., Boys,	3:00 p.m.,	Away
December 29	.....Barnum Tourn., Boys,	3:00 p.m.,	Away
January 10	.....Albrook, Girls,	6:00 p.m.,	Away
January 11	...Chief Bug School, Boys/Girls,	12:00 p.m.,	Away
January 19	.....Silver Bay, Boys,	5:45 p.m.,	Away
January 23	.....Floodwood, Boys,	6:00 p.m.,	Away
January 26	..Heart of the Earth, Boys/Girls,	1:00 p.m.,	Away
January 30	.....Red Lake, Girls,	3:00 p.m.,	Home
January 31	.....Chief Bug School, Boys,	3:00 p.m.,	Home
February 6	.....Grand Marais, Boys,	5:45 p.m.,	Away
February 12	.....Red Lake, Girls,	3:00 p.m.,	Away
February 13	.....Hinkley, Boys,	6:00 p.m.,	Away
February 15	.....White Earth, Boys/Girls,	12:00 p.m.,	Away
February 20	.....Silver Bay, Boys,	5:45 p.m.,	Home
February 23	.....Girls District at Esko		
March 1	.....Boys District at Denfeld		



GO OGICHIDA!

INDIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP

by Melvin DeFoe

On September 26 through 28, Ardene White, sophomore; James Tallwhiteman, a junior; senior Melvin DeFoe; and chaperone Dick Diver attended the American Indian Youth Leadership Skills Development Conference which was held at Craguns Conference Center in Brainerd, Minnesota.

On Tuesday, September 26, we met for a general assembly on Domestic Violence: The Implications for Children. Norma McLain from the Fond du Lac Reservation Social Services was the presenter. She spoke of her experience with family violence and on ways one could avoid it.

On Wednesday September 27, another general assembly met on Cultural Preservation and was presented by Porky White, Spiritual Leader from Leech Lake. He spoke on ways of saving our culture yet still survive and succeed in the white man's society. Next, the group kicked off the American Indian Youth Day Celebration in the Dining Room. The welcome address was completed by Darrell "Chip" Wadena, President of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. Other speakers included Miss Bobette Wildcat, Miss Indian America 1988; Hubert H. Humphrey III, Attorney General; and David Beaulieu, Department of Indian Education. The speeches were followed by an Honor Song which was performed by the Cass Lake High School Drum. The invocation was performed by Porky White. A luncheon was held, and soon followed by concurrent sessions until 3:00 p.m. at which time a general assembly on alcohol and substance abuse was presented by Joel Longie, Regional Director, Arrowhead Community College Services to Indian People Program. The day closed with a Pow-Wow honoring our Indian Youth. Chief Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School Drum and Dance Club, Cass Lake School Drum, and the Mille Lacs Drum provided the singing.

On Thursday, September 28, a general assembly on Tribal Government was held with concurrent sessions following. After lunch, everyone left for home, but we will long remember the things we learned at this conference. It was a rich learning experience!

DICK & PANJI IN HIBBING

Boozhoo. On October 18, Panji Gahbow, Mark Aquash, and Dick Diver chaperoned 12 students to Lincoln Junior High School in Hibbing. Our Drum Group and Dancers were invited to Hibbing to share or express a cultural exchange with the eighth grade students. An elder was scheduled to make the trip but for unknown reasons failed to meet the bus at departure time. Mark Aquash replaced the elder as speaker for the group and he identified the songs which were sung, described the dancers which were danced and offered other information to students and teachers who attended the gathering.

The Drum and Dance Group performed six presentations throughout the day and then the group was invited to the school's Amphitheater to watch a movie.

The group also attended the Title IV and Johnson O'Malley feast later that evening. In order to make the trip the group started out at 4:30 a.m. which made for a long day considering the group left at 7:30 p.m.

The entire group thanks Joe Martineau, the bus driver, for the safe trip there and back.

Milgwech,
Dick Diver

COLORING PARTY!

On November 24 at 7:00 a.m., transportation will be provided to the Minneapolis Convention Center in order to attend the Worlds Largest Coloring Party. Interested participants must have a signed permission slip before loading the bus. Cost of the event is \$6.00.