

# Native American Program Family Newsletter

September/October 2018

Welcome back everyone,

Hope your first week back went well and the kids are getting adjusted to their school routine again, I know my kids sure are.

Those of you who may be new, my name is Chad Ward and I am a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate. I am from Browns Valley, Minnesota, where I attended Browns Valley and Sisseton Public Schools. I graduated from University of North Dakota with a Bachelor's degree. This is my second year as the Native American Program Liaison, before this I worked seven years for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate.

I am looking forward to the first NAPC (Native American Parent Committee) meeting. As a parent you can attend the NAPC meetings, where you can share your families' experiences in the district and encourage academic success to our local youth. These meetings are open to the public from 12-1pm at the Mark Sanford Education Center (dates TBA).

Since our funding is solely from the Indian Education Grant, I am continuing to look for additional funding to fund bus tickets for the upcoming year, purchase more gym uniforms and school supplies. Should you have any questions, whether it be about fees or are in need of school supplies, please reach out to your schools Social Worker for assistance.

I am looking forward to a new year in meeting students, parents and faculty of each school. I welcome anyone who wishes to stop by the office and see me to do so, which is located at the Mark Sanford Education Center. You can email me at [cward070@mygfschools.org](mailto:cward070@mygfschools.org) or call (701)-746-2200 ext. 1412.

Thank you,

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## Important Dates

September 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Labor Day-No School

September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Elementary 1:30pm  
Early Release

September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Prof. Development  
No School

October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Elementary 1:30pm  
Early Release

October 5<sup>th</sup>  
K-5 PT Conferences  
11:20am Early Dismissal

Middle School PT Conf.  
6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade No School

October 10<sup>th</sup>  
9am start for  
Central/Red River

October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Elementary 1:30pm  
Early Release

October 18-19<sup>th</sup>  
No School

## **Are you the Parent/Guardian of a Native American Student in the Grand Forks Public School District?**

You may be eligible for services provided by the Native American Program if:

- Your child is an enrolled tribal member,  
**OR**
- A parent or grandparent is a member of a tribe, by state or federal recognition.

If you have not already done so, please contact your school secretary to fill out a Title VII Eligibility form, or '506 Form'. Alternatively, you can receive one by mail, e-mail or by picking one up from the Mark Sanford Education Center.

To request a copy be sent to you, please call or email Chad Ward.

### **Available Services....**

- Cost assistance for:
  - ENCORE Program
  - ZAPS ACT Prep Course
  - Jeffco Credit Recovery
  - Duel Credit tuition
  - AP Course Testing
- Cultural Activities
- Culturally focused learning materials, which includes access to program library.

\*\* Be sure you are meeting and speaking with your High School Guidance Counselor about those listed above, as well as College visits, applications and scholarships.

It's never too early to start thinking about the future!

