Please Welcome Nicole Faehner!
Nicole Faehner is our new Director of Grant Programs, and she is in charge of our program, Indian Education Grant Consortium, starting this school year. If you see her, please make her feel welcome.

Important Upcoming Events

October 29: Parent Meeting 4:30pm
Chippewa Valley Administration Boardroom
Come to the first parent meeting of the year to hear about upcoming workshops, review the Indian Education Grant Program and brainstorm ideas for the future!

November 9: Workshop
Our first cultural workshop of the year is November 9! The theme will be Native American dance and the craft will be ankle bracelets/fringe. Please sign up for this workshop by emailing Nicole Faehner at nfaehner@cvs.k12.mi.us.
Indian Education Workshops

Our first workshop for this school year will be Saturday, Nov 9th, 2019 and we will be making ankle bracelets.

Do you know about Indian Dance?
Native American dances were performed for many different reasons. Some dances were part of religious rituals and ceremonies while others were done to ensure a successful hunt or harvest. Dances were most often held in open fields around a fire. Some tribes danced only to the sound of a drum and voices, others used bells and rattles. The regalia worn was handmade and had significance to each dancer.

We encourage your participation in these Saturday events. The workshops are open to all families enrolled in our program and they are free of charge.

We hold two sessions 9:00-11:00 am and 12:00-2:00 pm at Cheyenne Elementary. Email Nicole at nfaehner@cvs.k12.mi.us to register. Please let her know the name of the children that will come, and if you are coming in the morning or afternoon session.

Native American Poetry: The Gathering by Melanie Mariano

Can you hear the calling?
Those ancestral voices in the wind,
Pulling your worn moccasins forward,
Towards the sacred circle?

They understand your heart’s longing,
For the mending of your spirit,
For those coyotes you once fed
That left you blanket ed in doubt.

Can you hear them calling?
The drums which shout out for you,
Rhythmic as a heartbeat,
Like lyrical sweet grass for your soul?

They recognize your deep desires
Of beaded ambitions and braided dreams,
Passed down through generations,
Which you long to make your legacy.

Can you hear them calling?
The stomping feet from each Nation,
Adorned with Inter-tribal traditions,
Eagerly waiting upon your arrival?

They have felt your suffering
And dance like prairie lightning,
Each step a solemn promise
Of your bloodline’s reawakening.

Can you hear them calling?
The tobacco prayers of your relations,
Feathered on wings of freedom,
Awaiting in honored celebration?

Brave Warrior, on this journey back to self,
The Grandfathers walk beside you,
Turquoise footprints scorching the earth,
And they lead you home.