

# Chippewa Valley Indian Education Grant Consortium



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## THE INDIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER 2020-2021

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### Tutoring for Struggling Students

Please feel free to reach out if your student is struggling. Ann Sytsma who has taught students from preschool to high school is available to tutor students who are struggling this year. Please feel free to contact her at [asytsma@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:asytsma@cvs.k12.mi.us) if your student is in need of some extra help.

### ASIST Suicide Intervention Training at MISD

The MISD is hosting a 2 day training on suicide prevention using the evidenced based program by Living Works called ASIST. This is a training that is sponsored by a grant from SAMHSA targeted to the Native American population. If you are interested in attending this training please see the attached flyer for how register.

### Important Upcoming Events

February 11, 2021  
Parent Meeting 4:30pm  
Virtual Meeting

Come to the second parent meeting of the year to hear about upcoming workshops, review the Indian Education Grant Program and brainstorm ideas for the future!

February 27, 2021  
Cultural Workshop: Snow Snakes  
Virtual 10 am  
Registration begins January 21st  
(craft supplies limited to first 28 participants)

Please sign up for this workshop by using this link:  
[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?  
id=CeokmDkVAEKtn9jDQ0XYJy8On5CC\\_stAl\\_GVye-  
1VHZUMTVZQU1YSVI5SDNNR1BVQVIPM0FISjIBNy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=CeokmDkVAEKtn9jDQ0XYJy8On5CC_stAl_GVye-1VHZUMTVZQU1YSVI5SDNNR1BVQVIPM0FISjIBNy4u)

## Tribute to Robert Murray

“The **purpose of life** is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.” — Ralph Waldo **Emerson**.



Robert Murray was one of our Indian Education tutors. He passed away suddenly in November and will be greatly missed. I will always remember Robert as a person of integrity who loved working with students and was always willing to go the extra mile to help them be successful. He loved to laugh and was ready to tell you a corny joke to make you smile. My fondest memory of Robert is at an Indian Education workshop where we were learning about Indian dances. There was a boy dance and a girl dance. He got right up and encouraged all the boys to dance with him. It was just second nature to him to motivate and inspire those around him.

Robert, May you always be remembered as a man who lived well.

### CULTURAL WORKSHOPS:

**Our last workshop was on basket weaving.**



By Lane Simons



By Zachary Lambert

## Native American Poetry

The Great Spirit is in all things:  
He is in the air we breathe.  
The Great Spirit is our father,  
but the Earth is our Mother.  
She nourishes us;  
that which we put into the ground  
she returns to us.

—BIG THUNDER (BEDAGI), WABANAKI ALGONQUIN

- ◆ If you have a student writer who would like to write a poem to be showcased in an upcoming newsletter. Please submit it to [asytsma@cvs.k12.mi.us](mailto:asytsma@cvs.k12.mi.us)