



Chamberlain School District 7-1

# Native American Task Force

Monday, February 25, 2019

5:45 pm – CHS Multi-Media Room

## Native American Author

-March 28, 2019, Native American author, Donald Montileaux will be presenting to our third graders. He will be reading one of his many childrens' books. Students will then make a 3D horse to take home with them.

-Donald Montileaux will also be presenting at the Lode Star Motel that evening to our Chamberlain School District students. Students there will also make a 3D horse and autographed copies of his books will be given away as door prizes.

-Students from the Chamberlain School District Native American Club will be volunteering and assisting Donald at both events.

## MANDT Training

-CSD Counselors, Chelsey Tyrell and Kayla DeJong attended a week long workshop in Minneapolis and will be facilitating in our district. The focus is on building healthy relationships. It is a comprehensive approach to prevent, deescalate, or intervene when behavior poses a threat.

## Student Mental Health First Aid Training

Dr. Chepa Rank, Ms. Deb Holzer, and other staff will provide a Student Mental Health First Aid Training to all staff on March 14, 2019.

## Dates to Remember

March 28 – Donald Montileaux presenting to students

April 1 – Annual Title I Parent & Family Engagement Meeting

April 27 – CHS Wacipi & Feather Ceremony

May 18 - Graduation

## Invited to Events:

All parents/guardians/family of Chamberlain School District Students

## Smarter Balance Assessments

(Testing Window is March 6th – May 3<sup>rd</sup>)

Continued concerns about Native American low test scores were brought up. Valuable discussion centered around ideas of how to encourage students to do their best and change their mindset on the importance of this assessment.

Chelsey and Tami will be printing a graph/chart for each student and goals will be discussed with each child.

Many ideas of celebrations for reaching that goal are being discussed by staff as well as ideas to be used prior to testing for motivation.

## Activity Fair

Numbers of participating Native American students in CHS Activities were shared. We currently have 16 members in the CHS Native American Club. April 27<sup>th</sup> will be the date of the CHS Wacipi.

## Feather Ceremony

All Native Americans Seniors are invited to this event. Each student invites their family/friends to attend. Dakota Indian Foundation is always so helpful with the planning of this event.

## Parent Communication/Engagement

Concerns of parent communication/engagement of our Title I School was brought up. Tami Brown is looking into ways to improve this aspect. She has been calling other schools and visiting with other Title I Directors to get ideas.

### Dr. Craig Howe

We have a community effort to have Dr. Howe come to Chamberlain for the 2019 – 2020 school year. We also are looking at other Native American speakers to engage our students.

Have a wonderful week!