

Report on WHA American Indian Education (AIE)
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Grants

- Gina Dahmen is working on the Annual Performance Report for the OIE Grant.

Student, Family and Community Engagement

- AIPAC Meeting held on September 8th, 2026. There are currently 2 student representatives and 8 community members on the committee.
- The program started out the school year great with higher than normal classroom sizes, which is very exciting. The Ojibwe class and the 9th-12th grade Culture and Arts class were invited to participate in a class for finishing wild rice at the Leech Lake Tribal College on September 8th. We took 25 students with us on the visit. The students participated in parching rice over a fire in a cast iron kettle, dancing on the rice, and whittling poles.
- There are two other classes right now and they are a 7th grade Ojibwe and Culture class and an 8th Grade Ojibwe and culture class. Each class will be doing different activities based around the Ojibwe culture; such as, making dream catchers, weaving baskets, learning some Ojibwe language, etc.
- The drum group continued meeting through the summer. We have 9 boys that participate in the program. We meet every other Wednesday at the Onigum Center. The students will be making their own hand drums this year.
- The WHA AIPAC committee and the Onigum Local Indian Council are having a Healing Walk and Fall Feast on Sunday, September 27th. The walk starts at Noon and the feast begins after the walk. Everyone is invited to come out and walk and join in the feast. We are having a taco bar prepared By Uncle Jeff's Fry Bread.













