

WEEKLY READER

Bureau of Indian Education – Minneapolis Region

January 13, 2012

Winter NWEA Testing

The testing window for the NWEA MAP assessments is currently open and schools should be administering the test to students at this time. It takes a minimum of (2) weeks to build the class roster files which should be done prior to testing. The NWEA MAP testing window closes **January 31, 2012**.

If you have any questions regarding this email, please contact Dr. Valerie Todacheene, Education Program Specialist Division of Performance & Accountability at 505-563-5269.

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We are looking for a count of who has signed up to be a part of this. BIE Green Ribbon School applications will be available soon or you can call 202-208-5504 to register now.

Charmaine Weston

Char's last day with us was December 29 as she has moved to the Lower Brule office to be closer to family. Her contributions were great and we have big shoes to fill now, but we wish her best in South Dakota!

Save the Child/Save the Teenager

See the attached flyer. There is a conference to discuss "bringing back Native ways of discipline; teaching teachers to teach Native students." There is an event in Minneapolis next week, otherwise you can see other locations and dates on the flyer.

PALA

Thank you to the four schools that are signed up for PALA+ this year! Even if you are not officially on board with PALA, please remember to keep your kids and yourselves active, especially as it gets cold. Encourage play at recess, promote activity during gym time, and create more active lesson plans in class. Do whatever you can to reduce childhood obesity rates in Indian Country!

Let's Move! Indian Country

Let's Move Salad Bars to Schools is a new initiative hosted by Let's Move! Indian Country that is working to offer healthier food alternatives to students. There will be a webinar about this on February 14, please see the attached flyer for more details.

Administrative Training

We will be hosting an administrative training for all administrators within the Minneapolis ELO. It will be **January 25 in Bloomington, MN** at the Homewood Suites by Mall of America. A list of reports to bring with you will be sent out next Tuesday.

Did You Know?

Minnesota hosted their first ever Indian Education summit on Monday, January 9 this week. Governor Dayton and other state leaders have expressed concern that hard questions are not being answered about the disparities in Native children's test scores and in the difficulties exclusive to the culture. The summit was a place to open a dialogue and get ideas from around the state. Many who attended found it successful and inspiring and we hope some real change can be made at the state level to improve Indian education.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and think critically. Intelligence plus character – that is the true goal of education.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

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