

# Students with 95- 100% Attendance

## Arnold

Aidan Bad Moccasin  
Chase Birkel  
Alexander Flynn  
Rachel Flynn  
Shaun Flynn  
Che'lan Garcia  
Leeuanna Garcia  
Dakota Grant  
Brianna Laravie  
Alejandro Ramos  
Angelica Ramos  
Emiliano Ramos  
Marco Ramos  
Frederick Sheridan  
Tyler Sheridan  
Kaylene Stabler  
Kiana Stabler  
Kandace Stubben

## Beattie

Alan Lehl

## Belmont

Malicia Grant  
Mahusa Flores  
Justin Laravie

## Campbell

Isabella Almazan-  
McDaniel  
Kathleen Almazan-  
McDaniel

## Calvert

Adan Begay  
Elissa Boone  
Marcus Boone  
Evan Hernandez  
Timothy Le

## Clinton

Brianyann Bearce  
Candice Bearce  
Julia Black  
Morgan Brinkerhoff  
Maverick Hampton  
Samantha Peterson  
Monique Sausoci  
Nakyta Womack  
Terrence Wright

## Eastridge

Emily Hernandez

## Elliott

Cheyenne Gottula  
Ian Kellogg

## Hartley

Ajonique Baxter  
Fawn Byron  
Lila Byron  
Donimic Castellanos  
Anthony Erb  
Joshua Erb  
Tristen Escamilla-Eack  
Julio Galeno  
Damaris Grant

Malique Grant  
Emma Johnson  
Amy Leach  
Dale Leach  
Diamond Leach  
Sasia Roundtree  
Triniti Roundtree  
Julia Sifuentez  
Reynaldo Sifuentez

## Fredstrom

Cheyenne Canby  
Drake Conroy  
Pancho Desantiago  
Raymundo  
Desantiago  
Alyssa Hoover  
Ann Marie Hoover  
Jeffrey Hoover  
Samantha Hoover

## Hawthorne

Samatha Beets

## Hill

Brant Geller  
Noah Prichard

## Holmes

Tiannie Alexander  
Taylor Armstrong  
Jenna Willoughby

## Huntington

Ryan Burt  
Gabriela Canby  
Victor Franklin  
Andy Madsen  
Linsey Madsen

## Humann

Cori McClatchey

## Kahoa

Cozad Sheridan

## Lakeview

Alana Stone

## McPhee

Roberta Dale  
Dominic Dawn  
Lasaige Leach  
Tasha Leach  
Trealynn Phillips  
Sharon Schmidt  
Caleb Springer  
Jason Velder  
Tristen Velder

## Meadow Lane

Samantha Black  
Nicole Goodteacher-  
Holloway  
Seth Marshall  
Jaesa Vaughn  
Maycie Vaughn

## Everett

Karina Dominguez  
Mercedes Dominguez  
Tearah Kendall  
Corrine Lakota  
Montoya Laravie  
Chance Riblett  
Hunter Riblett  
Franklin Yankton  
Guno Yankton  
Joseph Yankton

## Pershing

Sylas Gildea

## Prescott

Eric Bearce  
Chase Boyd  
Caitlyne Messman  
Liz Tarvin

## Pyrtle

Kristofer Mobley

## Randolph

Caleb Lindley  
Darion Montgomery  
Coty Surrounded  
Ana Weise

## Riley

Quentrena Schweitzer

## Saratoga

Taylor Badberg  
Aries Bluestone-  
Weaver  
Joey Bratt  
Scott Cross  
Raven Gatewood  
Lenzell Harris  
Taylor Johnson  
Lenea Lakota

## Sheridan

Dymond Casillas  
Ira Humm  
Maizie Humm  
Avery Stricker  
Lauren Stricker  
Teala Sumovich

Bryson Bearskin  
Dillon Bearskin  
Keenan Bearskin  
Jacob Mackety  
Betsy Olsen  
Marissa Rodriguez  
Mary Olsen  
Dakota Saul  
Jerrica Saul

## Roper

Makayla Laravie  
Cody Morse

## Zeman

Joseph Ledgewood  
Lacey Roe  
Culler  
Kelly Canby  
Sha-Keela Johnson  
Thomas Johnson  
Mercedes Lame  
Ryan Long  
Angel Mallory  
Dillon Shepard  
Ericka Sheridan  
Danielle Sifuentez  
Erica Vance

## Dawes

Camie Buck  
Ethan Buck  
LeJay Daniels  
Britnie Garcia  
Rikala Garcia  
Amber Grant  
Wynona Porter  
Trent Spencer  
Allison Thomas  
Amanda Thomas  
Esha Williams  
Helan Woods

## Park

De'ondre Benally  
Kathleen Coffman  
Amber Morse  
Mario Perez  
Jesse Strickland

## Goodrich

Sequoia Berens  
Damon Mackety  
Marcus O'Horo  
Virgil Olsen

## Irving

Billie Rocky  
Paige Crouse  
Keegan Grammer  
Thersea Jackson  
Dorothea Johns  
Crystal Kendall

## Lefler

Mason Calim

## Mickle

Justin Alexander  
Samantha  
Blackbonnet  
Brittany Diaz  
Jade Olsen  
Evgenia Rohlman  
Peyton Sheridan

## Pound

Amilio Boone

## Scott

Amanda Brown  
Angel Geller  
J Holm  
Selena Martinez  
Rudee Mercado

## Lux

Aubrey Humm  
James Pace-Corn silk  
Brian Mobley  
Malachi Stricker

## North Star Middle School

Alan Eckout

## Lincoln High

Christopher Becker  
Tyler Byron  
Brittany Canby  
Alice Daniels  
Eric Daniels  
James Fuller  
Roy Gossard  
Sarah Hart  
Craig Kellogg  
Aden Marshall  
Bryson Shepard  
Kylie Stimple  
Codie Stone

## East

Karla Coffman  
Jim Dewey

## Northeast

Steve Alexander  
Gerren Chavarria  
Justin Fox  
Jessica Gardner  
Joe Hawk  
Demetrius Johnson  
Andrew Mothershed  
Drew Pillard  
Mikayla Poor Bear  
Ashley Rabago  
Sloan Rupp  
Hezekiah Smith

## Southeast

Jay Ferguson  
Alyssa Gullikson

## North Star

Adam Ambriz  
Anthony Ambriz  
Promise Bahr  
Nia Bickert  
Chaney Buck  
Hannah Craig  
Bree Douglas  
Serena Guerra  
Sierra Grant  
Alma Olsen  
Justin Olsen  
Jami Robinette  
Claudia Rodriguez  
Desiree Rodriguez  
Tiffani Spencer  
Frank Sheridan  
Anthony Yelm

## Southwest

J Coffman  
Dani McClatchey

## Bryan

Melanie Cook  
Rolyn Phillips

## Godfather's Pizza recognizes attendance

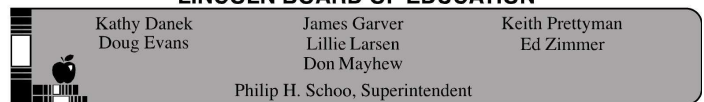
The Indian Education Program at LPS would like to thank Godfathers for their generosity! All students with attendance of 95% to 100% will receive a certificate good for a Mini Single Topping Pizza included with this issue of the Indian Education Newsletter. Congratulations, keep up the good work!!!

## IPAC meeting and nominations for election

The May 7th meeting is scheduled for 12:30 at LPSDO, 5901 O Street.

Nominations for IPAC Officers are just around the corner. If you know someone who would be a good candidate, watch for nomination forms in your mailbox.

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*We are what we imagine. Our very existence consists in our imagination of ourselves... The greatest tragedy that can befall us is to go unimagined.*

~N. Scott Momaday (Kiowa)

April 2004

## Native American Wellness Institute

### The mission

The mission of the Native Wellness Institute is to foster the well-being of Native people through programs and training that embrace the teachings of our ancestors.

Native Wellness is....

A traditional model to help guide us along a path of BALANCE. It is an integrated and holistic approach in the way people live their lives. There are four directions to wellness: *physical, mental, emotional and spiritual.* Striving for wellness is dependent on the individual's potential for personal growth. Most importantly, Native Wellness embraces the teachings of the old ways - living life in a circle- living life in a good, respectful way.

### Reactions

*"I thought the workshop was very good and gave me a lot of tools to use for parenting."*  
-Parent

*"I was only planning to come the first night but it was so enlightening I came back for the second day."*-Parent

*"The food was superb!"*  
-Parent

*"My kids had as much fun as I did!"*-Parent

*"I think this workshop was great and am glad I came. I would like to encourage others to attend the next one as well. This is a good workshop that helps you to think about balance, wellness, and awareness."*  
-Parent

### Billy Rogers

Billy Rogers (Kiowa) is the founder and Director of the Native Wellness Institute. Prior to this new endeavor, he was director of Health Promotion Programs at the University of Oklahoma for 15 years. During that time, he initiated the Native Wellness Movement that has positively affected thousands of Native people on Turtle Island.

He is an internationally recognized trainer and speaker, having developed and conducted training workshops and presentations for hundreds of Native reservations/reserves in the U.S. and Canada. His message is always one of hope, honor, humor and living life on a respectful and balanced path.



Billy Rogers

### Wellness weekend received well

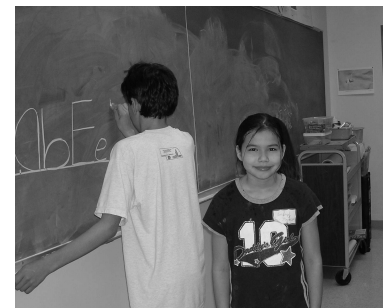


Billy shares his philosophy on Native Wellness to local Native parents

one, "Parents, we are responsible for providing our young ones with the gifts in four directions, including protection, unconditional love, nurturing and trust," he emphasized. The parents in attendance worked together and questions were asked, such as how do we get more people involved, especially men? "The workshop was excellent," said Darla Black, Lakota. "The conference was a holistic approach that included traditional values, such as the medicine wheel. Billy was simple, humble, clear, and concise."

The second presentation will be led by Jillene Joseph (Gros Ventre) on April 24 from 5-9 p.m. and April 25 from 8:30-4:30. All parents or guardians of Native American students are invited to attend either or both sessions that weekend. It is held at Lincoln High School in room 190 on the south side. Lunch, dinner, music and child care are provided at no charge. If you would like to attend but have not registered, it is not too late. Please call 436-1963 to reserve your spot.

This was the first weekend of a two part series "Native Wellness Insititute" hosted by the Native American preschool program at LPS. Many in attendance took time out to express their reactions to the institute. Their overall perceptions appeared to enlighten their own realities about personal strength. Billy's message was a simple



Childcare was provided by Indian Education to all parents free of charge. The children were treated to many games, great food and an afternoon out at the movies!

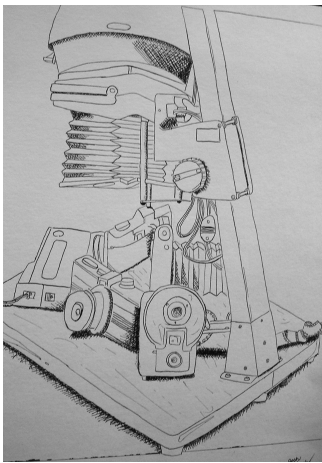
# Indian Education spotlights creativity

"Creativity is something that can be grown and expanded in almost anyone...You give people the tools, the freedom and the flexibility to use their creativity, along with a little direction, then you get out of the way. It's amazing what people can accomplish when they use their own creativity to follow their passion."

-William Harjo Bray, Muscogee

## Joshua Canby

Josh Canby is a student at Northstar High School. As you can see, his talent for drawing is obvious and often talked about, especially by his art instructor, Mr. Sedlacek. "Josh is an extremely talented individual. A very fine student who has a natural gift for drawing. Every piece he has left behind in the studio I have kept, because I know he will want to build a portfolio one day." Josh, you have a very special talent, keep it up!



Untitled, Ink on paper



Shoe, Colored pencil on paper

## Artist Statement:

by Josh Canby

"There are many things that I like about art. But the thing that I like best is the fact that art is fun to do. If I were to pick a favorite kind of material to work with, it would be pencil and paper. I don't like to paint or use pastels, I only like to draw. I think that I do my best when I am concentrated. I wouldn't get my work done if I wasn't. For the art display I chose the 'Shoe' because I think it is some of my best work, and I want everyone else to see it. Art is important because some people rely on it. Some use it to express their feelings. Some sell their artwork because they chose a career in art. That is why I think art is important."

## Dawes students exhibit interest in workshop

This year, Indian Education has been developing a monthly workshop for Junior High students that focuses on Native culture. Dawes students have been meeting as a group with Indian Education once a month. The Dawes students and faculty have shown a great interest in this workshop. We are working on

a project that exhibits the student's artistic works created during the workshops. We would

### Places

*I hear the robins sing about this time.  
I am from a city where buildings are high.  
I am from places where wild flowers bloom and can smell my grandma's cooking down the hall-  
where people are hustling, but yet relaxing.  
I am from a place where the Woodmen Tower stands tall, yet a bank stands higher.*

*I am from a place where I'm in my grandparents home to riding in a car to Lincoln. I am in a place where I'm everywhere.*

*My place is Iowa, but different from now.  
So when I'm there-*

*I feel like I'm at home. -Anonymous*

like to give our thanks to the Dawes students and faculty. Here is a sampling of poetry from a recent workshop.

### Where I'm from

*I am from Lincoln-  
From a really busy and loud house-*

*Where there is always something to do.*

*I am from a place where my elders are always telling stories. -Anonymous*

### Spirits

*I believe in friendly spirits.*

*Spirits kept me safe when I was a little kid.*

*I meet him in my sleep.*

*I believe in spirits and spirits believe in me.*

*If you look closely you will see he is friendly to you and me.*

*Don't be scared, scared is evil.*

*Spirits are like garden angels, they stay by your side when you are happy or sad.*

*I have known a spirit since I was three.*

*His name is Buddy.*

*He protects me.*

*He is not always with me, sometimes he is with my mom.*

*When I was little he would play in my closet and jump on my bed.*

*My mom would say, "Go to sleep or I will lock you in the closet".*

*He liked to play in my closet, but he did not like it shut so he would go to sleep.*

*It scared my dad because he thought we were joking. -Anonymous*



# UNL invites YOU to be part of the Umonhon Cultural Arts Project

On April 9, 2004, join us at the UNL Culture Center at 333 North 14th for a Friday Luncheon and social hour (12:00-1:30 p.m.). Students, faculty, and community are welcome. We are pleased to host four Nebraska Native American community artists who are participating in the Umonhon Cultural Arts Project.

The Umonhon Cultural Arts Project is a collaborative effort of the University of Nebraska Lied Center for Performing Arts and Umonhon Nation Public School at Macy, Nebraska. The goal of this project is to pair local Native American teaching artists with Umonhon Nation School faculty to integrate culturally relevant learning experiences into the Umonhon Nation School K-12 curriculum.

As part of their professional development, Karen Tyndall, Charles Owen New Holy, Edward Thomas, and Quintin Saunsoci will be in Lincoln for workshops in April.

The Omaha Language class, Department of Anthropology, Institute for Ethnic Studies, and the Native American Studies Program are hosting an informal luncheon and social gathering for the artists. Each artist will be invited to offer a short presentation of their creative activities and ideas.

YOU -- The community, are invited to share a free meal and informally visit with the artists and other supporters of the Umonhon Cultural Arts Project. Invitations are also extended to the Native

American Student Caucuses in the Lincoln Public Schools, LPS Indian Parent Advisory Committee, Lincoln Indian Center Youth Program, Lincoln Indian Club, Umonhon Nation Public School, and the UNITE-UNL Native American Student organization. Potluck side dish donations are welcome! For additional information contact: Mark Awakuni-Swetland, Anthropology/Ethnic Studies, Native American Studies at 472-3455 (office) or mawakuni-swetland2@unl.edu. The Omaha Cultural Arts Project is a project of Omaha Nation School, Lied Center for Performing Arts, College of Education and Human Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Kennedy Center for the Performing Art Partners in Education.

## Thinking about the final days of school?

### Summer School enrollment information

High school summer school is open to students who were in grades 9-12 during the 2003-2004 school year and to students who have completed 8th grade and have a counselor recommendation. Students who have received a high school diploma or General Equivalency Certificate are NOT eligible to participate in summer school. All students are encouraged to talk with their counselor regarding appropriate course selections.

**LPS STUDENTS REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**  
Registration for summer school will begin on April 26, 2004 and students may register in their home school through May 28, 2004. Students should contact their counselor for registration information. On June 9, 2004 students can register for summer school at the Lincoln High Summer School office 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Late registration dates/times are June 10th and 11th from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. only.

**NOTE:** Students may NOT enroll either of those two mornings while classes are in session. No registrations will be accepted after June 11, 2004 at 4:30 p.m. All tuition and fees must be paid at the time of registration. A receipt will be issued to you. **BE SURE TO KEEP YOUR RECEIPT.**

### Indian Education Summer Camps

All Native American students entering grades 1-3 are invited to start their summer in a super fun way! Three mornings packed full of activities and games especially chosen to get you in the mood for summer! This camp is being held at McPhee, June 14-16 from 9 am to 1 pm.

All Native American students entering grades 4-6 are invited for an mysterious overnight adventure at Pioneers Park. The date? June 10-11 from 7pm until 9am. Both camps are completely free of charge! Any parent wishing to volunteer their time to chaperone or assist during either or both camps. Please call, Kris, Kate or Cynthia for more information at 436-1963.

### Important dates to remember

- Last date to withdraw from a class with no grade assigned is June 23, 2004.
- Last date to withdraw from a class with a "Withdraw" assigned is June 30, 2004.
- Students withdrawing from a class after June 30, 2004 will receive a grade of "F".
- Mid-quarter grades will be assigned on June 30, 2004.
- Final grades will be assigned on July 22, 2004.
- Students participating in Work Experience will not receive a mid-quarter grade. The final grade for this course will be posted after August 16, 2004.

### Graduation dates

**Saturday, June 5**  
Lincoln High School, 9 a.m., Pershing Municipal Auditorium  
Lincoln North Star High School, noon, North Star  
Lincoln Northeast High School, 3 p.m., Pershing  
Lincoln Southwest High School, 6 p.m., Pershing

**Sunday, June 6**  
Lincoln East High School, 1 p.m., Pershing  
Lincoln Southeast High School, 4:30 p.m., Pershing

