Hello, my name is Valery Killscrow Copeland. I’m an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe. And, I’m the new Indian Education Advocate. I was selected for this position by a panel of Native American community members and employees of the LPS Indian Education Federal Programs.

I’m looking forward to working with our Native American students. I have already started visiting the students this week. My first step is to get to know the students and their needs. I have also talked with counselors to learn more about the issues our students are facing. You will be seeing me around the community, I plan to attend as many Native American gatherings as possible. I have already met some outstanding community members. I’m very impressed by the dedication of our community.

I have been working with the Native American community for 12 years in many different projects. My main goal is to reach out to our youth and focus on their issues. It is very important to me, as well us all, that our youth have the necessary resources to become a successful student. I’m very committed in helping our students achieve a quality education.

I have obtained an Associates from Metropolitan Community College, with an emphasis on Professional Studies. I went on to the University of Nebraska at Omaha to complete my Bachelors of Fine Arts, with an emphasis in Graphic Communications. I also have a Minors in Native American Studies from UNO. In the future I would like to obtain my PHD. I graduated Magna Cum Laude from UNO and I’m a part of the Gold Key National Honors Society and Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society. Also, I have won many awards for my outstanding academic achievements. This has not been easy for me since I had to overcome many of the same struggles and tackle many of the same issues that some of our students are now facing.

I’m here to offer our Native American youth my experience in becoming a successful student. I want to encourage you to contact me by phone or email with any concerns or issues you feel I need to be made aware. I’m looking forward to meeting our students, parents and community members.

Sincerely, Valery Killscrow Copeland
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E-mail: vcopela@lps.org

Pictured above: Valery Killscrow Copeland, the new Indian Education Advocate.

Upcoming Events

APRIL 30
Afternoon at the Lincoln Children’s Zoo for all new kindergartners that will be starting August 2009

MAY 15
Standing Bear breakfast and activities at the State Capital

MAY 18
All Middle School Leadership Conference
Academic Achievement

Congratulations to the following students received better than a B average for First Semester!

**Dawes**
- Rachel Flynn (grade 6)
- Larissa Flowers (grade 7)
- Gabriela Herrera (grade 7)
- Colten Hoferer (grade 8)
- Dylan Lamb (grade 8)

**Irving**
- Maize Humm (grade 6)
- Shawna Mason (grade 6)
- Gianni Phillips (grade 6)
- Avery Stricker (grade 6)
- Kyly Baxter (grade 7)
- Ira Humm (grade 8)
- Jason Velder (grade 8)

**Leffler**
- James Ceaolo (grade 6)
- Matthew Fuehrer (grade 6)
- Emily Hernandez (grade 6)
- Jenna Willoughby (grade 6)
- Jennifer Eckhout (grade 7)
- Roxanne Zerfass (grade 7)
- Cheyenne Gottula (grade 8)

**Lux**
- Daniel Carraher (grade 6)
- Laredo Paulson (grade 6)
- Kody Wright (grade 6)

**Mickle**
- Ryan Ainslie (grade 7)
- Trenton Casillas-Bakeberg (grade 7)
- Shanna Wolff (grade 8)

**Park**
- Dymond Casillas (grade 8)
- Samantha Hoover (grade 8)
- Cody Morse (grade 8)

**Pound**
- Alexis Olsen (grade 8)

**Scott**
- Cameron Owens (grade 6)
- Scott Cross (grade 8)

**Goodrich**
- Sequoia Adams (grade 8)
- Brooke Red Owl (grade 6)
- Sierra Adams (grade 7)
- Isabella Almazan-McDaniel (grade 7)
- Kathleen Almazan-McDaniel (grade 7)
- Trenton Canby (grade 7)
- Raja-Nee Keys (grade 8)

**Lincoln High**
- Alexandra Copeland (grade 10)

**Northeast**
- Anaylssa Fountain (grade 9)
- Joshua Smallfoot (grade 9)
- Lila Byron (grade 10)
- Merissa Smallfoot (grade 10)
- Thomas Johnson (grade 11)

**Southeast**
- Lauren Stricker (grade 9)
- Mariah Russell (grade 11)

**North Star**
- Linsey Madsen (grade 9)
- Andy Madsen (grade 10)
- Nicholas Brudigan (grade 11)
- Gina Goodteacher-Holloway (grade 11)
- Lauren Monroe (grade 11)

**Southwest**
- Amanda Brown (grade 11)
- Rudee Mercado (grade 12)

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A Visit From... Jack Gladstone

Jack Gladstone (Blackfeet) is a singer, songwriter, lecturer and storyteller from Montana. He visited Lincoln Public Schools and Lincoln Libraries in March, performing at four high schools, five middle schools and one elementary school. The students really enjoyed his stories and songs.
Save the Date!!

Mark your calendars graduates, we are contacting you today to inform all graduates in 2009 about a graduation dinner held in your honor. Attendees are welcome to invite a maximum of two guests, RSVP is required. Additional guests will have to pay at the door, as it will be a semi-formal dinner event. Invitations will be sent out with more detailed information, once you RSVP.

When: May 1, 2009
Time: 6:00pm
Where: UNL Campus
(room TBA)
RSVP: By April 24, 2009
Contact: Jessica James
(402)438-5231, ext. 114
E-mail: iciyouthdirector@yahoo.com
(at top left and top right): Drumming Groups at Dawes Middle School.

(at right and bottom right): Character Play at Meadowlane Elementary School

(bottom left): Cherokee Lesson at Eastridge Elementary School