

Our Ways Cultural Events

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5th Annual Manoomin Camp

SEPTEMBER 26-29

Student programming takes place during the school day.

Manoomin (Wild Rice) Camp returns in its 5th year here at ICS! Students learn about the connection between wild rice and food sovereignty, plus, they will have hands-on experience learning about and practicing the steps in preparing and tasting! Wild rice is known as “the food that grows on the water” and has always been an important food source for Native people living in and around the Great Lakes.

Manoomin Camp Community Night is on September 27th

ICS families and community are invited to experience our Manoomin Camp and participate in many of the same hands-on activities that our students do. We will also host a Manoomin Cook-Off Contest with prizes for the winners and sampling of their wonderful dishes for those in attendance.



Monthly Openings and Presentations

OCTOBER 4 & NOVEMBER 11

Student presentation will take place during the school day.

Each grade takes turn once a year to present and celebrate one of the Seven Sacred Gifts and one of the strands from the Our Ways Teaching and Learning Framework.™

Orange Shirt Day

SEPTEMBER 30

Student programming takes place during the school day.



Wearing an orange shirt is intended to promote awareness about Indian Boarding Schools and the impact this system had on Native Communities then and now. The Boarding School system was designed to strip Native Americans of their identity, languages, cultures, and their land. In its success, it has had a terrible impact on survivors and their families, including many of our families today.

Today, ICS is joined by many organizations who are working very hard to overcome the damages of the past to help our communities thrive again. As staff members, when we commit to working with one of our Native languages, learning about and respecting Native cultures, and by deeply caring for the children we serve, we are making progress toward building resiliency and reversing the effects of historical trauma.

On Friday, September 30th, please show your support as we honor those who survived Boarding Schools and remember those who didn't survive. We look forward to continuing our work on healing from this terrible time in our history.



Indigenous Peoples Day

OCTOBER 10

Student programming takes place during the school day.

On the 2nd Monday in October, we celebrate an incredible achievement by ICS 4th-graders who in 2016, drafted a resolution that resulted in Indigenous Peoples Day for Milwaukee County. Governor Evers signed an Executive Order here at ICS, declaring Indigenous Peoples Day for all of Wisconsin in 2020. Columbus Park was also declared as Indigenous Peoples Park. We celebrate this special day each year with our students and staff by playing indigenous games, enjoying a picnic lunch, and learning outside (weather permitting), on Mother Earth's lap.

Deer Camp

OCTOBER 24-28

Student programming takes place during the school day.

Deer Camp returns for the fourth year here at ICS. Students will learn about our relatives the deer and how they give up their lives for us. Students will also learn about the indigenous ways of tracking, hunting, harvesting and preparing deer meat and hides, and how parts of the deer can be used to make tools, moccasins and regalia, or used in ceremony or for medicine.

Deer Camp Community Night is on October 25th

ICS families and community are invited to experience Deer Camp activities and participate in many of the same hands-on activities that our students do. Need some information to add here... deer jerky, cooking contest or sampling, help. :)



Culture Celebrations

OCTOBER 27 & NOVEMBER 18

Our culture presentation will take place during the school day.

Students, staff and families gather together to celebrate our Native cultures through language, song and dance. We celebrate birthdays and practice what we're learning about pow wows, social songs, earth dances, round dances, and we sometimes have friendly competition with students and staff.

Veteran's Day

NOVEMBER 11

Our Veterans Day honoring will take place during the school day.

ICS 6th-graders will host a gathering to honor Veterans who are invited to our school to be with us that day.

Rock Your Mocs

NOVEMBER 14-18

Student programming takes place during the school day.

Our students prepare for Rock Your Mocs by learning age-appropriate skills of moccasin-making, beading, and design, leading up to Rock Your Mocs Week, November 14th-18th.

Some of the exciting activities students will experience include:

- T-Shirt Art Contest
- Moccasin Unit/Art Class
- Culture Celebration on November 18th
- Door Decorating Contest
- Rock Your Mocs Week

