

Summer Newsletter, June 2016



School Community Relations Division
Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Summer is finally here again! With school coming to a close, we just have some updates, reminders, and important dates to share with you for the coming months. As always, please feel free to call or email with your questions or concerns. We are here to help!

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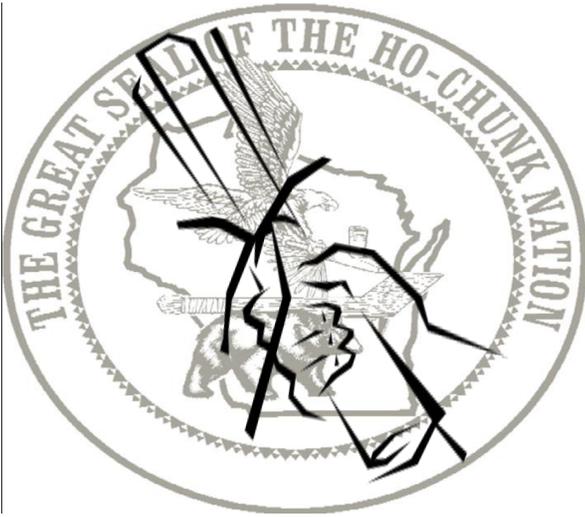
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Our Mission Statement

The Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department's **School Community Relations Division** shall assist Native American students and their families to access programs and services provided by their local school districts, Ho-Chunk Nation, and/or Johnson O'Malley program to promote academic excellence and perpetuate and preserve the cultural values, history, and language. In doing so, the School Community Relations Division shall safeguard the interests of the students, families, and

Pre K-12 Grant Program:



For Optimal Processing Time:

Requests received between June 15-30 will be processed on a “first come, first served” basis.

Should you have questions, please contact your Grant Specialist in the Education Department: (715) 284-4915.

Hannah Myers
Angela Marek
Darcy Olson

“Good schools, like good societies and good families, celebrate and cherish diversity.”
-Deborah Meier

Computer Reimbursement:

Application deadline:
June 15, 2016

Computer Purchase:
Deadline was May 16, 2016

Graduation Honor Blanket:

Applications are accepted four months after graduation with a copy of Diploma

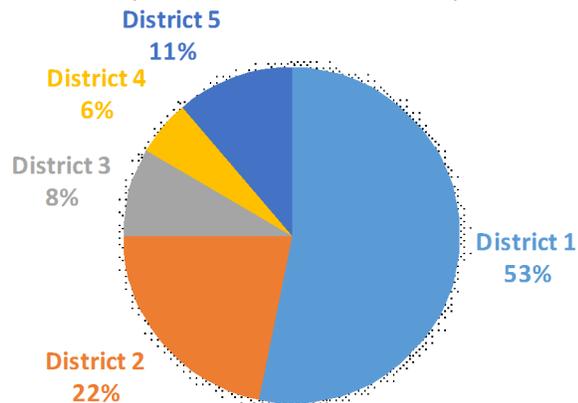
All Other Gants:
Deadline is June 15, 2016

If you have any questions please contact your Grant Specialist.

Pre K-12 Grant Information:

To date we have processed a total of **2024** Pre- K-12 Grant applications this fiscal year.
For the Third quarter we have processed **468**

HCN DISTRICT APPROVED PRE K-12 GRANTS JULY 1, 2015 TO MAY 23, 2016



Pre K-12 Grant Program

Do you have a child in school between the ages of 3 and 19? If so, your child may be eligible for up to \$2,500.00 per fiscal year (July – June) available through the School Community Relations Division of the Education Department. Some Grants available are school lunch reimbursement, extra-curricular fees, computer purchase, music lessons, private school tuition, college visit assistance, testing fee assistance, graduation expenses, and more.

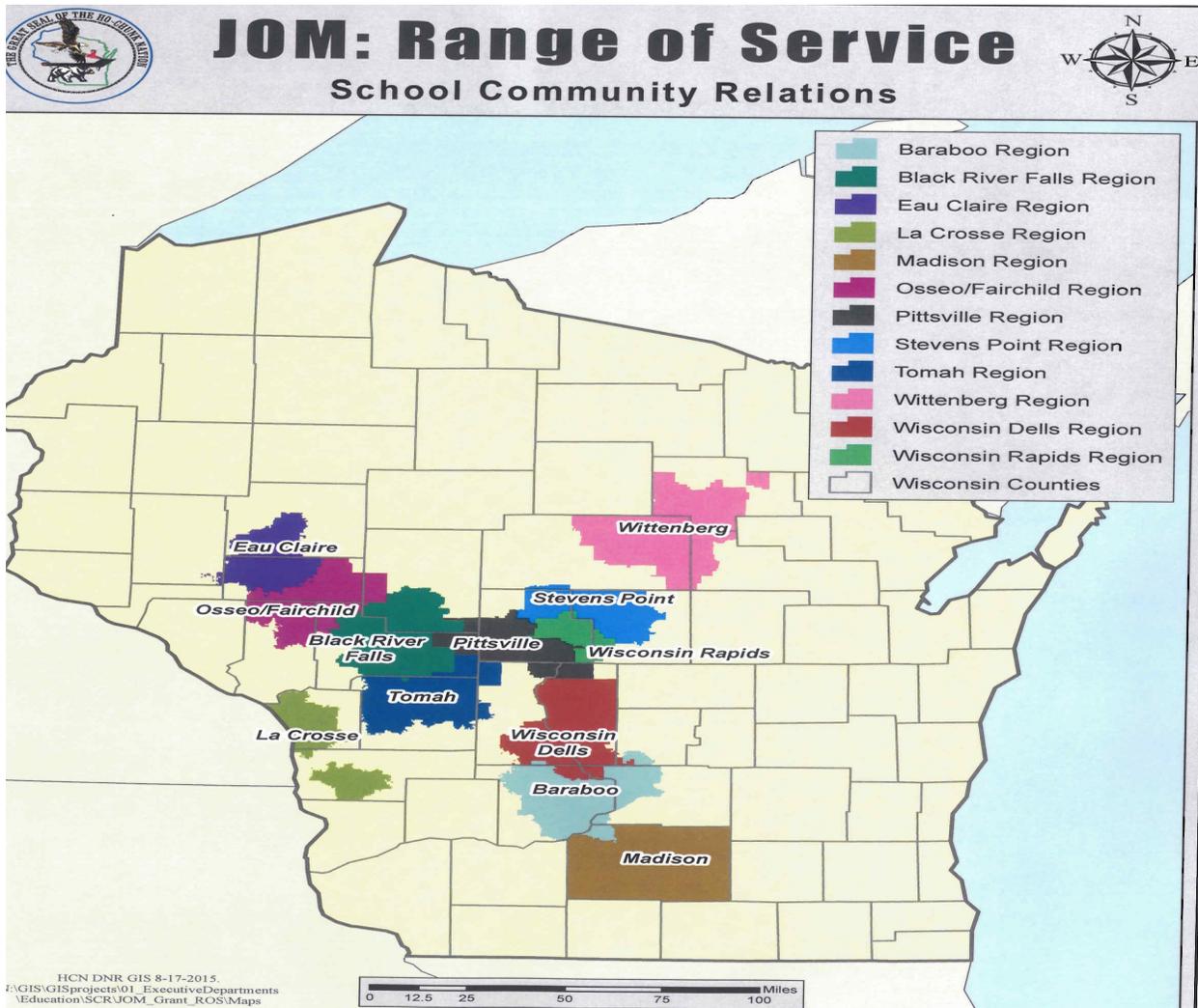
Please be aware that Grant Guidelines have been revised and will become effective July 1st 2016.

Application and Guidelines can be found on our website:

www.Ho-ChunkNation.com/prek-12

For more detailed information, please contact our office.

Please note: in order to be eligible, the student must be **enrolled with the Ho-Chunk Nation**, not have graduated from High School or obtained an HSED, GED, or met other high school standards for graduation.



Important Events :

FAMILY ENRICHMENT

WEEKEND

June 17– 19 2016

Three Bears Lodge

Warrens, WI

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR

JOHNSON O'MALLEY

Begins: August 1, 2016

Johnson O'Malley Program

The mission of the Johnson O'Malley program is to address the unique cultural needs of American Indian students attending Public Schools through a supplemental program of services planned, developed and approved by local, parent led Indian Education Committees.

We, the School Community Relations Specialists, thank all the parents who helped with activities, attended the IEC meetings, or participated in events this year .

To the graduates, we wish you the best of luck!

Reminder to IECs, please make sure that students taking summer classes with school fees are on your expenditure list for reimbursement.



School Community Relations Division (SCR)

Chavo Stumblingbear, SCR Specialist

Dane County JOM

End of the Year Celebration Potluck

Sunday June 5 2016, 1 to 4 p.m.

Token Creek Park 6200 US Hwy 51 Deforest WI 53532

Come and celebrate with us as we conclude the end of the academic 2015-2016 school year with our students. Help us recognize and honor our graduating seniors as they set out on their new path.

JOM will generously provide, meat, buns, condiments, soda, and utensils. *We ask that you bring a dish, or dessert to share.* There are horseshoe pits, and open fields for a fun game of kickball. If you feel like staying longer, the county park also offers plenty of trails for hiking, a dog park, Frisbee golf, fishing and an elevated boardwalk through a marsh.

Melissa Porter, SCR Specialist

Black River Falls and La Crosse IEC are sponsoring the Culture Night on June 17th, 2016 at the 3rd Annual Family Enrichment .



School Community Relations Division presents
3rd Annual Family Enrichment Weekend

 **Johnson O'Malley**
JOM is a federally funded program that provides services to all eligible Native American students.

* **June 17-19, 2016**
3 Bears Lodge - Warrens, WI

Activities for Students, Parents, and Families
Parent Resources
Student Tracks
Waterpark Passes
Family Time
Door Prizes

Culture Night—Friday
Dinner & Mini Powwow
Sponsored by BRF & La Crosse JOM IEC's

Rooms available for the first 30 families that pre-register

Saturday Speakers Include:
Emilio De Torre—American Civil Liberties Union
David O'Conner—WI Department of Public Instruction

For more information or to pre-register contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department at (800) 362-4476 or SCR@ho-chunk.com

Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

Albert Einstein

Jessica McMillan, SCR Specialist

WI Rapids IEC : End of the year event Friday June 24th 2016 will be at the Port Edward YMCA Splash Party from 5pm to 8pm.

Nekoosa, Pittsville, Port Edwards IEC: End of the year event is going to be at the River View Park in Nekoosa on Sunday June 26th 2016 at 5pm.

Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, Altoona, Fall Creek, Elva and Strum IEC: End of the year event was on Sunday May 15th at the Eau Claire Sport Warehouse.

Stevens Point and Auburndale IEC : Passing out Movie Passes for the end of the year incentive to the students that are enrolled in their IEC with a report card saying they will move on to the next grade.

OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

Together we can ensure that every child is safe, healthy, and engaged in learning during the summer.

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Higher Education Division



July 21: UW-La Crosse & Western Technical College

July 28: Northcentral Technical College & UW-Marathon County

August 4: Winona State University & Southeast Technical College

- High School Students
- Breakfast, lunch & transportation provided
- Drawing for Prizes
- Chance to check out a 2-year and a 4-year school
- For more information & to register:

(715)284-4915

Higher.Education@ho-chunk.com

Career Advising

Did you know that the Higher Education Division offers Career Advising services?

Our Career Advisor can provide:

- ♦ Resume Writing Assistance
- ♦ Cover Letter Critiques
- ♦ Mock-Interview Experience

If you are thinking about changing careers, but are having trouble getting started, please feel free to contact our Career Advisor at: (800)-362-4476 or by email:

higher.education@ho-chunk.com

Pre-College Camps

The UW College system offers a wide array of summer camp opportunities for every age group.

Check out their website, and search for the program options that suit your child's interests:

precollege.wlearn.com/





Disabilities Division

Greetings to all Ho-Chunk families. I am Cheryl Funmaker, the Disabilities Division Director in the Education Department. I reside in the Dells with my husband Ken and my two sons. I am fairly new to the position, and look forward to developing a relationship with our families in the many school districts where you reside. I recently returned to work for the Nation, following a break I took in order to study Special Education. Prior to these studies, I worked many years for the HCN Education Department in a variety of capacities. I served many families in the language, study centers, and headstart programs. I am happy to be back.

The Education Department is now building and establishing a program to meet the needs of our students with disabilities. Special Education is a complex field, and the Department can provide assistance for parents, especially in the areas of: advocacy, assessment, and IEP reviews. Special Education is not always a smooth process. When parents have questions or issues of concern, please contact myself, or Chavo Stumblingbear, at the Department. All questions, requests, and concerns, will be valued. Additionally, helpful tips can be shared with families in order to improve an IEP's reflecting and meeting the needs for the child in special education.

Another future programmatic goal for the Disabilities Division will meet parental needs of support. This means support groups and training in advocacy will occur. Please contact the Department if you have any other ideas how the program can support your roles as parents and advocates for your child.

I hope that your summer is restful, and please remember, in August it is important to speak with your child's special education staff. It is important that you meet with them to introduce your child for the next school year. This also provides a time to ask that your child's IEP will be shared with his/her new teachers, especially the accommodations section.

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Culture & Community Education Division



Summer 2016 Institutes

An initiative to engage community members and teachers in ecological restoration and water stewardship rooted in Indigenous knowledge. For community members, teachers, students, informal educators, resource specialists, scientists, and professors

Earth Partnership IAS seeks to:

- Bring people together interested in linking environmental and health concerns to academic achievement in science, math, social studies, language and the arts.
- Integrate Indigenous perspectives and experience with Earth Partnership's ecological restoration education programs in diverse watersheds and ecosystems.
- Partner with communities to broaden participation and generate enthusiasm among Native youth to become the next generation of environmental stewards.
- Address the needs of K-20 educators for culturally accurate and authentic resources across the curriculum.

Dates and Contact Information

July 18-22
Northern IAS
Legendary Waters Casino, Red Cliff

July 25-29
Ho-Chunk IAS
Ho-Chunk Casino, Baraboo

UW-Madison graduate credit available (tuition covered by grant; registration fee is only charge)!

More information about Summer 2016 Institutes, including a link for online registration, can be found at arboretum.wisc.edu/learn/eps/institutes/

Questions or requests for paper applications can be made by contacting us at:

Earth Partnership
UW-Madison Arboretum
1207 Seminole Highway
Madison, WI 53711
(608) 262-9925
Email: eps@arboretum.wisc.edu
Find us on Facebook!



Culture & Community Education Division



Photos from 2015 Goja Howaite Hi

Save the date!

The Ho-Chunk Nation is teaming up with Earth Partnership for a second annual culture and environment summer program.

Goja Howaite Hi

July 11-15,
2016

Let Regina Funmaker (Regina.Funmaker@ho-chunk.com) know if you want to be a part of it!

For more information, check out arboretum.wisc.edu/learn/eps/ias/



Head Start Sites and Contact Information:

Ahuco, Tomah
321 Epoch,
Tomah, WI 54660,
608-372-6669

Chahk Ha Chee,
4910 Winneshiek Lane,
Nekoosa, WI 54457,
715-886-4750

Ho Chunk Gra,
W8802 Mission Road,
Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-2311

Neenk Chunk Gra,
E10701 Fern Dell Road,
Wisconsin Dells, WI
53913
608-254-4227

Puzaki Pei Cinak
N7293 Low Cloud Road,
Black River Falls, WI 54615
715-284-3331

Wipaman Ker'da,
W18005 Witt-Burn Tn/Ln Road,
Wittenberg, WI
715-253-3826

Head Start Central Office,
W8806 Mission Road, BRF.
Director – Laurel, x1175

Education/Disabilities,
Mental Health Coordinator -Ann, x1171



Summer Activities with Family/Road Trip Advice

Everyone dreams of a perfect family vacation. *Yet anyone who has ever taken a family vacation has discovered that they're far from perfect and you never know what to expect!* If you plan carefully, you can create better family vacations in which everyone comes home with fond memories.

TIPS FOR ALL PARENTS...

Adjust your expectations for family vacations, think of them as family time where you may need to work a bit to bring the family together. (You can always take time off for yourself to unwind at another time.)

Get everyone's input on possible family vacations and activities. Your getaways will be more successful if everyone is involved in the planning from early on. Make sure the kids have a good say in what is planned, where you go, and the activities you want to do (and want to avoid). You may even need to plan one favorite activity per person so that everyone gets the chance to do something he or she really wants. This also allows the rest of the family to get to know that family member better.

If you're divorced, be careful not to get your children caught in the cross hairs of competing vacations. Some kids think it's too much to go on two vacations (one with dad's family and another with mom's family) because it keeps them away from their friends too long. Balance your children's needs along with your own.

If you have kids in two different age groups (such as a preschooler and a young adolescent), find activities that both enjoy, such as swimming or water parks. Also let each child choose an activity he or she really wants to do and have the whole family go along and enjoy that activity.

FOR PARENTS WITH YOUTH 10-15...Encourage your teenager to bring a friend. This often will raise your teenager's enthusiasm level greatly.

You may need to rethink and redefine a family vacation for this age group. Don't be surprised if your teenager is more enthusiastic about taking a trip to see a favorite music group, go to an amusement park, or visit a first-class water park.

Consider taking two or three shorter vacations instead of one longer vacation. Sometimes teenagers are more agreeable to short getaways (so they don't miss much time with their friends) than long ones.

For More information: <http://www.kidactivities.net/category/Tip-Page-Traveling-with-Kids.aspx>

Tips for Road Trips:

Depending on the age of your children - you can add:

- Books to read as well as age appropriate activity books, comic books and sticker books
- Magnetic Travel-size games such as Monopoly, Sorry, Battleship, Chess, Backgammon, Checkers, and Chinese Checkers
- Travel-size Magna- Doodle and Etch-a-Sketch
- Small Lego sets in Ziploc bag to store the pieces
- Travel Desk sets
- Dry Erase Board and Markers
- Miniature worlds: little houses, etc. with figures, hand-sized playsets
- Small magnetic puzzles
- Small wind-up toys
- Decks of Cards such as "Go-Fish"
- Miniature cars--sold in portable sets
- Yarn and string for finger knitting and making Cat's Cradle, etc.
- Blank Paper for Tic Tac Toe and Hangman
- DVD players-and favorite movies
- CD players
- Handheld electronic games
- A map to mark follow and mark off--how about a compass too!
- And of course...favorite snacks!!!