

## SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT PHILOSOPHY

Indians are born speaking our languages. For some of us, they lie dormant within our bodies. They are looking for a way out. God gave us these beautiful languages. All of us hold them in a sacred manner within. There is no such thing as an Indian person who cannot speak Indian.

Our language programs find these languages within our bodies. They bring them out through our mouths and deliver them to their rightful resting places within our hearts.



**Talk Sauk.**  
**SAUK LANGUAGE  
DEPARTMENT**

### AUGUST 2012 WORDS OF THE MONTH

shêkyâki pehwâki	softball
wîyshîkyâki pehwâki	hardball
êtashîpakatameki	Where they hit it. (home base)
mehtami	1 <sup>st</sup> base (the first one)
nîshôme	2 <sup>nd</sup> base (the second one)
nethômike	Third place. (base)
Pakatâno!	Hit it! (command)
Pakatamwa!	S/he hit it!
Îhpakapa!	You hit it!
Nâkwâno!	Go away!
Kêykeno!	Hurry!
Wêwêpîthowa	S/he swings / is swinging
Kîhwêwêpîtha	You swing it
Wîhpânâkeshkâma!	You missed the base
Payâkîchi!	It went over-Strike! (umpire call)
Êmîkâchi!	Foul ball! (umpire call)

### MIRANDA'S RIGHTS



Miranda Washinawatok

You have the right to speak your native language.

Anything you say can and will be used to promote your heritage.

You have the right to a tribal council. If you do not have a tribal council, many will join you.

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(<http://www.nativenewsnetwork.com/graphic-native-mirandas-rights.html>)

### AUGUST 2012 NATIVE AMERICAN QUOTES (<http://www.nativevillage.org>)

"Among Native Americans, tribal family names are a big part of your identity. And the language is also important -- it's the glue that holds our culture together."

Signaak-Chippewa

"Language is the vehicle for transmitting culture".

Ryan Mackey-Cherokee

"I think it's a beautiful language and I wished I would've learned it when I was young. Growing up I would hear people talk and stuff, but I never, never really learned the language itself."

Lakota youth

"Some people think our language is dead, but it's not. We still have our language and we're bringing it back."

Jesse DesRosier-Blackfoot

"It is so easy to sit on the couch and play video games or watch TV. Do something positive that can inspire folks. Our elders expect a lot from future generations."

Jeremy Marshall-Cherokee

### AUGUST 2012 WORD SCRAMBLE

êwâihki khpykksâe	_____
sâwkywyâhieîpk îhkk	_____
aikapkêamsthateî	_____
emtaihm	_____
nsîmeôh	_____
nkôteimeih	_____
tâaon!Pak	_____
a!Pawaatkm	_____
h!appaÎka	_____
ânowkN!â	_____
yêKeko!n	_____
êtpêîwhoWwa	_____
îwwêhpîhtaÊK	_____
apîmh!hkâknsâeW	_____
kyPîhaâc!i	_____
!âkchÊîmi	_____

### AUGUST 2012 WORD MATCH

(MATCH THE SAUK WORD/PHRASE TO THE ENGLISH WORD/PHRASE)

shêkyâki pehwâki	Foul ball! (umpire call)
wîyshîkyâki pehwâki	You hit it!
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## SAUK LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS AND NEWS

The Sauk Language Department would like to thank everyone who came out for our Open House on Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> during Pow-Wow week.

We would especially like to express our biggest thanks to our cooks and helpers:

Dee Byford  
Stella Nullake  
Jackie Williams  
Connie Cobb  
Alicia Watashe  
Nikki Watashe  
Nova Franklin

Without their invaluable assistance, we wouldn't have had such a successful Open House!

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Come join us online at [www.talksauk.com](http://www.talksauk.com) to see what all we have to offer: games, Pictionary, videos, etc. Visit our Facebook page where you can post your comments, and see what the latest classes and activities are ongoing:

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We always welcome suggestions and/or comments from tribal members on programs you have attended, or would like to see scheduled. Call 918-968-0070 or 800-256-7552, or email [language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov](mailto:language@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov)