

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.
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SAC AND FOX NATION EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Sac and Fox Nation Education Department has placed the guidelines and forms for the following programs on the Nation's website at www.sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov for your convenience:

Johnson O'Malley
Higher Education
Adult Vocational Training
School Clothing/Supplies Grants
Education Incentives

Please contact the Education Department at 918-968-0509 if you have any questions about the programs we offer. We are here to assist you with your education needs.

The Importance Of Learning A Heritage Language

On January 19, 2012 a Menominee Indian seventh grader was punished by teachers and coaches at her parochial school for "attitude problems" after teaching fellow Menominee students how to say "hello" and "I love you" in the Menominee language, an endangered tongue spoken in North America for thousands of years. Shawano is a small town located several miles south of the reservation; and like many off-reservation communities, there is a longstanding history of racist attitudes against Indians, although we like to think that the relations have improved over the years. Unfortunately, this incident shows that racism is alive and well in Wisconsin. That this also happened in a parochial school makes it a wake-up call for everyone who believed that America has moved beyond such displays of ignorance.

Historical precedents to this type of action are plentiful – think of all the Native children who were cruelly punished for speaking their languages in the shameful days of Indian boarding schools in the 20th century. Yet, the bad heartedness behind this history persists when a 12 year-old child is subjected to such treatment in 2012.

The local diocese is bringing in Native American trainers to conduct cultural sensitivity training, but local language advocates say it's not enough—that in a school where 60 percent of the students are from the nearby Menominee Indian Reservation, the local Indigenous language should be offered so teachers and students alike will know common terms, greetings, and other phrases in this important mother tongue.

Feeling the Last of Winter Blues

Netêwehkwe	I'm hoarse
Panênetamwa	(S)he's coughing
Netakikwâpya	You look well
Akikwâpyêwa	I don't feel well
Nekenîkitêhe	I've got a headache
Kenîkitêhêwa	(S)he's got a fever
Châhchâmowa	I've got a cold
Nepîshkwe	Are you feeling better?
Pathâhkothowa	(S)he's sneezing
Mêmenatamwa	(S)he's got a cold
Nâpi keteshipemâtethi?	(S)he's fainted
Mâmaya kîhnêthê!	(S)he's vomited
Nemenwipemâtethi	I've got a cough
Kemenwinâkothi	Are you doing okay?
Kemenwipemâtethi?	Get well soon!

MATCH THE SAUK WORD TO THE ENGLISH PHRASE.

March 2012 Native American Quotes

"Education is really the long-term solution to other social issues."
-Dan King, Ojibwe

"Toss a stone into the water and the ripples are felt far away. In the same way, the decisions before us today will be felt in tribal life for seven generations, and beyond."
-Jefferson Keel, President,
National Congress of American Indians

"There are not enough words to give to tell you how important language is to our sacred traditions."
-Phil Cash, Umatilla

"...Get an education, graduate and go to college. Then bring what you learned back to us and share it with your community."
-Teresa Harvey

"You have the values that come with the language. Never trade off for something that is foreign. Your legacy should be good enough."
Rhonda Hopkins, Chippewa

"Optimistic, hopeful people view barriers and obstacles as problems to be solved and not as the reason to give up or turn back. Positive people never, ever give up."
-Wilma Mankiller, Cherokee

Feeling the Last of Winter Blues Word Scramble

têeeNewhkw	_____
maênPtnweaa	_____
ekNtwaâyiakp	_____
kyapêwwAkiâ	_____
iêNekntkehîe	_____
hîtiêkeKaêwn	_____
âoâhcwmhCha	_____
pNwseehîk	_____
atâhokhoPwaht	_____
maêwatmnMea	_____
hmeâttsieN?ihp peâik	_____
yênêhîamh!Mâk ta	_____
ewâhenpimitemNet	_____
inwiKâtmkohnee	_____
Khiâtepmetnieemw?	_____

KĪHTHĀKĪWĀTOWĒPENĀ!

(Let's All Talk Sauk!)

Pâpôhkwîha
(Half-and-Half Moon)
March 2012

Join Us Online!

Come join us online at 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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Log onto <http://www.youtube.com/user/Nativepolyglot> to see the latest in fun and educational Sauk videos!

Stroud Community Classes Have Resumed!
Every Monday and Thursday Evening
6PM TO 8PM
Bring snacks and come join the fun!

We are happy to announce that we now have the 1989 Sac and Fox Pow-wow Promotional Videos. Not actual pow-wow videos, but lots of good assorted videos used to promote the 1989 Pow-wow. Call or come by for your copy.

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

