

## 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.*



### 2014 December Word List

Tahkâthenwi	There's a cool breeze
Wĭhtahkitepehkĭwi	It's going to be a cold night
Kethĭyâwi	It's cold
Nenepachi	I'm cold
Nethĭkachi	I'm freezing
Nenenekachi	I'm shivering
Wâpepowi	It's flurrying
Mehpowi	It's snowing
Kehchimepowi	It's a snowstorm
Mehpokwêni	It snowed
Methihkwiwi	It's icy
Methihkwa	Ice is melting

### December 2014 Native American Quotes

*"There are not enough words to give to tell you how important language is to our sacred traditions."*

Phil Cash, Umatilla

*"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

*"When you begin a great work you can't expect to finish it all at once."*

Teedyuscung, Delaware

*"Our language is what holds us. It is a part of who we are. This is what my father told me."*

Dakota Littlecrow, Salish

*"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

*"For many years the government policy was to assimilate native people into mainstream society and essentially stamp out [our culture]. It's a testament to the tenacity of our people that we have any native cultures or religions left in the United States. We are seeing a remarkable cultural renaissance in the tribal communities."*

Walter Echohawk

### 2014 December Word Scramble

keTathhâwni	_____
ipĭĭkitechawekhtwh	_____
eiĭytwhkâ	_____
aihecnpne	_____
hhikċeant	_____
aenhkneenic	_____
ewpohpâwi	_____
owkhepnêim	_____
mohpkhihewcei	_____
kmnhêwpieo	_____
thkiimwhiwe	_____
mhkeitwah	_____

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## Sauk Language Happenings and News



**December**  
Kehchimahkwa-Great Bear



**Have a Safe and Happy Holidays!**  
**And Have A Happy New Year!ttt**



**GO TIGERST!**

**SAUK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Have a Safe and Fun Christmas Break!

- Stroud 12/22-1/2
- Shawnee 12/22-1/2

**SAUK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**GO WOLVES!**

### Exciting News From Sauk Language!!

The new Sauk Language App for all mobile devices is now available for downloading. Go to GooglePlay or iTunes and download your FREE Sauk Language App today.

And....

The 2014 Sac and Fox National Pow-wow Traditional DVDs are ready. Due to budget cuts, we have a limited number on hand at the Department, but will take requests for one copy per person when those are gone. Call or come by the Language Department to get your copy today. Sorry, we can only give out one per person.

