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Humanities Events & Initiatives

Tuesday, November 14, 2023: Native American Heritage Month Celebration

*[Accountability Handout](#) Media Center will provide

School Day Activities/Stations for Classes Rotating in & out of Media Center: 7:30-2:15PM

1. Why We Celebrate (History of the Month) & Indiana Connection (Indigenous tribes on our current Indiana land)
2. Gallery walk, Native American art
 - [Slideshow of Eiteljorg Museum paintings to print in poster form \(selected by Alice Smidebush\)](#)
 - Post It Notes: what do you see, hear, taste, feel, or smell from this painting?
3. Audio Poetry Selections: Joy Harjo, 1st Native American U.S. Poet Laureate
4. Fables, Native American myth (Delaware or [Miami](#) tribes)
 - *Alice Smidebush to design [myth posters](#)
5. Featured Heroes: [Navajo Code Talkers](#)
 - *Alice Smidebush to design a [Code Talker collage & very brief history](#)
6. Illustrate a modern Native American poem:
 - Joy Harjo, ["A Map to the Next World"](#)
 - Joy Harjo, ["Granddaughters"](#)
 - Joy Harjo, ["Eagle Poem"](#)
 - Joy Harjo, ["Praise the Rain"](#)
 - Joy Harjo, ["Ah, Ah"](#)
 - Simon Ortiz, ["Becoming Human"](#)
 - Simon Ortiz, ["Time as a Memory Story"](#)
 - Simon Ortiz, ["Culture and the Universe"](#)
 - Natalie Diaz, ["Abecedarian Requiring Further Examination of Anglikan"](#)

[Seraphym Subjugation of a Wild Indian Rezervation](#)

- Sherman Alexie, ["The Powwow at the End of the World"](#)
- 7. Trickster Tale writing
 - *Alice Smidebush to [develop this](#)

After School Event for Community: 2:15-3:15 PM

- **Plan A: No Keynote speaker: (drumming circle? Storyteller? Budget apprx. \$500)**
 - **Contacted on 9/6/23: ehinkle@eiteljorg.com Mr. Eric Hinkle 317.275.1350**
 - 4 places have been contacted relentlessly since August with no luck :(
 - Eiteljorg Education Dept. advised and offered resources on their website
- **✓ Plan B: Craft-Sunflower Bead Bracelets recommended by the National Museum of American Indian Smithsonian/[Tutorial HERE](#)**
 - NHS (replied/will post to members), World Cultures Club (no reply), History Club (no reply) all contacted 2X to volunteer to help at stations or just come and participate
- (7) Station activities from the school day also offered
- **✓ Reception (drinks & refreshments)/FTCSC Title III Grant from Dr. Schoene/Thank you, Star Express!**
- **✓ Mural painted & on display by Ms. Brittany Musgrave & the FCHS Art Club**

Possible Resources:

<http://www.americanindiancenter.org/info.php?pnun=10>

<http://www.woodlandindianedu.com/home.html>

<https://www.in.gov/inaiac/education-and-awareness/commission-activities/>

<https://firstnations.indiana.edu/programming/index.html>