

# Fundraisers

**Title VI Parents...**Title VI is a federally funded program; however, program funding only goes so far.

Every school year we depend on successful fundraisers to provide necessary resources to continue offering the best educational and cultural opportunities for our Native American students. Listed below are items that our JOM students currently benefit from. **Due to program constraints, our Title VI students are not eligible for all of these benefits.** Therefore, *fundraising events are imperative in order for our Title VI students to participate.*

- **Scholastic Achievement and Perfect Attendance awards**

Each semester we award our Native American elementary students with a pizza party. This is a great time for students to enjoy their lunch with other native students and parents are welcome to attend. Annual certificates are awarded for Scholastic Achievement and Perfect Attendance.

- **Cultural/Educational Field Trips**

Each year we attempt to find different locations to take our middle/high school students so we can continue to increase their knowledge about Native American heritage. Field trips can include visits to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Science Museum, Sam Noble Museum, Sai Eagle Center in Cyril, or the Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area.

- **Guest speakers**

Sometimes during the school year we have the opportunity to invite Native American guest speakers into our school. Some programs benefit our elementary students, and some are geared more for our middle and high school students. When the guest speaker comes to the school, our Native heritage is shared with all students.

- **Goddard Youth Camp**

This is an annual overnight environmental science camp for 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The trip is usually in May and is earned based on the student's individual behavior throughout the school year. Students learn valuable information about the environment, nature and science as they hike the trails with their teachers and experienced trail guides. The cost is generally around \$150 per student.

- **Graduation caps and gowns**

Senior caps and gowns are an important part of the graduation ceremony. There are many other costs associated with a graduating senior, so any help the program can provide would be a true benefit for students and parents. The average cost is about \$35 per student.

- **Senior Recognition Gifts**

In order to honor our seniors for their hard work and determination, we purchase Native print fleece blankets for each of our graduating seniors. The average cost is about \$25 per student.

- **Elementary Reading Incentive**

We like to offer our elementary kiddos the opportunity to keep up with their reading during the summer. In May, we present each Native student in grades PK-5 with a book geared toward Native American heritage. We know books are expensive, so we try to keep the cost around \$5 per student.

If you would like your child to participate in any of these listed opportunities, *we need your help!*

List of *possible* fundraisers and different ideas on how you can help:

- Indian Tacos or Walking Tacos
  - Ask for food and drink donations – like flour, condiments, sides, cooking oil or hamburger meat.
  - Donate items yourself - like pop, water, cupcakes, cookies, cheese, or lettuce.
  - Serve the food during the event, or help cook the food ahead of time.
  - Help set up tables and food beforehand or clean up afterwards.
  
- Chili Bingo
  - Ask for food and drink donations – like pop, water, crackers, cheese, or hamburger meat.
  - Ask for prize table donations – like toys, men/women gifts, or gift cards or certificates.
  - Donate items yourself - like cupcakes, cookies, chili, or prizes.
  - Volunteer to be a runner and/or sell bingo cards.
  - Help set up tables and food beforehand or clean up afterwards.
  
- Dibble Logo Stickers, Game Day Flags, Stainless Cups and/or Tee-Shirts
  - Offer to set up a table during **any** Dibble sporting event to sell items.

Parental involvement is important for these fundraisers to be successful. Volunteering your time is always appreciated! However, if being a volunteer isn't possible, but you would still like to help, we would be happy to accept donations of any kind – food, drinks, cash, or equipment loan!

If you have any questions at all about the Title VI program, or if you have fundraiser ideas, feel free to attend any of our quarterly meetings (dates and reminders posted on social media), or reach out to a parent committee member.

Thank you!  
Indian Education Committee Members