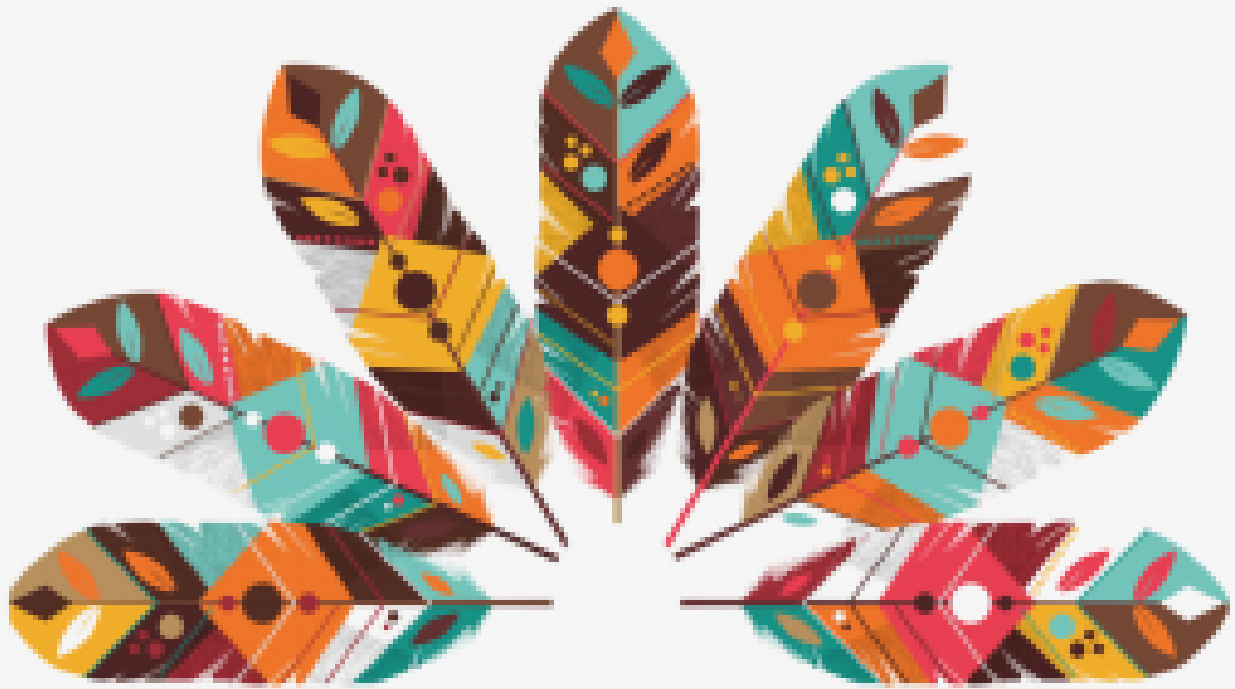




**NOVEMBER 2021**



*Honoring*

**NATIVE AMERICAN**  
**HERITAGE MONTH**



# Dan Ninham shares Indigenous Games



*The American Indian Parent Advisory Council has arranged for Coach Dan Ninham to come next week to spend time with Physical Education classes and teach Indigenous Games.*

*Dan Ninham is Wolf Clan from the Oneida Nation in Wisconsin. A thirty-five-year middle school physical education teacher, he has worked in New Mexico, Wisconsin, and in Bemidji. He has his Ph.D. in Physical Education with an emphasis in sport pedagogy at the University of Northern Colorado.*

*He has been inducted into the National Indian Athletic Activities Hall of Fame, has received many honors including state middle level physical education teacher of the year, a state boys basketball coach of the year, Outstanding Alumni Bemidji State and is inducted into the National Athletic Hall of Fame. Dan started the Northern Minnesota Lacrosse and Northern Indigenous Lacrosse programs. Dan also does Professional Development with Teachers on using indigenous pedagogy in the classroom.*

*The students enjoyed their time with Dan last week. South Point's time was rescheduled due to the school cancelation. Dan will be back at South Point on December 8th.*

# Ricky White



## ***Niigonanikud "In front of the cloud"***

*Ricky White has worked in many leadership roles. Ricky's grandmother often told him "Ricky, your true leadership is that people are going to feel good about themselves just having met you!" These words have had an impact on Ricky as he has dedicated his life to Indian Education outreach and has driven himself to ensure positive, engaging interactions with communities.*

## Teachings From Ricky

### ***Join monthly "Teachings from Ricky"***

*November will begin a "Teachings from Ricky", a monthly student and family educational series. The program will include cultural teachings that all can use and infuse into your lives and homes. Areas of focus will be: Learning Strategies for enhancing reading and literacy, Historical knowledge about our people and Language learning.*

***Join us in Person at Central Middle School for a viewing party and bring a favorite dish. Childcare provided or you can join us via Facebook Live @ from 6:00 PM-7:00 PM***

- ***November 22: Gaashkadino Giizis "Freezing Moon"***
  - *Smudging Teachings. Ojibwe and Dakota Introduction. Parent's role at home in student learning and attendance.*

# Exciting Progress For East Grand Forks School System

## ***EGF Schools Native American Best Practices Training***

*86 EGF staff have registered for an unprecedented training on Native American Content. Staff will learn about: Historical Trauma, Culture, Traditions, Native Protocols, Learning styles for Native Students, How to Infuse Native Content into the program, and the best practices for reaching Native American students and families.*

*Stay tuned for further exciting information!*

## Save the date!

***November 22: Gaashkadino Giizis: Freezing Moon***

***December 20: Manitoo Giiziizos: Little Spirit Moon***

***January 24: Manitoo Giizis: Great Spirit Moon***

***February 21: Namebine Giizis: Sucker Fish Moon***

***March 9: Career Night***

***March 21: Onaabani Giizis: Snow Crust Moon***

***April 18: Iskigamiziigaa Giizis: Maple Sap Harvesting Moon***

***May 23: Zaagabagaa Giizis: Flower Budding Moon***

***May 11: Graduation Ceremony***