

Tecumseh Public Schools

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Dear Parent,

I bring you greetings from the Title VI Indian Education Program. I hope you and your family are well. We all had plans 6 weeks ago for Spring and Summer then COVID-19 appeared and changed everything. All our students and families have been affected by this terrible plague. I am hoping and praying that our scientists will discover a vaccine so we can get back to educating and preparing your student for the future.

I have written out a list of cultural activities that you and your student could do during the break (see back side of this letter.) I have also posted on the Tecumseh Public School web site a Power Point Presentation relating to the cultural education of our teachers and staff. The presentation is an excellent tool to educate your student about Native American Culture.

If I can be of assistance you may call me me (Victor Cope) at the Title VI Indian Education Office 1-405-598-2067. I am still maintaining office hours 5 days a week.

Please continue to practice Social Distancing, Shelter in Place, and do everything to protect your family. The virus has been very deadly for all peoples of the world and especially for Americans of Color in our country.

Encourage your student to do their best concerning Distance Learning. Send your teacher a note of encouragement because this is new and not easy.

ALSO CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL UPDATES CONCERNING TITLE VI PERIODICALLY!

Your Title VI Staff Jerri, Julie, and Victor

OTHER ACTIVITIES -

- 1. Learn your tribal language.
- 2. Learn tribal songs or hymns.
- 3. Learn to dance.
- 4. High Students and Parents
- a. Check out educational benefits of your tribe.
- b. Do a scholarship search.
- c. Check out colleges or trade schools.
- d. Make an educational plan for HS and College.
- e. Work on your weaknesses
- f. Read books or information that will be required next school year.
- g. Athletes Go back to school stronger and faster.
- h. Keep a journal during this pandemic.
- i. Read about the Great Leaders of our people.
- j. Learn the history of your tribe.
- 5. Learn to cook traditional items.
- 6. Learn to bead or make a drum.
- 7. Learn to make traditional clothing or dance regalia.
- 8. Search for Native American programing.
- 9. Check out Social Distancing Powwow on FB.

Your tribal website and Google will help with these suggestions.