



# EVENTS THIS MONTH

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

11/1-11/2

Dia de los Muertos

11/6

Daylight Savings Time (Fall back)

11/8

Election Day!

11/11

NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day

11/16

Whole School Thanksgiving Feast

11/21-11/25

Thanksgiving Break

11/24

Happy Thanksgiving

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Ah, November! The month of gratitude, reflection and good food shared with friends and family.

We will also be honoring all our American Veterans on Nov. 11th for their service. This holiday originated as "Armistice Day" on 11/11/1919, one year after the end of World War I. It became an annual observance in 1926 after Congress passed a resolution, and 11/11 became a national holiday in 1938. Why the 11th? Because it honors the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month." It wasn't until 1954 that it became known as Veterans Day after the 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and in its place "Veterans." It was backed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower later that year after he issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation."



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY LOOK WHO'S TURNING...

## NOVEMBER

2! - Georgia G.

3! - Maya G., London P., Cobie T., Jordan D., Aiden K.

4! - Ayoung S., Maren S., Elle S., Ballou J.

5! - Talya D., Evan Y., Yda A.

## STAFF BIRTHDAYS

11/7 Mr. Terrance

11/17 Ms. Joanne

# LATE STARTS

Don't forget your child's late start day for this month, they may arrive **no earlier than 9am** on that day. This is when your child's teachers have their monthly meeting.

2's: Tuesday, November 8th

3's: Tuesday, November 15th

4's: Tuesday, November 29th

# STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



MS. TORI  
12 YEARS



# November is Native American Heritage Month!

More than 2,000 years before European settlers arrived, L.A. County was home to the Ventureño, Gabrieleño-Tongva and Fernandeño peoples.

Below are just a few excerpts from the Haudenosaunee (hoe-dee-no-SHOW-nee) Thanksgiving Address/Greetings to the Natural World. It is an expression of gratitude for life and the world around them, and it is recited throughout the year at community gatherings, and as a daily sunrise prayer. Haudenosaunee is also known as the Iroquois Confederacy or Six Nations which includes the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga, Seneca, and Tuscarora.

## The People

Today we have gathered and we see that the cycles of life continue. We have been given the duty to live in balance and harmony with each other and all living things. So now, we bring our minds together as one as we give greetings and thanks to each other as people. Now our minds are one.

## The Earth Mother

We are all thankful to our Mother, the Earth, for she gives us all that we need for life. She supports our feet as we walk about upon her. It gives us joy that she continues to care for us as she has from the beginning of time. To our mother, we send greetings and thanks. Now our minds are one.

## The Waters

We give thanks to all the waters of the world for quenching our thirst and providing us with strength. Water is life. We know its power in many forms- waterfalls and rain, mists and streams, rivers and oceans. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to the spirit of Water. Now our minds are one.

## The Trees

We now turn our thoughts to the Trees. The Earth has many families of Trees who have their own instructions and uses. Some provide us with shelter and shade, others with fruit, beauty and other useful things. Many people of the world use a Tree as a symbol of peace and strength. With one mind, we greet and thank the Tree life. Now our minds are one.

## The Birds

We put our minds together as one and thank all the Birds who move and fly about over our heads. The Creator gave them beautiful songs. Each day they remind us to enjoy and appreciate life. The Eagle was chosen to be their leader. To all the Birds-from the smallest to the largest-we send our joyful greetings and thanks. Now our minds are one.

## The Sun

We now send greetings and thanks to our eldest Brother, the Sun. Each day without fail he travels the sky from east to west, bringing the light of a new day. He is the source of all the fires of life. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to our Brother, the Sun. Now our minds are one.

## Grandmother Moon

We put our minds together to give thanks to our oldest Grandmother, the Moon, who lights the night-time sky. She is the leader of woman all over the world, and she governs the movement of the ocean tides. By her changing face we measure time, and it is the Moon who watches over the arrival of children here on Earth. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to our Grandmother, the Moon. Now our minds are one.

## The Stars

We give thanks to the Stars who are spread across the sky like jewelry. We see them in the night, helping the Moon to light the darkness and bringing dew to the gardens and growing things. When we travel at night, they guide us home. With our minds gathered together as one, we send greetings and thanks to the Stars. Now our minds are one.

## The Enlightened Teachers

We gather our minds to greet and thank the enlightened Teachers who have come to help throughout the ages. When we forget how to live in harmony, they remind us of the way we were instructed to live as people. With one mind, we send greetings and thanks to these caring teachers. Now our minds are one.

## Closing Words

We have now arrived at the place where we end our words. Of all the things we have named, it was not our intention to leave anything out. If something was forgotten, we leave it to each individual to send such greetings and thanks in their own way. Now our minds are one.

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