

Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

Newsletter

January 12



Council News.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas.

On Dec 3rd we held a Naming Ceremony at Rick and Wolf Spirit See's house for their nephew Aiden. It was a brisk morning which warmed up and turned out to be a beautiful day. Aiden's parents attended the ceremony and all were delighted with the name that Creator chose for him - Little Bear Paw. A great pot-luck followed.

Also on Dec 3rd, we drummed at the Dighton Council's pot-luck dinner and dance social. Aiden sat in at the drum with us. As always there was a big turn out and a lot of fun. Our rendition of "Stuck in the smoke hole of our tee-pee" was well received.

At December's meeting, an application was read and voted upon, for Aiden Little Bear Paw to become our newest family member.

Also at the Dec meeting, we had our St Joseph's Christmas gift gathering and pot luck Christmas party, as well as our first Nikomo. There was a lot of great gifts for both, St Joes, and ourselves, and great food.

Originally there were 4 big boxes of gifts sent to St Joes, from our gift gathering on the 3rd. More donations were brought by after the original 4 boxes were shipped. Days later, we were contacted by Theresa, from the Middletown Library, who told us that the East Bay Community Action Program were at the library and were distributing toys to needy families or organizations, and that she had placed our name on their list. Barbara & Hollie attended the event. After telling the people about St Joseph's and what they do for the reservation children, they loaded us down with tons of Hasbro toys. After they were all packaged up, there were another 6 big boxes of gifts for St Joes, 10 in all. Inside one of the boxes, I had placed a letter (also emailed) to the staff of St Joes, with a request to share these gifts with the children of the reservation. I received a response that they would do that for us. I also received confirmation that all the boxes including our monetary donation arrived well in time for Christmas.

This month's meeting will be our Annual meeting. Yearly reports will be read for the Council member's knowledge and approval. Please plan to attend the meeting. Let your voice and thoughts be heard. Also, open discussion of future events.

If you know of a member, or friend of this Council, who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know ASAP.

*****See you at the next meeting: Sunday Jan 8***

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Message from 3 Horses.

"Happy New Year"



As Mother Earth pours out the blessings given to us from Wakan Tanka, let us all remember, we all drink from the same river of life.

Let us all come together in peace and unity and work towards another good year.

On the lighter side:



"Running Bear sends you this urgent fax!"

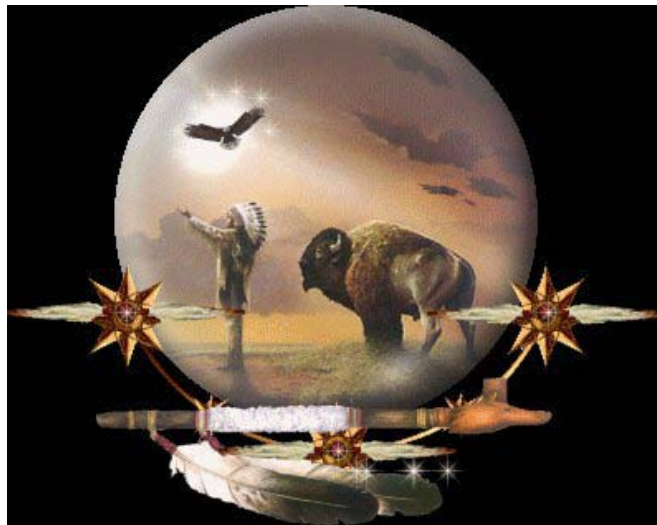
Spiritually Speaking

"He (The Great Spirit) only sketches out the path of life roughly for all the creatures on earth, shows them where to go, where to arrive, but leaves them to find their own way to get there. He wants them to act independently according to their nature, to the urges of each of them".

--Lame Deer, LAKOTA

Every person is created with purpose and with direction. This purpose and direction is written in our hearts when we are conceived. In addition, we are given access to a quiet guidance system which helps us find our purpose and our direction. We need to recognize this guidance system. It's called intuition, the quiet voice, urges, the knowing, or the feeling. Once we locate our purpose and direction, we are given skills, talents and abilities that are unique to only ourselves. We must practice daily prayer and meditation with God to find this information. To be solid and confident in ourselves, we always need to be able to answer three questions: why am I?, who am I?, and where am I going? If I can answer these three questions, I always know I'm OK!

Great Spirit, show me my path of life



"Sometimes dreams are wiser than waking."

--Black Elk (Hekaka Sapa), OGLALA

The Great Spirit has many ways of communicating with the human being. He talks to us through the five senses; sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch. For example, we can observe nature and see a lesson or get an answer. These five senses function primarily in the physical world. But we also have the ability to receive communication from the Unseen World. To do this we have a sixth sense. It comes in the form of dreams, imagination, intuition, inspiration, or a hunch. Along with the dream or intuitive thought there is a feeling, a knowing. We just know it's true without the need for proof. We need to pay attention to our dreams and intuition. Don't cast them off as being silly or useless. Be respectful to our dreams and feelings.

Creator, if You speak to me through dreams, let me know it in terms I can understand.

Dues time:



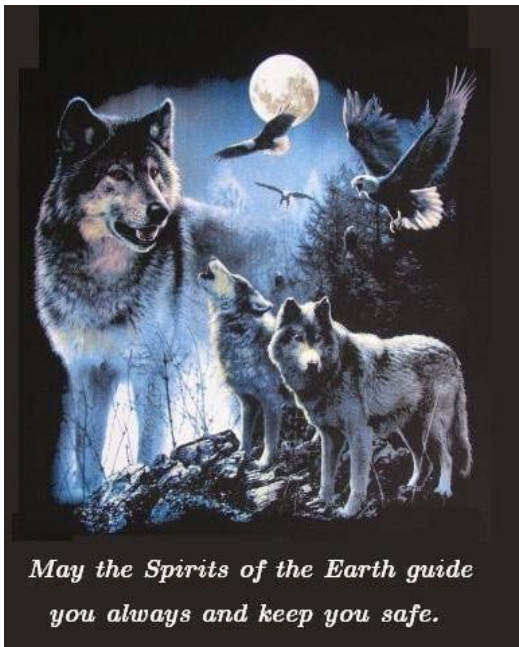
Dues for 2012 can be paid at the January meeting, or checks can be mailed or dropped off to the Secretary at
222 Middle Rd. Portsmouth, RI 02871

\$10 yearly dues help defray the cost of newsletters, snail mail, birthday, get well and/or sympathy cards. It also helps us support our charity, St Joseph's Indian School. Members & Assoc members, in good standing, will receive a 2012 card upon payment.

Upcoming Events:

Sat Jan 14th

Dighton Council: Social, Pot Luck & Dancing
Council Oak Hall, 1111 Somerset Ave, Rte 138, Dighton, MA
5:00 – 9:00
508-880-6887



*May the Spirits of the Earth guide
you always and keep you safe.*

Together we come to make decisions.
Together we come to consult one another.
Together we come to speak of the people.
Together we come to lead in a sacred manner.
Oh Creator above; give us wisdom.
Make our words true. Make our words fair.
Oh Creator above; guide Your people.

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for the lasting benefit of our community.

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Next meeting:



Sunday Jan 8, 1:00

@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

Guests Always Welcome

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St Joseph's Indian School

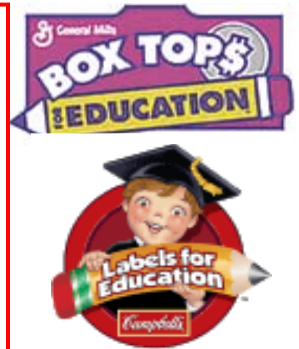
Constant Needs:

- Men's deodorant
- Hair gel
- Little girls full slippers in sizes 8-14
- Children's robes
- Dish cloths
- School supplies
- Boys Boxers (all sizes)
- Bath towels
- Running shoes - men's & women's sizes
- Children's tennis shoes (sizes 1-4)
- Men's T-shirts (all sizes)
- Chewable vitamins
- Twin, extra long twin & queen comforters/spreads

Remember to save:

“General Mills” + “Betty Crocker” products box tops.
&
“Campbell’s” products labels.

For St Joseph's Indian School
(see *Dreams of Wolves* for a detailed list)



Inspirational:

"Someone must speak for them. I do not see a delegation for the four footed. I see no seat for eagles. We forget and we consider ourselves superior, but we are after all a mere part of the Creation."

--Oren Lyons, ONONDAGA

From 3 Horses:

Another year ends and another begins. As we head into the New Year, with things that we have learned from the past, take time to remember those whose paths we have intersected or walked along side of. Remember friends who are no longer with us. Remember those who have crossed over. As we strive for the future, remember our ancestors, for without them, we wouldn't be here.

My hope for the New Year is that we continue to grow and flourish, both in size, as well as spirituality. Remember, the door is always open. With knowledge and unity comes strength. *Father, Creator, Ancient One Above; look down and smile on us and pour Your many blessings upon us. Continue to show us the right path, the path that leads to You. A-ho!!*

See you along the Good Red Road. *Peace*.....



3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves

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