



GREETINGS TO ALL OUR WA HE LUT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES,

THE SCHOOL YEAR IS RAPIDLY COMING TO OUR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL. THE HORIZON LOOKS BRIGHT, SPRING IS HERE, AND LIFE IS IN FULL BLOOM AGAIN. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN VACCINATED FOR COVID-19 AND VACCINATIONS HAVE RECENTLY OPENED UP FOR ALL THOSE 16 AND ABOVE. THE COUNTRY IS RE-OPENING SLOWLY AND SO IS WASHINGTON STATE. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OUR FAMILIES TO RECEIVE THEIR VACCINATIONS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND OTHERS.

INDIAN COUNTRY WAS HIT EXTREMELY HARD BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN PRETTY MUCH NEGLECTED BY THE MEDIA. MOST LIKELY WE ALL HAVE RELATIVES OR FRIENDS THAT HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS, BUT WITH THE BRIGHT HORIZON IN FRONT OF US, WE ARE HOPEFUL FOR A REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR IN THE FALL.

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR STUDENTS ARE LOGGING IN, DOING I-READY, DOING THEIR GOOGLE CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS, AND ATTENDING DAILY CLASS OR ZOOM SESSIONS. LET'S FINISH THE YEAR ON A STRONG NOTE TOGETHER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SUPPORT,
HARVEY WHITFORD, PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT

Upcoming Events

May 19, 26

Virtual Circle, 8:30-9:15 AM (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 12th

"Spring Fling" Virtual Assembly and Movie Party! – (Zoom) 1:00-3:30 PM

May 19

Virtual Family Night- Native Language and Culture (Zoom)- 6-7 PM

May 31

No School- Memorial Day

PBIS Value of the Month- PRIDE

One way to show PRIDE is to try your best on schoolwork and tests. April was full of testing for Math, ELA, and Science and we are proud of you for working so hard! Congratulations to the following students chosen by their teachers as Students of the Month for April!

K- Cedar Alferd	3rd- Natalya Abundis-Green	6th- Aaliyah Wells
1st- Lance Capoeman	4th- Jaxon Kolstad	7th- Olivia Tenorio
2nd- Jason Dillon	5th- Eli Whitford	8th- Aliyah Choke
P.E.- Olivia Tenorio	Native Language- Skwudaytud Joseph K-1-2 Dorene Yallup 3-4-5 lone Crutcher 6-7-8	

Specialist Corner

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Did you know that our thoughts, feelings, and relationships contribute to our overall health? It's so important to take care of our *Mental Health* just like it's important to take care of our bodies. Try some of these things to support good mental health!

- Spend time with friends and family
- Spend time outside in nature
- Do something kind for someone
- Practice saying positive or nice things to yourself
- Take a break from social media and screens!
- Write, draw, listen to or play music
- Move your body
- **Pay attention to how you are feeling and talk to someone you trust about it!**

This has been a hard year. Be kind to yourselves and please reach out if you need help or to talk. You are not alone!

-Mrs. Nelko, School Counselor



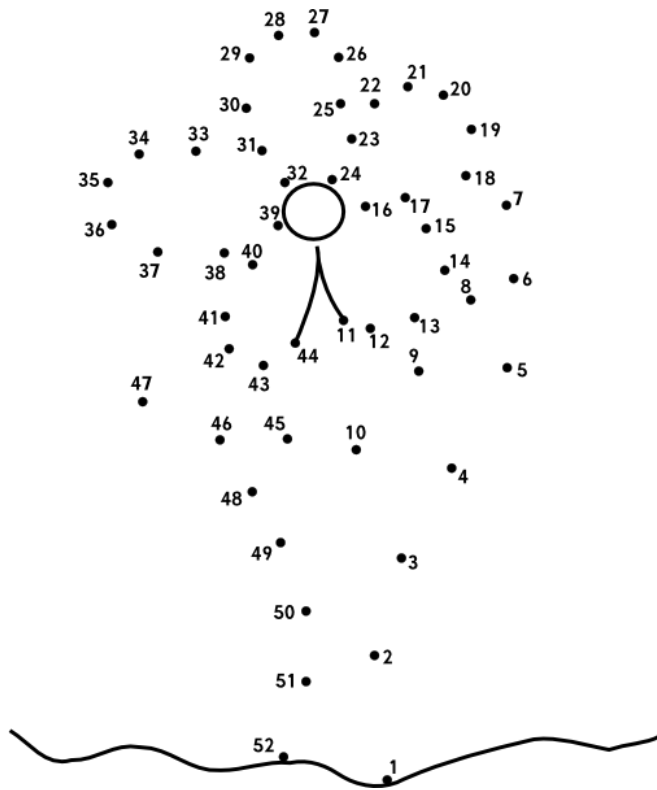
LEVEL UP WA HE LUT

We are seeing students earn so many badges! Last month we have had many students make it to the Platinum League by earning over 400 points! Way to Go!

Angeline French, Skwudaytud Joseph, Killian O'Daniel, Zola Youckton, Sophia Bowen, Lance Capoeman, Natalie Garl, Lilly Grant, Sha'Nyssa Tate, Lilian Eagle Speaker, Demetrius Yazzie, Yandell Avila, Carter Rodiger, Josiah Hyasman-Squally Jaxon Kolstad, Sophia Scabbyrobe, Tamika Wells, Lakaya Wolfe, Dominick Yazzie, Isaiah Castillo, Calvin Rodiger, Pearl Brien, Ed Aviles-Iturio, and Joey Gouley (As of April 30th)



Connect the Dots- Spring Time!



Joke of the month: Can bees fly in the rain?



Answer: Only when they wear their yellow jackets!

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Governor Inslee Visits Wa He Lut



On April 14th, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee visited Wa He Lut to sign a bill to place a statue of **Billy Frank Jr.** in the U.S. Capital in Washington D.C. He was joined by members of the Nisqually Tribe, members of the press, and some Wa He Lut staff members.



Billy Frank Jr. was a legendary environmental and fishing rights advocate. He and his family are pillars of Franks Landing and Wa He Lut Indian School.