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Dear CBCS Families,

We are excited to announce that **Native American Recognition Days (NARD)** will be returning this year! Last year, NARD was combined with Grandparents Day, but this year we are bringing back this special celebration to honor culture, language, and student learning.

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Our very own Ms. Blythe Manygoats (Cherokee and Navajo), one of our instructional assistants, will serve as this year's event coordinator. She is working closely with Community members who are part of our CBCS staff, including Ms. Drew (Guidance Technician & PAC Member), Ms. Williams (1st Grade Teacher & Leadership Team Member), and Mr. Stone (Traditional Song & Dance Teacher).

This celebration is a **school event** and will be **for students only**. Families are welcome to celebrate with us in spirit, but attendance will be limited to students and staff. This year, our NARD event will be held during the school day. Students will be sitting with their classmates and will participate in the singing and dancing.

Event Highlights

- **Tuesday September 16 & Wednesday, September 17**

We are honored to welcome back Bronson Koenig of the Ho-Chunk Nation, a professional basketball player and friend of CBCS students.

- **September 16** – Basketball Camp for all grade levels
- **September 17** – Two assemblies: one for younger grades and one for older grades

Bronson will present “Ancestors Calling: My Healing Journey,” which connects to our schoolwide goals of language, culture, and trauma-informed learning.



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- **Thursday, September 18**

Our NARD Assembly will feature Indigenous performers and showcase our students' talents:

- A powwow presentation featuring Kenneth Cozad Jr. (4th Grade Student, Kiowa, Comanche & Navajo), Ms. J (Science Teacher & PAC Member, Navajo), Ms. Manygoats (IA), Dr. Godinez (Assistant Principal, Navajo), Kenneth Cozad Sr. (PAC Member, Kiowa & Comanche), and additional powwow dancers.
- Mr. Stone will lead students in traditional songs and dances.
- Our students will also perform a basket dance, highlighting O'otham culture and traditions.

We look forward to celebrating together as a school community and honoring the rich cultural heritage of **all tribes** represented at Casa Blanca Community School. Thank you for supporting our efforts to create meaningful, culturally grounded experiences for our children.

With respect and care,

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