



LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS USD #497
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SERVICES



NASS Newsletter

Summer Announcements

May 2016

SENIOR GIFTS

PICK UP FROM NASS.

OUR GIFT TO YOU,

**CONGRATULATIONS ON FINISHING YOUR
SUCCESSFUL YEAR!**

NASS OFFICE, ROOM 5

CENTENNIAL

NASS REMINDERS:

- The last day to bring receipts for reimbursement will be June 15. We can only reimburse current year's receipts.
- We will no longer issue vouchers for athletic shoes and equipment . This has been a difficult decision. NASS will still reimburse for the same amounts and items.
- Pick up free Summer Bridge Books in NASS office! Keep your academic edge over the summer break.
- New this summer! NASS Summer Academy (an abbreviated day camp) will take place June 6-24, 1230-4. Call to register! For K-5 kids.
- Volunteer! School Supply Work Days. Help put together the school supply kits. June 28,29,30; 9am to 1pm, Centennial
- School Supply Distribution will take place August 10,11,12,13,15,16; 9am to 3pm, Centennial

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Grade entering Fall 2016	Student Name (s) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">Parent or primary phone #s:</div>	School (if 5th grade, list both elementary & middle schools)	Circle Week 1, 2, &/or 3 Academy or Kindergarten Boot Camp
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List names of people who will pick up child:

*Deadlines will be the Thursday prior to each week-for week 1: 6/2, week 2: 6/9, week 3:6/16.
Please contact us at NASS, jattockn@usd497.org or 785-330-1814 for late registration.*

NASS Summer Academy

A new activity this summer, NASS Summer Academy, will take place June 6-24. We will have culturally relevant activities for kids leaving grades K-5. We will meet 12:30 to 4pm each day in Centennial. Activities include: getting ready for next grade year, studying Native American authors, learning self-advocacy, science activities from KU CReSIS lab, physical fitness and wellness, and more!

We hope that your kid/s can come each week, but if you can only commit to one week, that would be great, too. We ask that you sign up for the whole week, so that the NASS teachers & tutors can prepare for everyone.

Also include any food allergy information. An older sibling may pick up and drop off, as long as we know ahead of time. Please fill out the slip (above) and bring to NASS office. Or you can register by email, include the above information to jattockn@usd497.org

Kindergarten Boot Camp

NASS is reviving a successful program we had a couple of summers ago. It is intended for kids entering Kindergarten in the fall. What is most difficult at this age are the transitions between activities. We plan on practicing lining up, changing centers, sitting in a circle, listening in a group setting and other things. We won't do too much academics, if any, we will do things that they already feel success in, so that they can concentrate on the mechanics of being in a group. If your Kindergartener has not been in a pre-school setting, this week is an ideal time to practice all of these things in a supportive atmosphere.

This is not a drop off activity. We expect the parents to be involved, so please plan on being there from 930 until we dismiss at noon. A parent can come once, and then send a teenage sibling or auntie or cousin or other responsible adult-type person the rest of the week. Please let us know in advance.

NASS Summer Programs

Events will all take place in Centennial	Who is invited?	When does it happen?	What will we do?
NASS Summer Academy	Kids leaving grades K-5	June 6-24 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Native authors Prep for next grade Fun activities
Kindergarten Boot Camp	Kids entering Kindergarten 2016	June 20-24 9:30 a.m. to noon	Preparing for Kindergarten For parents & students
Summer Bridge Books	Grades K-8	Pick up while supplies last	Pick up <i>Summer Bridge Activity</i> book from NASS office

Please register for NASS Summer Academy. Sign up for one to three weeks. NASS summer scholars will prep for the next grade level, learn about Native American authors and cultures, and gain self-esteem through planned activities. We ask that you commit to the whole week, so that plans can be made. Register as soon as possible, space may be limited.

Kindergarten Boot Camp prepares your little one for all the non-academic challenges of entering the Kindergarten classroom: sitting in a circle, lining up for recess, listening in a group, and more. This is open to all entering Kindergarten in the fall, but especially useful to kids who have not been to preschool. The transitions tend to be the hardest for little ones who have not been in settings with groups of peers. This gives them a chance to practice. Parents will visit with NASS staff during the session to discuss what to expect in Kindergarten, and more.

Free Meals for Kids

Summer meals for kids & teens, ages 1-18

Lunch Only Sites

Broken Arrow Park

June 6-August 5 ————— 11:30am-12:30pm

East Lawrence Recreation Center

June 6-August 5 ————— 12:00pm-1:00pm

Lawrence Public Library, Library Plaza

June 6-August 5 ————— 12:00pm-1:00pm

South Park Gazebo

June 6-August 5 ————— 12:00pm-1:00pm

Breakfast & Lunch Sites

Hillcrest Elementary School

June 6-July 29 ————— 7:30am-8:30am & 11:30am-12:30pm

New York Elementary School

June 6-July 29 ————— 7:30am-8:30am & 11:30am-12:30pm

Woodlawn Elementary School

June 6-July 29 ————— 7:30am-8:30am & 11:30am-12:30pm

* No fees

* No meals on July 4

* No registration needed, just show up!

* Adults can eat too, with (\$2.15 breakfast/\$3.45 lunch) purchase